

UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

137 S Garfield Ave., Hinsdale, IL 60521 • United Church of Christ



What Would Jesus Say?

Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 10, 2024

Our Welcoming Statement, adopted January 28, 2024:

We are all called by God as disciples of Christ. We affirm & welcome all persons as precious to God, just as they are. As a community of faith, in the service of God, we are enriched by our differences including diversity of gender identity and expression, age, marital & economic status, ethnicity, sexual orientation, race, and physical & mental abilities and qualities. We affirm that the Holy Spirit gathers us as a congregation in which all persons are invited to participate equally in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings, concerns, & joys of our community of faith. We pledge to love, encourage, & support one another as the Body of Christ.

What are we all about at Union Church?

Living lives of love for God and all people.

You are welcome here!

A GATHERING IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST ON THE 8TH DAY OF CREATION

* = Those who are able and willing, please stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stephen Edwards

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you!**

INTROIT

For the Beauty of the Earth
Children's Chimes

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Ann Asper Wilson)*

Leader: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love:

People: **Neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers – a community of kindred hearts.**

Leader: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know:

People: **Strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.**

Leader: People of God, look about and see all the images of God assembled here. In me, in you, in each of us...

All: **God's spirit shines for all to see. Let us worship God together.**

* HYMN *(see screen)*

Be Holy Hear the Whisper

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Source of all, the nations are yours. The poor are your treasured ones—widows, orphans, the aliens you protect. Your justice reigns over all. Forgive us when our ways wound your beloved. We often don't mean to cause harm, yet we do. Forgive us when we consume more than our fair share, withhold from our abundance, and ignore the suffering of our siblings in the human family. Help us walk the path you'd have us walk, and care for those who need it most. Hear our prayer, Holy One. May your justice and grace reign forever. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

* GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end! Amen, Amen.*

LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

ANTHEM

Deep River
Union Bells
Connie Riemer - Piano

arr. Linker and McFadden

**Children are invited to meet Penny at the front for Sunday School. As the children depart, we will exchange these blessings:*

Congregation: May God be with you there. Children: And may God be with you here.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 146

Diane Oostendorp

SERMON

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Grant Glowiak

* HYMN # 403

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

PRAYER, ENDING WITH PRAYER WE LEARNED FROM JESUS

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

In the Whisper

At this time, please sign & pass the Attendance Sheets – they help us care for members & welcome visitors.

For e-giving, head to www.hinsdale.church. Tap 'Menu,' then select the 'Live Generously' tab, and tap 'Make a Contribution.' Or text "GIVEUCH" to 73256. Thanks for giving to the life & work of Union Church!

* 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.***

* PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

* CLOSING HYMN

Little Bit of Love

BENEDICTION

REPRISE

FLOWERS – Today's flowers are dedicated to our wonderful parents. Love, Carlton and Bonnie Berg.

STAFF AND WORSHIP LEADERS

*(h = he/him/his, s = she/her/hers, t = they/them/theirs)**

Associate Minister – Grant Glowiak (h/t)	Dir. of Audio & Visual Media – Adam Nakutis (h)	<u>Section Leaders</u>
Associate Minister – Robb Knuepfer (h)	Dir. of Handbells – Elizabeth Jung (s)	Jess Koehn (h)
Dir. of Christian Education – Penny Johnson (s)		Coleman Dziedzic (h)
Dir. of Music and Worship – Stephen C Edwards (h/t)		Dei Nikoi (s)
		Tierra Whetstone-Christian (s)
Ushers – Virgil Oostendorp, Cyndi Breslow, Sharon Bodziak, and Debbie Hopkins		Trap Set – Kalyan Pathak (h)
	Guitars – Andrew Sudhibhasilp (h) and James Lang (h)	
* Go to https://tinyurl.com/ymabnh5t for a guide to gender identity terms		Bass – Ben Dillinger(h)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children kindergarten through 5th grade will begin in the Sanctuary with their families. After the Anthem, the children will leave and go upstairs to our Sunday School space, returning before the last song.

Also, there is always Sunday School and nursery care for younger children in classroom 129 on the lower level.

RESTROOMS

To find the gender-neutral restroom, exit through the main doors of the Sanctuary into The Gathering Place. Follow the glass doors on your left until a hallway opens on your left. It is a few steps down that hallway on your right.

Gendered restrooms are located just off The Gathering Space - complete with changing tables on the lower and main levels.

DON'T MISS A THING!

Keep up with all our upcoming events by following us on Facebook & Instagram and subscribing to our weekly newsletter.

Head over to www.hinsdale.church, and click on the 'Connect' button for more info!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHIMES (BELL CHOIR): CHRISTMAS

Rehearse: November 13 and November 20

Perform: Sunday, December 15 at the 10:00 a.m. service

Children ages 4+ are welcome to join our children's chimes (bell choir). No experience is necessary - this is a gentle way for children to have their first musical performance experience and we have a wide range of ages. Questions? Email Penny pjohnson@uchinsdale.org, or simply come on **November 13** and give it a try. Find the link in the weekly email to register.

HINSDALE HUMANE SOCIETY BAKE SALE

Saturday, November 23, Hinsdale Humane Society (21 Salt Creek Lane)

'Tis the season for baked goods! There is a bake sale at HHS with 100% of the proceeds benefiting the Zach Leathers Emergency Medical Fund. Find the link in the weekly email to learn more!



