

# UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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



## *How Much More?*

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 A.M. Worship Service  
July 27, 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 & 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!***



**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY**

Rev. Robb Knuepfer

**PRELUDE**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Bradbury

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather to recall what living with God teaches us about prayer.

**Many: Prayer is the longing of the heart for Divine connection.**

One: Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given to you."

**Many: As we worship, teach us again what to want and how to hope.**

One: Jesus said, "Seek, and you shall find."

**Many: Guide us again in the search for our best selves, our truest community.**

One: Jesus said, "Knock, and the door will be opened."

**Many: Call on us again to pray with our bodies, our practices, our resources.**

One: Give us courage and persistence to pray, to praise, to proclaim –

**Many: So Divine grace may flourish in our lives and in the lives of all our neighbors.**

**\* HYMN # 407**

*How Firm a Foundation*

**\* INVOCATION PRAYER**

God of Hope, we come this day awakening to your hope. Spread hope through the work of our hands. God of Peace, we have come this day desiring peace in our lives. Spread peace through the labor of our hearts. Help us now, to be compassionate disciples for you and for your world. Amen.

**\* RESPONSE # 756**

*Glory to God*

***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*

***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.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Kody Jeffrey Kirk

Parents: James and Caitlyn Kirk

Sponsors: Bryan Rozum and Emily Rice

**BAPTISMAL HYMN # 325**

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

**ANTHEM**

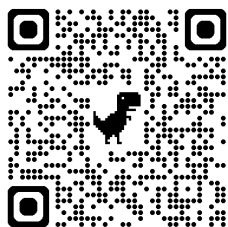
*Better than I*

Cole Dziedzic

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

## OFFERING



### Zelle (preferred)

Please memo designated fund/special offering

*At this time, also please sign  
and 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 # 507

*Jesus–The Very Thought to Me*

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Luke 11:1-13*

Lavina Gross

## SERMON

*How Much More?*

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

### \* HYMN

*Counting Every Blessing*

### \* BENEDICTION

### \* REPRISE

**FLOWERS** - Today's flowers are given in memory of Red & Kay Moffat by Claudia Moffat.

## 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)

Tierra Whetstone-Christian (s)

Ushers – Karen Botsoe, Lavina Gross, Gail Weber

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

## FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

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 we 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. We're glad you're here!

We welcome children and their energy in all aspects of worship! Don't hesitate to ask an usher for help in finding any of these.

## 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

**Kick-Off Sunday**  
& Sunday School starts!  
**Sunday, September 14**  
@ 10:00 a.m.

## 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!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Sunday, August 24**

*Blessing*  
OF  
**BACKPACKS**  
(OR WORK BAG!)

**9:00 a.m.**

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL**  
*Sunday* **10:00 a.m.**

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR SCHOOL COLORS!



**PET**  
*Blessing*

BRING YOUR PET, A PHOTO,  
OR YOUR FAVORITE STUFFED  
ANIMAL TO CHURCH!

**UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31**

**9:00 a.m. + 10:00 a.m.**

BOTH SERVICES WILL BE HELD OUTDOORS

### Fall Children's Chimes

Practice: September 24 & October 1 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Performance: October 5 @ 10:00 a.m.

Open to age 4+, come on by to scheduled practices to give it a try! This is a gentle and safe way for young children to have a first performance experience.

Coming in October 2025!



**BANNED BOOK LIBRARY**

Banned books empower us to reckon with truths that demand our loving accountability.

Free  
Choral Concert

**SOUNDS GOOD!**  
CHOIR

**Summer Rocks '25**

Sounds Good—Chicagoland's largest, no-audition choral program for adults 55+

**Hinsdale Concert | Thursday, July 31 | 7 pm**

Conducted by Jonathan Miller & Daniel Segner  
Accompanied by a live, four-piece band  
The Union Church of Hinsdale  
137 S. Garfield Ave, Hinsdale, IL

#### Repertoire

The Beat Goes On | Homeward Bound | Fun, Fun, Fun  
You've Got a Friend | The Lion Sleeps Tonight  
Here Comes the Sun | Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In

Free concert! All ages welcome; no tickets or reservations needed.  
630.395.9542 | [info@SoundsGoodChoir.org](mailto:info@SoundsGoodChoir.org) | [SoundsGoodChoir.org](http://SoundsGoodChoir.org)

Concert Schedule



NATIONAL  
ENDOWMENT  
for the  
**ARTS**  
— arts.gov

Illinois  
**ARTS**  
Council

This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council through federal funds provided by the National Endowment for the Arts. Sounds Good Choir is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

### Help Us Build a Banned Book Library

Inspired by the service project at the UCC denominational synod, we are building our own banned book library. The library will open in October for "Banned Books Week" and during a month-long study we as a church are planning on intellectual freedom.

We hope you'll consider contributing to the UCH Banned Book Library!

Monetary donation will be accepted to purchase books from local independent bookstores - Scan the QR code to donate!

-or-

Buy your own favorite banned book and bring it to the church offices or on Sunday morning so we can add it to the library



### JULY - SEPTEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

The Worship Ministry is looking for scripture readers and ushers! Please check out the QR code to look for a Sunday that works for you. Questions? Email Randy Weimer at [Randy.weimer@gmail.com](mailto:Randy.weimer@gmail.com).



### JULY - SEPTEMBER GREETING VOLUNTEERS

The Membership ministry is looking for greeters before 10:00 a.m. Sunday services! 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. Check out the QR code to look for a Sunday that works for you.

