

UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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Music Ministry Presents:

Passion Music by Will Todd

Palm and Passion Sunday

The Sixth Sunday in Lent
April 13, 2025

Why the fire?

John 18:17-18

The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

This morning, we have a fire burning in the Close. A fire much like the one Peter warmed himself at while thrice denying Jesus. This fire reminds us that we too are ever susceptible to drifting from the path of discipleship.

And yet, we also possess the desire to grow ever closer to Christ. Throughout Lent, we invited you to reflect on, and write down, both that which sustains you and that which burdens you. The strips of paper with our collective burdens served as the tinder for today's bonfire, reminding us that though we may never fully lay our burdens down in this life, we can still lighten the load.

Matthew 11:28-30

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

** We will meet in the Gathering Place, bless our palms, and have a jubilant palm processional out the glass doors, through the Close, and into the rear of the sanctuary. Be lively, be joyful, wave those palms!*



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

* = Those who are able and willing, please stand

* GREETING AND WELCOME

Rev. Grant Glowiak

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you!**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

* GOSPEL READING

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: *Scripture reading, ending with...* Thanks be to God for these words of life.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

* BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Rev. Robb Knuepfer

Leader: Let us pray: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Rescuer Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed as the Anointed One by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

People: **Bless these branches, Holy One, and we who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Ruler in the way of the cross, so that joined to his death and resurrection, we may enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

* PROCESSION

Leader: Let us journey in peace, and in the way of Christ.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

** The assembly follows the choir, children, & ministers, processing into the sanctuary.*

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 216

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
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* HYMN

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

* PRAYER, ENDING WITH PRAYER WE LEARNED FROM JESUS

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

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.

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

There is no Sunday School this week. We welcome children and their energy in all aspects of worship!

The Passion Music will be a lengthy and beautiful presentation, but without breaks. If it is helpful to your child to move around, please consider sitting near the Narthex (under the balcony) so you can use that space to move around. Please also help yourselves to the red activity bags hanging in the Narthex designed to educate and engage the youngest amongst us.

Also, there is always Sunday School and nursery care for children under 5 in classroom 129 on the lower level.

Don't hesitate to ask an usher for help in finding any of these. We're glad you're here!

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

Matt. 21:8-9

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da - vid's roy - al line,
3 As you re - ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,
whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov - ereign - ty hold sway.

The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,

our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

STAFF AND WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Bridge Pastor – Timothy C. Rhodes (h)

Dir. of Christian Education – Penny Johnson (s)

Section Leaders

Associate Pastor – Grant Glowiak (h/t)

Dir. of Audio & Visual Media – Adam Nakutis (h)

Jess Koehn (h)

Associate Pastor – Robb Knuepfer (h)

Dir. of Handbells – Elizabeth Jung (s)

Coleman Dziedzic (h)

Dir. of Music & Worship – Stephen C Edwards (h/t)

Organist – Oliver Townsend

Dei Nikoi (s)

Tierra Whetstone-Christian (s)

Ushers – Barbara Herber, Emily Herber, Sharon Bodziak, Barb Parsons

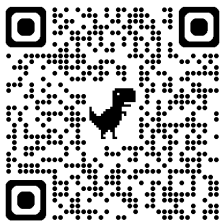
Trap Set – Kalyan Pathak (h)

Guitars – Andrew Sudhibhasilp (h)

Bass – Ben Dillinger(h)

* Go to <https://tinyurl.com/ymabnh5t> for a guide to gender identity terms

OFFERING



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

*For e-giving, use the QR code on the right for Zelle (no transaction fees),
the QR code on the left to give through Realm, or text "GIVEUCH" to 73256.*

Thank you for contributing to the life & work of Union Church!



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(Preferred)

LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

MOMENT FOR MISSION

DuPage PADS

PASSION MUSIC

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Chancel Choir along with...

Tierra Whetstone-Christian – *Soloist* • Oliver Townsend – *Piano* • Ben Dillinger – *Bass*
Kalyan Pathak – *Drum Set* • Alex Chao – *Timpani* • Alex Beltran – *Saxophone*
Victor Jesus Garcia – *Trumpet* • Andrew Baker – *Trombone* • Michael Surratt – *Organ*

Movements

please: no applause between movements

1. Greater Love
2. We Believe
3. A New Commandment
4. Love Unknown
5. Stabat Mater

Dei Nikoi – *Solo*

Translation:

*The sorrowful Mother stood
full of tears by the Cross
while her Son was hanging there
The Mother stood weeping*

*O how sad and afflicted
was that blessed Mother
of her Only-begotten Son
The Mother stood weeping*

*Where is the man who would not weep
to see the Mother of Christ
in such suffering?
The Mother stood weeping*

6. The Seven Last Words from the Cross
7. My Love Has Died for Me
8. Do Not Stand at My Grave & Weep
9. Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?

