

UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

137 S. Garfield Avenue, Hinsdale, IL 60521 • UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

EASTERTIDE @ UNION CHURCH

NEW BEGINNINGS



Pronouns & Presence

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 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 8TH DAY OF CREATION

* = Those who are able and willing, please stand

PRELUDE

A Festive Prelude

Phillips

WELCOME

Rev. Grant Glowiak

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Deuteronomy 32:18; Isaiah 42:14; Matthew 23:37*)

Joanna Harader

Leader: Come, let us worship our Creator—

People: The Rock who bore us, the God who gave us birth.

Leader: Let us listen for the One who cries out, like a woman in labor—

People: Gasping and panting to bring new life into the world.

Leader: Let us rest near the heart of our mothering God—

People: Gathered under her warm, strong wings.

* HYMN # 11

Bring Many Names

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God have mercy on we your children, for we have failed you and ourselves by what we have done and what we have left undone. We pray for your forgiveness for all whom we frighten by our neglect. Hold in our hearts the people who pick our crops, clean our office buildings, labor in our poultry farms and meat-packing plants, who wash the dishes and work the night shifts. These are our neighbors. Have mercy, O God. Have mercy on us and help us to be merciful to those who we keep as strangers. Have mercy. 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.*

MOTHER'S DAY LITANY (*© Robb McCoy www.fatpastor.me*)

Kate and Alex Weil

One: All who gather here are sons or daughters.

All: We praise God for the women who gave us life.

One: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

One: For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

All: We pray for peace.

One: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

All: We pray for healing.

One: For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

All: We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.

One: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

All: We weep with those with broken hearts.

One: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,

All: We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

One: For those who are preparing emptier nests,

All: We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.

One: For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,
All: We pray for wisdom and patience.
 One: For grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,
All: We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.
 One: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.
All: We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.
 One: For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, & guide the children of others,
All: We give God thanks and praise.
 One: For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For moms, in their wide variety and many forms,
All: We give God thanks and praise.

LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Penny Johnson

ANTHEM

Look at the World
 Kate Weil – Solo

John Rutter

**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.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Hosea 11:1-4

Lavina Gross

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17.22-31

SERMON

Pronouns & Presence

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

* HYMN # 451

Be Now My Vision

PRAYER, ENDING WITH PRAYER WE LEARNED FROM JESUS

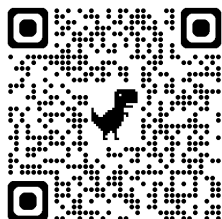
Rev. Robb Knuepfer

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

You Say

Zelle
 (Preferred)



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!



* HYMN (See Screen)


God Is With Us Now

* BENEDICTION

REPRISE

FLOWERS - The flowers at the front of the Sanctuary are given by Lavina Gross in loving memory of her husband, Martin Gross. The flowers in the Gathering Place are given by Ruth Finlay, in loving memory of her husband, Don Finlay.

TODAY!



THE UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

*Come hear Kate as she fulfills the
final requirement for the
inaugural High School Music
Grant from The Union Church of
Hinsdale's Music Ministry*

FEATURING FAMILIAR HYMNS AS WELL AS
WORKS OF HANDEL, VAUGHAN WILLIAMS,
AND MORE

May 11, 2025
2:00 p.m.
Sanctuary
Union Church of Hinsdale
137 S Garfield, Hinsdale IL 60521

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We welcome children and their energy in all aspects of worship!

Is it helpful for your child to move around? Consider sitting near the Narthex (under the balcony) and using that space. Also, help yourself to the red activity bags hanging in the Narthex designed to educate and engage the youngest amongst us.

For 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 & nursery care for younger 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!



THE MUSIC MINISTRY IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE:

Kate Weil as the inaugural recipient of the High School Music Grant from its esteemed Music Ministry!

Kate has demonstrated exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication to the church's music ministry, serving on the Music Ministry Board, singing in the Chancel Choir, and playing the violin during worship services.

In fulfillment of her final requirement as the High School Music Grant recipient, Kate Weil will present a **solo recital TODAY May 11 at 2:00 p.m.** Her performance will feature a selection of classic hymns, including "Amazing Grace" and "At the River," renowned Handel arias such as "Svegliatevi Nel Core," and several pieces by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Kate is eagerly anticipating this opportunity to share her musical talents with the congregation and hopes for a strong turnout to support her recital. **Please join Kate TODAY at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 11 in the Sanctuary** for this exciting recital.

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.

NEED SOMETHING ANNOUNCED IN THE MIDWEEK EMAIL OR ONLINE?

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

POVERTY: A DISCUSSION WITH MATTHEW DESMOND

Viewing on Tuesday, May 13, 7:00 to 8:30 pm, the Youth Room

Opportunity for the "Hang in There" Current Events Group, and any others. All are welcome!

The Clarendon Hills Library is one of many libraries participating in Illinois Libraries Present (ILP), a series of virtual programs with well-known authors & others. On Tuesday, May 13, ILP is presenting *Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond*, author of *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, MacArthur Genius grant winner, and current Princeton professor.

Come watch and discuss it with others in the Youth Room here at UCH. You can also register to watch at home by searching their program calendar at www.clarendonhillslibrary.org.

