

UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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



Day of Pentecost
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
June 8, 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!



WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Dykes

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, we gather today as the body of Christ, the one united and uniting Church.

People: We gather together in one Spirit - to share in teaching, in prayer, in song, and in fellowship.

Leader: May God pour out the Holy Spirit upon all people gathered here today. May our sons and daughters prophesy.

People: May our young people see visions, and may our elders dream dreams.

Leader: Spirit of the living God, fill this house so that we too may testify to your power in love.

People: Let us worship the living God with joy and thanksgiving!

* HYMN # 263

O Spirit of the Living God

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Thank you, God, for sending your Spirit to empower the first followers of Jesus. Today, we too seek that same encouragement as witnesses to your love. Deliver your Spirit, in this time and place, so that we may worship and serve you with joy. Through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior, Amen.

* RESPONSE # 756

*Glory to God**(Leader sings 1st time through. Congregation joins on 2nd time)****Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!******Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!***

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

PRAYER SONG # 769

*Hear Our Prayer, O God**(Leader sings 1st time through. Congregation joins on 2nd time)****Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;******Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.***

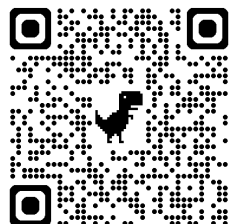
PASTORAL PRAYER, ENDING WITH PRAYER WE LEARNED FROM JESUS

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.

ANTHEM

Holy Spirit Rain Down

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!



MISSION MOMENT

*** HYMN** (*See Next Page*)

Spirit of God

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-8, 12-21

Julie Moser

SERMON

Translating the Holy Spirit

Rev. Grant Glowiak

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

INTRODUCTION

Penny Davey (Moderator)

CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

Grace Jane Carmody

Vivian May Kapcar

Sienna Lynn Pequet

Luke Charles Carmody

Charles Harrison Parwani

Molly Blair Waters

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

Rev. Jonathan Knight

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Leader: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

*** PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES** (*in unison*)

Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, bring them ever closer to you. Increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, & self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ACT OF CONFIRMATION

PRAYER OF CONFIRMATION

Cindy Lonhart

QUESTIONS OF PARTICIPATION

UNION CHURCH COVENANT (*in unison*)

Believing in Jesus Christ as our Redeemer and Lord,
trusting in His revelation of the loving Heavenly Father,
acknowledging our dependence upon the Holy Spirit,
we covenant with each other to worship
and work together as loyal disciples of Jesus,
to live among all people a life of righteousness and love,
and to do all within our power
to promote the reign of God's will in all human relations.

CLOSING PRAYER

WELCOME

*** HYMN**

Little Bit of Love

*** BENEDICTION**

*** REPRISE**

FLOWERS — Today's flowers are given in loving memory of our grandmother and great-grandmother, Jean Harmet.

Spirit of God

D G Em7 A A7 D2

1. Spir - it of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life
 2. Spir - it of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace
 3. Spir - it of God, bright Hands, e - ven in far -
 4. Spir - it of God, bright Flame, send us in your ho -
 5. Spir - it of God in all, we glad - ly hear

F#7 Bm Bm Em Em7 A A7

be - gin, blow as you al - ways do; cre - ate us a -
 and love, heal-ing up - on your wings for all liv - ing
 off lands you hold all the hu - man race in one warm em -
 ly name, the pow - er to heal, to share your love ev - ery -
 your call, the life in our hands that sings, the power of your

F#7 F#7 B7 B7 Em Em7

new. _____
 things. _____
 brace. _____
 where. _____
 wings. _____

Give us the breath to
 For when we live your
 No mat - ter where we
 We can - not fail or
 Born of your grace we

A7 A7 D F#7/A# Bm Bm Em

sing, lift - ed on soar - ing wing,
 peace, cap - tives will find re - lease,
 go, you hold us to - geth - er so, } held in your hands, _____
 fall, or know de - feat at all,
 rise, love shin - ing in our eyes,

Em7 A7 A7 D- G Dsus D

borne on your wings.

Refrain
Descant

Al - le - lu - ia! Come,

D A G D G

Al - le - lu - ia! Come,

1 2

Spir - it, come! come!

A7 Bm Bm D G D

Spir - it, come! come!

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.

Although will not have Sunday School for elementary school children during the summertime, 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!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL PICNIC

TODAY Sunday June 8, 11:15 to 1:30 pm, at Union Church

Join us for our annual All-Church Picnic Potluck!

We can't wait to see you there!

TIM'S TALES

Five-hundred years before Jesus, Heraclitus wrote that
The only thing that endures is change.

During the summer, the 10:00 a.m. worship order will be different. The opening prayer, some of the responses, and the order of worship will change to add a freshness to worship and to prepare the congregation for the next Senior Minister.