Saturday, November 23



NOW COLLECTING TREASURES AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RUDOLPH'S BOUTIQUE

Saturday, December 7, 8:30 to 11:00 a.m., in the Dining Room



We are collecting **new & gently used items** now in the bins in the Gathering Place for our boutique.

Children will shop the boutique to find Christmas gifts for their families. Cash only.

Youth helpers: We are also looking for volunteers and youth helpers to assist our young shoppers. It's very cute and we know many of you love doing this! Find the link in the weekly email to sign up!

And adult helpers, we need your help gift wrapping and at check-out and sorting ahead of time. Use the QR code to sign up!

ELEANOR'S CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Sunday, December 8, after 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. services, in Youth Room

Help us fill 500 stockings for children served by our Ministry for Change and its partners by depositing the following items in the designated boxes in the Gathering Space before November 27:

- Left-over wrapped Halloween candy
- Hot wheels/matchbox type toy cars
- Chapstick
- Children's toothbrushes
- Travel size toothpaste

Ask your dentist to donate toothbrushes & toothpaste or purchase them yourself (toothbrushes must be individually packaged).

We also need stretchy gloves and hats, pencils, crayons, Christmas stickers, Play-doh and more. Find a link to our Amazon wish list in the weekly email to purchase any of these items. *These items can be shipped directly to the church (please check the church shipping address when you order).*

In some cases, the stockings will be the only gifts these children receive. Please help us fill *Eleanor's Christmas Stockings* on December 8 in the Youth Room after the 9:00 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. All are welcome!

For questions or to help with the stocking project, please email Jane Grimm jgrimm723@comcast.net. Thank you!

HELEN MEHLER BRIDGE CLUB

Every Friday, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., in the Gathering Place

For ALL levels. \$5.00/person donated to our beautiful church. For more information email Sharon Olsen

Olsen.sharon@gmail.com Melissa Barnes Mann, melissamann403@gmail.com, or Laurie McMahon lmcmahon@comcast.net.

LOST AND FOUND

A reminder to all about our lost and found basket located at the west end of the office hallway. This basket is to keep all items left behind by anyone safe and in one place.

If you see an item that looks out of place, please be sure to place it in the basket or turn the item into Adriana.

On the flipside, if you ever lose an item, please look in our lost and found or contact Adriana, 630-590-6689.



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Remaining in
Forecasted Overall Income

If everyone 100% fulfills their
pledge, we can close this gap
without any additional
contributions/gifts/asks!

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

For our Thanksgiving Offering this year, we encourage you to make a special contribution to our Ministry for Change partner, **The Boulevard**, which provides medical respite care for homeless individuals in Chicago. As you may know, the City of Chicago is facing a huge budget gap. This shortfall will impact the government funding to agencies like The Boulevard, as we look to continue to support the 64-bed facility.



Union Church has been a long-time supporter of The Boulevard, as our own **Nancy Hanson** is a founding member, and **Christy Weimer** is the current Chair of the Board of Directors. This summer Union Church provided funding for new outdoor furniture for the residents at the facility in Garfield Park.

The Boulevard supports over 350 individuals annually with medical care, permanent housing, job search support and is now a certified Behavioral Health center. Visit their website <https://www.blvd.org> to learn more.

For the Thanksgiving Offering (running November 17th through December 8th), you may donate to The Boulevard or make a special contribution to the church - or do both! You have two easy options for giving:

- 1) Give online through the church website. Find the link in the weekly email, or, on the giving page, under "fund," select either "Thanksgiving Offering – The Boulevard" (all amounts donated under this selection will be donated to The Boulevard) or "Thanksgiving Offering - Union Church Ministries" (all amounts donated under this selection will be shared by ministries of the church generally) and complete the rest of the information. To give to both, please complete two separate transactions.
- 2) Deposit a check in the offering plate during service OR send in a check. If some/all of your donation is for The Boulevard, please tell us the split in the memo line or in a separate note. If all of your gift is intended solely for UCH, just send the check.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY BULLETINS ARE NOW ONLINE

Our weekly bulletins/worship orders are now online. You can access them via the Union Church web site and/or our YouTube channel. This way if you're worshipping at home/on the go, you can follow along.

Or you can follow along in person on your phone and reduce the number of bulletins we print each week!

INTER-FAITH FELLOWSHIP (IFF) LUNCHEON

Wednesday, November 13, 11:30 to 1:30, in the Dining Room

The Jolly Boys are back to bring joy and heartfelt appreciation to our Veterans, and we couldn't be more excited! This event is not just about honoring those who have served; it's a vibrant celebration that embodies the core values of love and kindness. With the harmonious sounds of music filling the air, we'll come together as a community, uniting in gratitude and respect for our heroes. So, whether you're a long-time member or new to our church family, we invite you to join us in this uplifting occasion. Let's create beautiful memories together, filled with laughter, song, and a shared sense of belonging. Mark your calendars and prepare to be part of something truly special—your presence will make all the difference!



Lunch is served at noon, \$15/person cash or check paid at the door. IFF is the hottest ticket in town!

Questions? Contact Elizabeth Jung at 630-688-1706 or ejung@uchinsdale.org.

IFF is a group for fellowship and inclusivity while also supporting worthy causes with donations made by your participation.

NEED SOMETHING ANNOUNCED IN THE MIDWEEK EMAIL OR ONLINE?

Send your text to communications@uchinsdale.org. Subject line "Email Blast."

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment.

Care for the poor.

Forgive often.

Reject racism.

Fight for the powerless.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

Embrace diversity.

Love God.

Enjoy this life.