

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Third and Jackson Streets

Decatur, Indiana

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(* Please stand either in body or in spirit.

Pentecost Sunday

Strengthen The Church

May 24, 2026

Acts 2:1—21

“Keep watching together—the Spirit is coming!”

Gathering Music: “Battle Hymn Of The Republic” Shelly Nussbaum

The Welcome and Announcements: Janet Smith, Liturgist

(Visitors: Please sign the Friendship Folder)

The Prelude: “Eternal Father, Strong To Save”

*Please take a moment and quiet your mind and open your heart as
we focus ourselves in preparation for worshipping God.*

The Light appears: The Acolytes serve

The Church Bell rings:

*The Call to Worship: Please Rise (inspired by Psalm 104) Liturgist

How manifold are the works of the God! In wisdom, God has made them all; the earth is full of God's creatures.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the Creator rejoice in God's works!

How beautiful are the works of the God! In love, God has formed them all; the earth is full of God's beloved.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to our God while I have being.

How wonderful are the works of the Holy One! In peace and hope, God has renewed them all; the earth is full of God's redeemed.

May our meditation be pleasing to Spirit, Rejoice in the Holy One!

The Scripture Reading: Acts 2: 1—21

Rev. Kahler
Pew Bible, Pg. 948

The Word of God for the People of God

The Response: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Sermon Hymn: “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” No.252

The Sermon: “Being Moved”

The Moment of Offering: Liturgist

Invitation to Generosity:

Prayer Of Thanksgiving: (Unison)

Spirit, receive these gifts for the mutual flourishing of all the creatures of earth and the benefit of your kingdom. Sustain us as caretakers, prosper our work, and stir the gifts in us. Amen.

The Offering: Ushers serve

The Offertory Music: I’m Gonna Sing When The Spirit Says Sing”

*The Doxology:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen**

*The Hymn Of Commitment: “America The Beautiful” No. 572

*The Benediction:

Who Is Thirsty: Service Prayers for the Day of 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: “The Lord’s Prayer” No. 426

*The Light is carried forth Acolytes serve

*The Worship Leaders exit

*The Moment for Silent Prayers Chimes

*The Postlude: "God Of Our Fathers"

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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Ken Uhrick, Jerry Hill	Door Greeters
Kacie Shaffer, Brenda Strickler	Ushers
Scott Heller	Money Counter
Acolytes	Ushers
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We welcome all members, visitors, and guests to our worship service this morning. Visitors are asked to take a few moments to sign the Friendship Folder located in each pew and place in the offering plate.

Please join us in the dining room after worship for a time of fellowship and cookies, coffee, and punch.

Our Operation Help item for May is **soup**. Please place your donations in the tubs in the dining room and West vestibule.

Our Bible Study group continues their studies on Thursdays. Everyone is invited to meet in the lounge at 10 a.m.

The “Strengthen The Church” special offering is received today. The theme this year is “Sent Forth In Love.” This offering furthers the work of our Conference and National Ministries as we work together to strengthen and renew existing congregations, fund leadership development, and provide exciting new programs for youth and young adults. This offering is divided between the Indiana/Kentucky Conference and the National Ministries.

The Adams County Vacation Bible School will begin on June 1st at the Adams County Fairgrounds in Monroe. Classes are conducted from June 1st through June 5th from 9 a.m. to noon for students entering Pre-k through 5th grade. Children must be 4 years old by June 1st. Volunteers are also needed for all areas. The theme this year is “Rainforest Fall: Discovering the nature of God.” Please see the flyers on the bulletin boards for a QR code for information. You may also visit **discoverPD.org** or call 260-565-3797 for information or to register your child. Pastor Allen and Shannon will be teaching Bible verses and can answer your questions.

Looking Ahead

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day Office Closed

Monday, June 1- Friday, June 5: Community VBS,
Adams County Fairgrounds, Monroe, 9 am-noon

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Last week's Worship Attendance: 48 Offering: \$ 1258.00 (\$25 Hilty Memorial, \$190 VBS Bibles)

Needed each week: \$4045.87

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