Jess Koehn – *Solo*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

Nicholson

FLOWERS - Today's flowers are given by Laurie McMahon in memory of her husband, Bob McMahon.

Thank you to all of today's musicians!

Chancel Choir

Sopranos

Dei Nikoi, Kathy Eisel,
Nancy Sullivan, Claudia Moffat,
Lucy Tarabour, Gina Graffagna,
Cari Plachy Dinglasan

Altos

Tierra Whetstone-Christian,
Julie Moser, Kathy Anderson,
Connie Riemer, Kate Weil,
Jennifer Kerr Budziak

Tenors

Cole Dziedzic
David Scott
Drew Dahan
Andrew Fisher

Basses

Jess Koehl
Andy Johnson
John Jacus, Nik Eden
Antonio Quaranta

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN OF A CERTAIN AGE

TODAY Sunday, April 13, after 10:00 am Worship, in Rowell Hall

Our wonderful speaker & UCH member, June Scott, will speak about her trip to Patagonia. No food or beverages served.

The purpose of WOACA is for fellowship, friendship, and fun! All are welcome!!! For more info, email Melissa Barnes Mann, melissamann403@gmail.com.

CURRENT EVENTS CONVERSATION /HANG IN THERE GROUP

TODAY Sunday, April 13, after 10:00 am Worship

Feeling the need to connect with others as we all navigate our way through what can be disorienting current events? This group began coming together in February to do just that. Feel free to join us! Also, see the flier for our upcoming workshop on Saturday, April 26 "How Did Jesus Deal with Conflict?"

Meetings held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month to discuss current events from all angles. No meeting Sunday April 27.

SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING: DuPAGE PADS



For many of us here at Union, the experience of wondering where our next meal is coming from or not knowing where we're going to sleep tonight is far from reality. But, sadly, there's far too many who have this experience on a regular basis.

DuPage PADS is a local organization providing meals and shelter for our increasing homeless population. On a given day they serve over 300 people including over 100 children. DuPage PADS has worked for over 20 years to combat hunger and homelessness in DuPage County and has made great strides in improving the lives of many.

Through donations and local support, PADS was able to purchase a local motel during Covid where folks can now stay until they are able to secure permanent housing. Previously they spent the night on the floor at local churches, traveling from church to church daily, many walking or riding bikes, some with small children.

Through our financial and volunteer support they can continue to provide food and shelter to those who need it most. For the Easter Offering, you may donate to DuPage PADS, make a special contribution to the church, or do both!

You have two easy options for giving:

- 1) Give online by going to our website, hinsdale.church, and clicking the 'Live Generously; Tab and click 'Make a Contribution.' Select "Easter Offering-PADS" (all amounts donated under this selection will be donated to DuPage PADS) or "Easter 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 donation transactions.
- 2) Deposit a check in the offering basket during service OR send in a check. If some/all of your donation is intended for DuPage PADS, tell us in the memo line or in a separate note. If all of your gift is intended solely for UCH, just send the check.

ALLEGREZZA (see flyer)

Sunday, May 4, 3:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary

Join Allegrezza for "Ease on Down the Road," a captivating concert that celebrates the diverse experiences and the connections we encounter along life's journey. From reflective moments in intimate friendships and self-discovery to the joy and silliness that make the journey worthwhile. This performance features iconic songs like "Ease on Down the Road" from The Wiz, Elton John's "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road," and Stephen Paulus's "The Road Home." Don't miss guest soloist Tierra Whetstone's rousing rendition of "Midnight Train to Georgia." Experience the magic on May 4 at The Union Church of Hinsdale at 3:00 p.m.



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UCH MARCH MADNESS BRACKET POOL RESULTS!

This year was another nail biter! Florida and UConn have been crowned the champs after an incredible playoff on both the men's and women's sides. But the question remains...who was this year's UCH pool champ?

Congratulations to Tom Shively for winning this year's women's pool! Tom has elected for that pool to go to **The Night Ministry**.

And it is with great disappointment and lamentation that we announce Grant Glowiak as this year's victor in the men's pool. However, if a pastor wins, then the 'Christian Rules' clause comes into effect. 'Christian Rules,' of course being, to quote Jesus, "The last shall be first, and the first shall be last."

So, it is with great joy and thanksgiving that we announce Allie Dowling as this year's true victor! Congratulations Allie! Allie has decided to split the men's pot between **Eleanor Patterson's Stocking Project** and the **UCECP Scholarship Fund**.