We will vary the worship experience through the thoughtful replacement of some traditional practices, the addition of an invocation prayer, and a touch more music. Secondly, as Union Church prepares for their next Senior Minister, we change the worship order so that the incoming pastor can shape the liturgy to their liking without having to reshape "the way we've always done it."

The clergy team, Worship and Music Director, Organist, Director of Christian Education, and other staff examined the history of worship at Union Church, the theology & purpose of worship, and deliberated the best ways to freshen worship at Union Church.



HAPPY PRIDE!

Pride month is underway in June! In 2024 we voted as a congregation to become an Open and Affirming congregation and consider that an important part of who we are here at the Union Church of Hinsdale. Reminders of that welcoming spirit can be found around our building with various symbols and messages, but more importantly in the way we accept and love one another unconditionally.

Below is a reminder of why it was important to take the step in becoming ONA from the UCC denomination:

<https://openandaffirming.org/ona/why/>

'All Are Welcome' Isn't Enough

LGBTQ+ people of faith often experience emotional and spiritual injury in churches that condemn their capacity to love and seek love. Because many have learned the hard way that "All Are Welcome" usually doesn't apply to them, LGBTQ+ folks can't assume that every church will be safe for them and their families.*

A public welcome by an Open and Affirming (ONA) church sends a clear message to LGBTQ+ seekers that they have a home in the United Church of Christ.

The UCC is also offering a Daily Taizé Morning Prayer Mondays through Friday as part of the ONA coalition. To learn more and register, go to the bottom of this page:

<https://openandaffirming.org/resources/worship/>

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VBS MISSION PROJECT

As part of a VBS mission project, the children are collecting toiletries to support HCS Family Services. Families are in need of shampoo/conditioner, bars of soap, toothpaste, deodorant, and disposable razors. The VBS children will package the items for distribution at the food pantry. Please drop off donations in the black bin in the Gathering Place.



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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, Rev. 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.

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.

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!



GET INVOLVED!

Visit the church website, hinsdale.church, and click on the 'Get Involved' tab. There you'll find links to sign-ups for mission/outreach opportunities, Sunday School help, Sunday morning opportunities like greeting, ushering, & scripture reading, and more!

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, the Altar Flower Coordinator, for more information and to reserve a date



ACCESS TO BUILDING CALENDAR

To see a list of building events, please visit our web site and click the events tab. To view the full building calendar, go to the resources tab and click building calendar. You can also find direct links for both in the weekly Wednesday email.

HANG IN THERE CURRENT EVENTS GROUP

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

NEED A MEETING SPACE FOR YOUR AWESOME EVENT?

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

NEED SOMETHING ANNOUNCED IN THE MIDWEEK EMAIL OR ONLINE?

Send any requests to disseminate information to the Union Church congregation to communications@uchinsdale.org. The deadline for newsletter submissions is Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. anything received after the deadline will be placed in the e-blast the following week. This allows the email to be distributed to everyone involved in getting the word out.

Please put "Email Blast" in the subject line. Thanks!

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

Meaningful Questions in Readiness for Our New Senior Minister – Responses from May 17 Discussion

Perhaps you were able to pause and reflect on the following questions over the past couple weeks.

Take a look below for responses captured during the discussion on May 17.

What is Christian Community? What makes us different from other community organizations like the PTO, Rotary, or a country club?

Follow Jesus' teachings, family, called to action, principles, support for all, multi-generational, hierarchy: faithful community-Christian-UCC, safe always- but also challenging!

What does love look like in a Christian Community?

Care, accepting, unconditional, Agape, benefit all, selfless giving, non-judgmental, inclusive, respectful, give back with purpose, walk the talk, grow, share God's creation, discernment vs. critical judgement

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS IN 8 DAYS!!!

What does it mean to be lay led vs. clergy led?

Not always easy to discern!

Lay Led: Partnership, collaborative, funnel down from the members to clergy, church family sets tone for congregation, decision making = congregational

Clergy Led: Spiritual guide, faith forward, decision making = clergy is authority

What does all the above mean for Union Church in the future, say in 2035?

AI sermons!?, in-person vs. virtual, community center/clinic, space sharing with other congregations, evolve dynamically, grow, ADAPT, weeknight service?, inclusive, accepting, interfaith, do less-but do well

What will hold us together?

Longtime friendships, being agile and adaptive, UCC, progressive...looking forward!



STAFF AND WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Bridge Pastor – Timothy C. Rhodes (h)

Associate Pastor – Grant Glowiak (h/t)

Associate Pastor – Robb Knuepfer (h)

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

Ushers – Julie Moser, Melissa Mann, Christy and Randy Weimer

Dir. of Christian Education – Penny Johnson (s)

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

Dir. of Handbells – Elizabeth Jung (s)

Organist – Oliver Townsend (h)

Section Leaders

Jess Koehn (h)

Coleman Dziedzic (h)

Tierra Whetstone-Christian (s)

Trap Set – Kalyan Pathak (h)

Guitar – 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!