

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Third and Jackson Streets

Decatur, Indiana

(* All who are able, please stand

Lenten Service -

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Prelude: "I Saw The Cross Of Jesus" Shelly Nussbaum

*Invocation Prayer: Ken Uhrick, Liturgist

Lord Jesus, in this season of Lent, as we draw nearer and nearer to the cross, give us courage. Our steps falter as we anticipate flowing your footsteps on the road to Calvary. Be strength for our weakness, be hope for our despair, be light for our darkness. And now in these moments of worship, surround us and bless us with your matchless grace. Amen. (By Kenneth L. Gible)

*Hymn: "Break Thou The Bread Of Life" No. 274

*Litany of Confession: (Responsively) Rev. Kahler

How reluctant we are to answer the call to confession. Quickly we turn our thoughts to something else instead of faithfully assessing where we have been and what we have done. As we speedily disconnect ourselves from advertising calls, so too do we want to disconnect from admitting our shortcomings to God. But our God is a loving God and listens with love. Let us therefore open our hearts and let God in.

We confess, O God, that we have wandered off the pathway as we have journeyed through Lent. We confess that we are stuck in the middle and have lost sight of our good intentions. We made the vow to be in prayer for 15 minutes each day during Lent and find ourselves instead busier than ever, running from appointment to appointment and from cell phone to laptop. We

talk with everyone but you. We confess that we have fallen short of our goal to eat better during this time of reflection and regrouping. And we have failed to stick to the plan we had to exercise faithfully as we journey with you during Lent. God of second chances, as we pause tonight, shake us up and turn us forward to walk with you in the light of your love that we might ultimately share this light and love with others.

*Words of Grace: Rev. Kahler

Special Music: "Had It Not Been" Vicki & Shelly Nussbaum

Scripture Lesson: John 6:35-40 Rev. Kahler
Bible Pg. 928

Dialogue: "Jesus says, "I am the bread of life"
Marcie Habel/Rev. Kahler

Prayer of Commitment: Rev. Kahler

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn: "Rock Of Ages" No. 204

*The Benediction:

Postlude: "Glory To His Name"

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Offering plates are located at the back of the center aisle and by the East door and you are welcome to make a donation as you are led by the Holy Spirit.

We greet all members, visitors, and guests to our worship service this evening. Visitors are asked to please take a few moments to sign the Friendship Folder located in each pew and place it in the offering plate.

We welcome Marcie Habel. Marcie has worked with Operation Help Food Pantry for many years and is here tonight to give us some information along with sharing in the dialogue with Rev. Kahler.

Thank you to our chefs for the meal this evening, as well as those who provided music and assisted in the service.