Thank you to all who participated. We raised **\$540** for charity just by watching basketball. Well done. See you next year!



EASTER LILIES FOR EASTER SERVICES

April 14 Order Deadline

Each year, to add visual joy & beauty to our Easter service, we adorn the sanctuary with Easter Lilies. If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily to adorn our sanctuary and/or donate a lily in the name of a loved one, see the below:

To complete your order, we need two things: 1) your order form/information, 2) your payment.

There will be members of the worship ministry in the Gathering Place on *April 6 & April 13* to take your order. If you are unable to make it in person, you can find a link in the weekly email to download an order form, complete it, and either email it to Adriana akieffer@uchinsdale.org or send it via regular mail to the church office.

For the payment, you also have two options. You can make the \$25/plant payment online through a link in the weekly email (select "flowers" from the drop-down menu). Or you can send a check in the amount of \$25 per plant to the church office, payable to Union Church (with "Easter flowers" on the memo line).

Please indicate if you will take your flower(s) home after the Easter service, or if you donate them to homebound members and friends. **Volunteers are needed to help deliver flowers to our homebound friends.** Your help would be greatly appreciated.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – Trivia Fun Benefits Green Halo Scholars!

Showcasing good news & fun happenings in our UCH community.

UCH had a great showing to support our mission partner, Green Halo Scholars, at a collegiate-themed Trivia Night last month.

Congratulations to trivia champions Andy Mushynski and Chris & Carissa Kapcar. Also to Tom & Vera Shively, Penny & Andy Johnson, and Peter & Suzanne Furey for being in the final running. And with the best name *Average ACT of 36*: Allie & Colin Dowling, Anna & Grant Glowiak, and Jake Haunty.

The mission of Green Halo Scholars is to support, mentor, and expand opportunities for motivated and committed first-generation/low-income students in the Western Suburbs of Chicago. Through college counseling, financial guidance, and career resources, they assist scholars as they apply to college, navigate campus, and pursue their postgraduate dreams. They continue to support their scholars throughout their entire college careers, ensuring they have the resources and guidance they need to succeed.

If you have a photo/story to share in the weekly e-blast, please email communications@uchinsdale.org!



NOTE OUR EASTER SERVICE TIMES

Making your Easter brunch & family plans? Note that we are worshipping at 8:30 and 10:30 that morning in the Sanctuary. The service times are a bit different than a usual Sunday - but we all know, there's nothing usual about this very special day!

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GREETERS NEEDED

Spring is here and Easter is near, which means now is good a time as ever to volunteer as a greeter before a Sunday service at Union Church in the next few weeks! Greeting is a wonderfully low-maintenance way for you to help out and get involved at UCH. It's a great way to connect with other members of the church and is a **very low time commitment**, as we only ask you to arrive fifteen minutes before a usual 10:00 service. Find links in the weekly email to an FAQ sheet for more information or to sign up and select the dates that will work for you!



SAVE THE DATES FOR RESALE 2025!

Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4

Resale is BACK! Collections begin Sunday, September 28.
Drop-off will be in the Dining Room.

Volunteers will be needed as well. More information to come!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

June 16 to 20, 12:45 to 3:00 pm, at Union Church

Participants: Ages 4 - 5th grade

Youth Helpers: Middle School & High School

\$75/child (or max \$200/family)



Summer is coming soon and so is Vacation Bible School! This is the best week of the year when the church is full of excited children ready to celebrate their faith, sing songs, play games, do mission projects, make new friendships and have fun! The Children's Committee is excited to host this year's Road Trip VBS and welcome the kids in the church, UCECP families and the greater community to come join us for a summer camp adventure with God!

Find the link in the weekly email to register, or scan the QR code.

We also need adult volunteers. If you haven't helped before, know that being a part of this uplifting week forms friendships, community and connections by working with and learning from these contagiously fun children! We'd love to have you!

Contact Penny Johnson, pjohnson@uchinsdale.org, for more information.

NEED SOMETHING ANNOUNCED IN THE MIDWEEK EMAIL OR ONLINE?

Send your text to communications@uchinsdale.org

Subject line "Email Blast."

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!

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 Place – complete with changing tables on the lower and main levels.



Sunday, Apr 27 @ 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (In-Person)

and/or

Wednesday, Apr 30 @ 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. (ZOOM)

Questions/RSVP to

Tom Shively, tom.shively@sbcglobal.net
or Carissa Kapcar, ckapcar@uchinsdale.org



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We are an **open and affirming** Congregation.



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.