INTER-FAITH FELLOWSHIP (IFF) LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 14, 11:45 to 1:30, in the Dining Room

Please join us for Andy Johnson discussing The 1883 Chicago Treaty.

The Chicago Treaty was an agreement between the US government and several indigenous tribes from the Great Plains and Midwest regions to relocate them to reservations away from their ancestral lands. This was to facilitate the railroad expansion and American settlement. The commemorative stone on Wolf Rd at Plainfield in Western Springs marks this now infamous treaty.



IFF is the hottest ticket in town! Lunch is served at noon, \$15/person cash/check paid at the door. IFF is community wide & all-inclusive for fellowship, lunch & programming while supporting charities that help fight hunger & victims of domestic violence.

For questions or to make a reservation contact Elizabeth Jung at 630-688-1706 or ejung@uchinsdale.org.

LET'S CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

Saturday, May 17, 8:30 to 10:00 a.m., in the Youth Room

To make sure Union Church is in the best possible place for our next Senior Minister, it means knowing who we are as a church and what we are called to do and be in this moment in time... as well as knowing what we need in our next Senior Minister.

The Discovery Team has shared their findings and recommendations. The Executive Council is considering and prioritizing what issues need to be addressed now. We will all do more work through this upcoming gathering. Join this important discussion!

CAMERATA CHICAGO ORCHESTRA & CHOIR: MOZART'S REQUIEM

Sunday, May 18, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.,
in the Sanctuary

Family friendly performance of Mozart's iconic masterpiece presented here at Union Church! Don't miss this exciting & delightful concert experience with world-class soloists! Interested? See the weekly email for a link to purchase tickets.



Enjoy the outstanding musical artistry of Camerata Chicago and its choir performing the famous Requiem by Mozart!

- Four wonderful soloists conducted by Maestro Drostan Hall including Robin Wiper, Lauren Decker, Martin Luther Clark and Wm. Clay Thompson.
- Elite orchestra and choir with top Chicago area musicians.
- Entertaining and educational musical anecdotes about the music and its vivacious composer.
- Generously supported by Deby and Jamie Fellowes.

Special Offer for Union Church members and friends *Use coupon code UCOH for a 25% DISCOUNT*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN OF A CERTAIN AGE

Sunday, May 25, after 10:00 am Worship

Laurie McMahon, UCH member, will host a potluck lunch at her home, 311 E. 6th Street in Hinsdale. The purpose of WOACA is for fellowship, friendship, & fun! All are welcome!!!

For more info, email Melissa Barnes Mann, melissamann403@gmail.com.

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 join us for a summer camp adventure with God!

Scan the QR code to register. Contact Penny Johnson, pjohnson@uchinsdale.org, for more information.

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!

MINISTRY FOR CHANGE – GREEN HALO SCHOLARS

The Ministry for Change donated "Kollege Kits" to the 27 graduating Green Halo Scholars on April 29 at their final celebratory meeting. The kits (logoed drawstring backpacks) containing school supplies, health products (Kleenex, cough drops, chap stick), granola bars, microwave popcorn and lots of other small items every new college student needs. Green Halo's mission is to support, mentor, and expand opportunities for first-generation and low-income high-school students in the Western Suburbs of Chicago. This year's students will be attending Northwestern University and the Universities of Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Miami, among other colleges and universities.



If you are interested in helping out with Green Halo, please contact Jane Grimm at jgrimm723@comcast.net.

HANG IN THERE CURRENT EVENTS GROUP

Due to the busyness of May, we will not meet this month. However, we hope you will attend the viewing of the documentary *Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond* on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. This is being offered as part of the Clarendon Hills Public Library and we thank Lucy Tarabour for bringing it to us.

Our next Sunday discussion is on June 1 at 11:15 a.m. in Classroom JK.

We will take summer off and resume on August 24 with our 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month rotation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUATEMALA TRIP 2026

We are planning an outreach trip (Adult Work Tour) to Guatemala in 2026! This trip is open to anyone over age 13.

Dates are yet to be determined & still flexible at this point. We hope to accommodate a timeframe that suits as many people as possible. Are you interested? If so, please contact Trayce Biancalana, traycebiancs@yahoo.com.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN'S YOUTH GROUP WORK TOUR FUNDRAISER



House Shares Redeemer Lutheran Church

May 12th → May 18th 2025

The Country House has teamed up with Redeemer Lutheran Church for one great fundraiser! When you dine at The Country House during the scheduled dates we will donate 15% of your food purchases back to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Promotion valid at Country House Clarendon Hills 241 55th Street 630-325-1444

This paper coupon or a digital version must be presented to ensure donation. Not valid for alcohol. Promotion is valid for **dine in or carry out**, but not delivery. Gift card purchases also qualify. Distribution of coupons on restaurant property is prohibited.



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 info to come!

NEED A MEETING SPACE FOR YOUR AWESOME EVENT?

Contact Adriana, akieffer@uchinsdale.org, to book a space.



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 (h)

Dei Nikoi (s)

Tierra Whetstone-Christian (s)

Ushers – Lavina Gross, Barbara Herber, and Emily Herber

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

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!