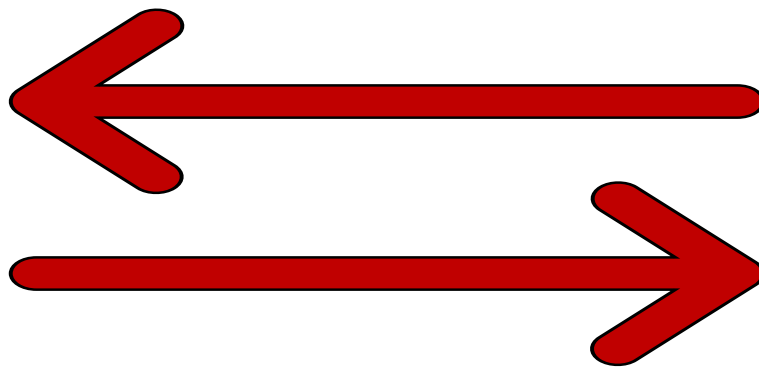


UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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

Pulpit Exchange



Rev. Katie Hines-Shah

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
August 17, 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.

As Union Church, one of our core commitments is:

We know we have power, and we use that power to make the world more like Jesus would want it to be.

You are welcome here!



PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Rev. Grant Glowiak

PRELUDE

Jacob's Ladder

Arr. Baldridge

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

All: and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

One: Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith,

All: let us worship God!

* HYMN

By Faith

* INVOCATION PRAYER

At the starting line of this day, we call on your presence, God of grace. As we run the race you have set before us, keep our eyes on your goals, not our own. When we falter, give us fresh strength and courage. When we are fleet-footed, let us give you the glory. Keep us from wanting to win at another's expense or to count ourselves better than those at our side. Within your Holy Spirit, teach us that all runners are your children. In the race You imagine, each one is a winner. 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.

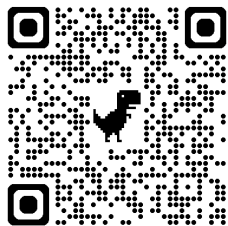
ANTHEM

Simple Gifts

Aaron Copland

Anne Langguth – Violin • Ollie Townsend - Piano

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

Backpack Blessing and School Colors

*** HYMN**

Walk By Faith

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12.49-56

Vicky Hurst

SERMON

What Time Is It?

Rev. Katie Hines-Shah

*** HYMN # 299**

For All the Saints

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

FLOWERS - Today's flowers are from David and Winnie Leathers in loving memory of their son, Zach.

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)

Tierra Whetstone-Christian (s)

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

Organist – Oliver Townsend (h)

Ushers – Vicky Hurst, Maria Coyne, Winnie Leathers, and Vera Shively

Trap Set – Kalyan Pathak (h)

Guitar – Andrew Sudhibhasilp (h)

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

Bass – Ben Dillinger(h)

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.

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.



THE NIGHT MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are looking for a powerful way to make an impact, even with limited time, look no further! Part of the Night Ministry's mission is to provide approximately 150 sack lunches monthly to children and families in need. This is where Union Church can help!

Volunteering less than 2 hours of your time, you can be part of the team that buys, assembles or delivers these lunches, this does not have to be a monthly commitment; sign up for the months that work for you! This is a great family activity for kids of all ages or a way to gather those service hours. Please use the link in the weekly email to sign up or simply join us in the Dining Room on August 17.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HANG IN THERE CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION



11:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.
KITCHEN CLASSROOM



2025	2026
AUG 24	JAN 4
OCT 5	FEB 1
NOV 2	MARCH 1
	APRIL 5
	MAY 3

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ROOT BEER FLOATS!

August 24, 2025, following the 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services

All are invited to join Parish Life for treats on the patio (weather permitting) or in the Gathering Place (inclement weather)!

THE "HANG IN THERE" CURRENT EVENTS GROUP

Sunday, August 24 at 11:15 in the Kitchen Classroom

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. We meet monthly on the first Sunday. Feel free to join us anytime!



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!

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

Blessing

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
9:00 a.m. + 10:00 a.m.

