

UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Bound for the Kingdom

Lister

WELCOME

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 92:1-2 and 95:1-2*)

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

People: and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

Leader: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,

People: to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before God with thanksgiving and extol God with music and song.

* HYMN # 561

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open to the rhythms of life you offer to us. We let ourselves be put off your pace and allow ourselves to wander off into our own selfishness. Too often the cacophony in the world confuses us. We have led ourselves and others to paths that are not according to your loving pace and direction. Help us pay attention with all of our senses. Make our dancing faithful; help us take the risks that are part of letting you lead. Pull us back into your rhythms. Clean our hearts, purify our hands and steady our feet that we might know and share your blessings. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Flow Gently, Sweet Afton

Alex Weil

Kate Weil

LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Rev. Grant Glowiak

CANTATE!

*Down to the River to Pray
You Are Mine*

Ken Medema
arr. Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 29:1-4, 11

Melissa Mann

UNION BELLS

*Kantad Al Señor
Bells Boogie*

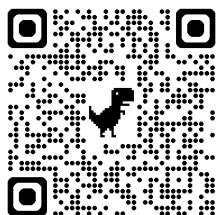
Susan Geschke
James C. Smith

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



Gratitude

WE

*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!



Zelle
(Preferred)

* 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

CHANCEL CHOIR

Let There Be Peace

arr. Craig Courtney

The congregation is invited to sing with choir – Stephen will turn and cue you

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow.

To take each moment & live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, & let it begin with me.

*Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah
Psalm 24*

arr. Heather Sorenson
Craig Courtney

* HYMN (See Screen)

Glorious

* BENEDICTION

REPRISE

FLOWERS – Today's flowers are in loving memory of Bill Keller from his family.

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 (s)

Ushers – Gail Weber, Abby Lombardi, Randy and Christy Weimer

Trap Set – Kalyan Pathak (h)

Guitars – Andrew Sudhibhasilp (h)

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

Bass – Ben Dillinger(h)

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.

We will not have Sunday School today so the children can join in the joy of Music Sunday. However, 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!

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

CAMERATA CHICAGO ORCHESTRA & CHOIR: MOZART'S REQUIEM

TODAY 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!
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! With four wonderful soloists conducted by Maestro Drostan Hall including Robin Wiper, Lauren Decker, Martin Luther Clark and Wm. Clay Thompson, an 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 & Jamie Fellowes.

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

NAMETAGS ARE BACK EN VOGUE!

As fashion always goes, what's old is new again. As we welcome our spring new member class, and our Bridge Pastor, Reverend Timothy C. Rhodes, let's start using our church name tags again so we can all be more intentional about greeting one another by name. The name tags are kept in the desk area of *The Gathering Place*. You're welcome to keep yours there or take it home. If you need a new one, contact Adriana in the office akieffer@uchinsdale.org - she'll be ordering name tags for the newest members soon and can add a replacement for you for \$5.00.

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.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF TODAY'S MUSICIANS!

CHANCEL CHOIR

Sopranos

Dei Nikoi*
Nancy Sullivan
Kathy Eisel Intorcica
Claudia Moffat
Janet Birchenough
Lucy Tarabour

Altos

Tierra Whetstone-Christian*
Kathy Anderson
Connie Riemer
Kate Weil
Julie Moser

* Section Leaders

Tenors

Cole Dziedzic*
David Scott
Andrew Fisher

Basses

Jess Koehn*
John Jacus
Andy Johnson

CANTATE!

Kathy Eisel
Claudia Moffat
Connie Riemer
Lorelei Collins
Kathy Anderson
Lucy Tarabour
Ginger Terlep

WE (WORSHIP ENSEMBLE)

Ollie Townsend - *Keyboard*
Andrew Sudhibhasilp - *Guitar*
Ben Dillinger - *Bass*
Kalyan Pathak - *Percussion*
Dei Nikoi - *Vocals*
Tierra Whetstone - *Vocals*
Cole Dziedzic - *Vocals*
Jess Koehn - *Vocals*
Nancy Sullivan - *Vocals*
Stephen C Edwards - *Vocals*

STRINGS

Sam Battista - *Violin*
Anne Michael Langguth - *Violin*
Istvan Loga - *Viola*
David Sands - *Cello*

UNION BELLS

Elizabeth Jung - *Director*
Leah Tarabour
Heather Hester
Kathy Eisel
Chloe Banda
Diane Oostendorp
Fran Evans
Diana Brann
Connie Riemer
Kathy Anderson
Wendee Greene
Luann Stirek
Becca Anderson
Matt Kilens



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.

