

**ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Third and Jackson Streets**

**Decatur, Indiana**

**(\*)Please stand either in body or in spirit**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 7, 2026**

**Genesis 18:1—15 (21:1—7)**

**“God’s purpose is to bless all families through one family”**

Gathering Music: “King of Heaven” Shelly Nussbaum

The Welcome and Announcements: Kacie Shaffer, Liturgist

(Visitors, Please sign the Friendship folder)

The Prelude: “My Strong Salvation”

*The Prelude calls us together. It is a time of quiet reflection to focus ourselves in preparation for worshipping God.*

The Light appears: The Acolytes serve

The Church Bell rings:

\*Call to Worship: (Please Rise) (inspired by Psalm 33) Liturgist

Rejoice in the Holy One! God loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of God's steadfast love.

**The Voice created the heavens and the earth. Praise God with  
loud shouts!**

Rejoice in the Holy One! God loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of God's steadfast love.

**Let our voices ring and sing a new song. Let us turn toward  
the Creator in awe.**

Rejoice in the Holy One! God loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of God's steadfast love.

**Happy are the people who seek God's counsel, who seek God's  
heart, and who seek God's kingdom. Rejoice in the Holy One!**

\*The Hymn of Praise: “The God Of Abraham Praise” No.34

\*The Invocation: (In Unison)

Liturgist

**Wonderful God, we delight in your presence. We find shelter in your abiding and enduring love. You humble us, Holy Love, by gathering us as a people. Thank you for being our Companion and Guide on this journey. Receive our songs, prayers, and openness. Nourish us from the fountain of your word and the hospitality of your table. May we find hope and inspiration, courage and direction, community and resolve as we worship you. Amen.**

Prayer for Transformation and New Life: (Unison)

Rev. Kahler

**Holy One, through the Prophet Hosea, you declared, "I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings." We confess that, at times, we offer the ritual and routine of religious practices rather than a discerning heart that breaks with compassion and beats for justice. Strengthen us to the tenderness of knowing you, O God, more deeply, loving our neighbors more justly, and embracing our lives more fully.**

Words of Grace:

Rev Kahler

The Scripture Reading:

Psalm 116:1—2, 12—19

Liturgist

Pew Bible, pg. 530

The Choir Anthem:

“New Life Medley”

Chancel Choir

Time with the Youth:

Prayers of the People:

The Morning Prayer: Spoken and Silent

The Prayer Response:

Chancel Choir

The Scripture Reading:

Genesis 18:1—15

Rev. Kahler



**Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people .**

Prayer of Consecration

Breaking and Pouring (Unison)

**Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.  
Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ Gives.**

The Prayer of Our Savior:

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

The Distribution:

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

**O Christ, our Host,  
we thank you for your welcome  
and your presence with us today  
at these many tables.  
We go forth from here  
gladdened and strengthened  
to witness to your love  
and work for a just world for all.**

\*The Hymn of Commitment: "Standing On The Promises" No. 271

\*The Benediction:

**Journeyed on by Stages:** Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after Pentecost Year A was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

\*The Song of Departing Friends: "Savior, again to thy dear name"  
**Savior, again to thy dear name we raise**  
**With one accord our parting hymn of praise;**  
**Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease;**  
**With eager hearts we wait Thy word of Peace. Amen**

\*The Light is carried forth Acolytes serve  
 \*The Worship Leaders exit  
 \*The Moment for Silent Prayers Chimes  
 \*The Postlude: "We'll Understand It Better By and By"

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Each of Us	A Minister of Christ
Rev. Allen Kahler	Minister
Barb Engle	Congregation President
Jan Miller	Board Secretary
Maggie Bolinger	Office Secretary
Stacey Smith	Church Treasurer
Makayla Smith	Financial Secretary
Shelly Nussbaum	Music Director/Church Organist
Kacie Shaffer	Custodian
Justin Shaffer	Building Manager

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Bruce and Jeanne Reidenbach	Door Greeters
	Ushers
Scott Heller	Money Counter
Ushers	Acolytes

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We welcome all members, visitors, and guests to our worship service this morning. Visitors: Please sign our Friendship Folder located in each pew.

Our altar flowers today are presented by Doug and Tonja Anweiler in honor of their grandchildren.

Our Operation Help products for June are canned vegetables. Please bring your donations to the dining room or the west vestibule.

Thank you to Lauren Rowell for her help in the office during Maggie's absence. Please Help her by getting any announcements or information for the bulletin to her by Wednesday.

Our Bible Study group will not meet this Thursday due to the Pastor's vacation.

### **Looking Ahead**

Thursday, June 11: No Bible Study

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