

**ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Third and Jackson Streets**

**Decatur, Indiana**

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

May 31, 2026

**Genesis 1:1—2:4A**

**“The Trinity is a perfect relationship”**

Gathering Music: “10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)” Shelly Nussbaum

The Welcome and Announcements: Scott Heller, Liturgist

(Visitors: Please sign the Friendship Folder)

The Prelude: “Immortal, Invisible”

*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 8) Liturgist

O Holy One, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**We admire the work of your hands in awe and thanksgiving!**

O Holy One, our Redeemer, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Who are we that you come to us, empower us, and give us rest?**

O Holy One, our Companion, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Let us worship the Triune God with honor and glory! How**

**Majestic are your many names in all the earth!**

\*Hymn of Praise: “All Creatures Of Our God And King” No. 64, vs.1,4,5

\*Invocation: (Unison) Liturgist

**Voice, Body, Spirit, we acknowledge your presence  
gathering us together as your church. Today, we join in**

**worship. May We encounter you anew. We find a good place in you and with one another. You have made us in your image and enabled us to be in community with you, O God, as people called to service, justice, and caretaking. Let your name be praised. Let us receive your word. Let us embrace and live your truth. Amen.**

Call to Transformation: (Unison)

Rev. Kahler

**Creator, we give thanks that creation does not end; it rests. In your created order, rest is often the time and space necessary for renewal. Transformation happens in rest. Too often, we adopt the pace of the world that adopts hurry as normative and beneficial. Yet, we know, Holy Love, that when you began the work of creation, it served to bring order out of chaos, and it was good. As we seek your goodness today, we confess that we live in chaotic times. We affirm that you have charged us to care for this creation and have made us like you. Use us then to bring order in a chaotic world and to use rest as a necessary step for transformation and renewal. Help us discern the balance of rest and work that will yield good fruit. Amen.**

Words of Grace:

Rev. Kahler

The Scripture Reading:

Genesis 1:1—26

Liturgist

Pew Bible, Pg. 1

The Special Music: “The Happy Organ”

Shelly Nussbaum

Time with the Youth:

Prayers of the People:

The Morning Prayer:

The Lord's Prayer:

**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 Prayer Response: "Spirit Divine, Hear Our Prayer"

**Spirit Divine, hear our prayer,  
And make our hearts Your home;  
Descend with all Your gracious pow'r,  
Come, Holy Spirit, come. Amen.**

The Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:27—2:4

Rev. Kahler  
Pew Bible, Pg. 1

The Word of God for the People of God

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

\*The Sermon Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy" No.262

The Sermon: "God's perfect family"

The Moment of Offering: Liturgist  
Invitation to Generosity:

Prayer Of Thanksgiving: (Unison)

**Generous God, Receive our gifts as acts of participation in  
your continuing creation. Amen.**

The Offering:

Ushers serve

The Offertory Music: “When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

\*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: “Come, Thou Almighty King” No. 267

\*The Benediction:

*Rest Made Holy: Service Prayers for Trinity Sunday 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: “How Great Thou Art”

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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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Door Greeters

Kacie Shaffer, Brenda Strickler

Ushers

Scott Heller

Money Counter

Acolytes

Ushers

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 June is vegetables such as canned tomatoes, carrots, peas, or potatoes. Please place your donations in the tubs in the dining room and West vestibule.

Our Bible Study group will not meet this Thursday since the Kahlers are helping with the Community Vacation Bible School. We will also not be meeting the following week, June 11<sup>th</sup>, due to Pastor's vacation.

The Adams County Vacation Bible School will begin on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Adams County Fairgrounds in Monroe. Classes are conducted from June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon for students entering Pre-k through 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

Pastor Allen and Shannon will be enjoying a few days of vacation the week of June 8<sup>th</sup>. We pray for safe travels and a time of rest and relaxation.

### **Looking Ahead**

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

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\$145 VBS Bibles, Strengthen The Church \$95)

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