

# UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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UNION CHURCH EXPLORES

## THE THEOLOGY OF MUSIC IN WORSHIP



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OF  
HINSDALE

WINTER SERMON SERIES | SUNDAYS @ 9 + 10 A.M.



## *The Theology of Music in Worship*

First Sunday After Epiphany  
January 12, 2025

*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 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF CREATION

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\* = *Those who are able and willing, please stand*

## PRELUDE

*You Say*  
Ollie Townsend

Lauren Daigle

## WELCOME

Stephen C Edwards

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you!**

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP *(Inspired by Psalm 33)*

Leader: Righteous people of God, let us rejoice together in the Lord!

People: **We will praise the Lord with the melodies of lyre and harp.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, with shouts and strings and horns.

People: **Our world overflows with the steadfast love of God, full of justice and peace.**

Leader: Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of the Divine One.

People: **Our souls wait for the Lord, our help and our shield. Let the steadfast love of the Lord be upon us, for we trust in that holy name.**

## \* HYMN # 417

*This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Robb Knuepfer

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your path in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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

### BAPTISM

Laine Elizabeth Wackerlin  
Parents: Lindsay Shea and Tom Wackerlin

### INTRODUCTION

CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATION FROM THE UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH *(in unison)*

*Turn to "Hymn" # 885*

### QUESTIONS TO PARENTS

CONGREGATIONAL PROMISE *(in unison)*

Laine Elizabeth, relying on the grace given to us in our own baptisms, and on behalf of the church universal, we pledge that we will love, encourage & support you, share the good news of the gospel with you, and help you know & follow Christ. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER, BAPTISM, AND PRAYER, ENDING WITH THE 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.

ANTHEM *This is the Day* Forrest

*\*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 *Isaiah 43:19* Diane Oostendorp

SERMON *The Theology of Music in Worship* Grant Glowiak

\* HYMN # 506 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

OFFERTORY *Better Is One Day*

*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](http://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

\* HYMN (See Screen) *Today Is the Day*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**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](http://www.hinsdale.church), and click on the 'Connect' button for more info!

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**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, Debbie Hopkins, Barb Herber, and Emily Herber		Trap Set – Kalyan Pathak (h)
		Guitars – Andrew Sudhibhasilp (h)
* Go to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ymabnh5t">https://tinyurl.com/ymabnh5t</a> for a guide to gender identity terms		Bass – Ben Dillinger(h)

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

For younger children kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 26, following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

All members are encouraged to stay on January 26 for the Annual Meeting.

What happens at an Annual Meeting?

- The congregation gathers to both recognize the work of those completing terms and elect & install new Ministry members & church officers.
- We vote on changes to the Church Constitution, including adding The Care Ministry, and some wording changes pertinent to Endowment Ministry.
- We engage in an open forum, a family friendly meeting.

### LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Saturday, February 1, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., morning bagels & coffee and lunch provided

\* New this year: All church leaders, those just finishing terms and those newly installed at the Annual Meeting, are invited to gather for this year's Leadership Retreat. "Old" and new leaders will engage in meaningful conversation. This is the opportunity for institutional knowledge to be passed along. All church members are welcome.

### NEW PASTOR LISTENING SESSIONS OFF TO STRONG START – PLEASE JOIN US!

The first 2 Listening Sessions went very well! Today's sessions are full but open spots remain Monday at 7 p.m. on Zoom, at Laurie McMahon's home on Tuesday at 7 p.m., and at the Young's home on Friday at 7 p.m. Next Sunday at 11:15 a.m. there are also openings with childcare. **Sign up using the QR code** & join us at these very meaningful, warm gatherings!

These small sessions of 6-12 members last ~90 min. We simply listen to each other's responses to a few questions & move on (distinct from a discussion/debate). Need childcare for the Sunday sessions? Email Penny [pjohnson@uchinsdale.org](mailto:pjohnson@uchinsdale.org) so she can make arrangements in advance. If you prefer to have someone help you sign up, call Adriana in the church office at 630-590-6689. We look forward to hearing **your** views that will impact what we seek in our next senior pastor! *The Discovery Team*

### FAMILY FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS

Share your favorite recipe and a great family story at a future coffee hour. It's easy! Bring a favorite food (bought or baked) and help serve at coffee hour as we learn more about you & yours! The Gathering Committee will handle the rest (coffee, water, baked goods, snacks). Find the link in the weekly email to sign up! Questions? Contact Kathryn Sjöholm 630-750-1483.

### WE ARE THE CHURCH: 2025 PLEDGE UPDATE

Goal: \$875,000

Commitments: \$801,292 - Thank you!

Also important...Remember to fulfill your 2024 pledge!

We are short \$73,708. This is needed to keep our wonderful staff, care for our beautiful church, and continue our outreach to others in 2025. If you have not yet made your pledge, it's as easy as emailing the amount to Ann at [agleason@uchinsdale.org](mailto:agleason@uchinsdale.org).

### JOIN OUR SIMPLE SUPPER GROUP

Considering joining a simple supper? We are a small group seeking additional members to share food, faith, and friendship. Gather with us for our first meeting of 2025, the evening of Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>. Email Diane Kurtz [flagship77@aol.com](mailto:flagship77@aol.com) for more info.

### DEDICATION OPPORTUNITY FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Would you like to sponsor a floral arrangement for a Sunday service in the Sanctuary? Perhaps to celebrate an anniversary, birthday, in memory of a loved one – or just because! Contact Gail Weber, [gailweb@att.net](mailto:gailweb@att.net), the Altar Flower Coordinator, for more info and to reserve a date in 2025.



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Use this QR code to give! →



### 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.