BOTH SERVICES WILL BE HELD OUTDOORS

STEINWAY CONCERT SERIES

Sunday, September 7 at 3:00 in the Sanctuary

The Union Church of Hinsdale's Steinway Concert Series is thrilled to present an exhilarating afternoon of chamber music on **Sunday, September 7 at 3:00 PM** in the beautiful **Sanctuary at the Union Church of Hinsdale**. This performance features a dynamic woodwind quintet made up of extraordinary young professional musicians whose artistry and energy promise a truly virtuosic experience. The program spans a vibrant musical landscape—from the rhythmic vitality of Ligeti to the soulful spirit of Valerie Coleman and the jazzy flair of Lalo Schifrin. Whether you're a seasoned concertgoer or new to classical music, this is a performance not to be missed! We will be receiving a free-will offering to support these amazing artists. This free concert would usually cost about \$50+ per ticket.

UNION CHURCH FANTASY FOOTBALL

This fall, we're introducing a new opportunity for some fellowship and light competition - UCH Fantasy Football.



What makes this league different from other leagues? Instead of a 'buy-in,' when you sign up for this league you are committing to hosting at least one Monday Night Football game for the other players in your league. How you host is up to you. You can go all in and host it at your home with made-from-scratch tailgate fare, or you can just pick the bar everyone meets at. You can even host it at the church and order pizzas if you want! We're going to shoot for 12-team leagues (pending how many people sign up).

If you're interested, follow the link in the weekly email to sign up no later than *Wednesday August 27th*.

Drafts for all leagues (done online, but gathering in person is encouraged) will occur at *7:30 p.m. on Tuesday September 2nd*.



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STEINWAY CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS:

606FIVE WINDS

Sunday, September 7, 3:00 p.m.

FLUTE - KATARINA IGNATOVICH
OBOE - HANNAH FUSCO
CLARINET - EMILY MANHEIMER
HORN - EMILY WHITTAKER
BASSOON - CHRISTINE BREEDEN

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Do not miss the thrilling performance from this incredible quintet. Featuring the works of Dvorak, Schifrin, Ligeti, and more.

*a free-will offering will be received for this concert

UPCOMING EVENTS

BEGINNER MAHJONG NIGHT

Thursday, October 16, 6:00 pm

Have you heard about the 'Mahjong craze'? The Chinese tile game is experiencing a new wave of popularity and we are very lucky to have *The Mahjong Guild* with us for a beginner's night.

Ticket includes all mahjong game pieces, accessories, cards, & teaching supplies. Use the QR code to register!

This is part of our October series on protecting voice where we take a deep dive into intellectual freedom & the faithful work of preserving it as a form of connection & sharing stories. Mahjong has been banned in China at various times.

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesdays, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m., starting Sept. 10, on Zoom

Enjoy friendships, growth and find inspiration each week! We read ~30 pages of a non-fiction book before each meeting! Women of all ages and backgrounds are welcome! Email Suenibeck@comcast.net for info.



RESALE 2025

Union church's Resale has been a tradition for 60+ years! It may have a different look than in the past but its benefits are unchanged. This multi-generational event builds community, creates lasting friendships, helps us recycle our best stuff and allows us to share its benefits. Please join in the fun! Gather, gather & gather!

Goods drop off begins Sept 21 Sale dates Oct 3 & 4

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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!



READYING OUR VOICE

The Power of Voice

This program year will focus on **The Power of Voice**. We begin in September with a sermon series called **Refreshed Journey**. We are **Readying our Voice** by learning how the Bible verses and stories from the lectionary help renew us. This will be a part of our messaging on **Kick-off Sunday, September 14**. Sunday School resumes that day as well. We look forward to embarking on a refreshed journey together as a congregation and celebrating all voices.



AN ADULT ED SERIES

CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS: SANITY IN TIMES OF CONFLICT

SEPTEMBER 14 & 21, 2025

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Rowell Hall

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Union Church is a
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Together we ask
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kindness and
generosity with
all people.

Join us!

Are you frustrated, or disturbed, or just concerned about the divisiveness and conflict in our society today?

We seem to be embroiled in conflict on many topics, whether political, social, economic, and any number of issues. And this level of conflict is deeply affecting our relationships with one another, impacting families and friendships, as well as impacting our institutions, including the church.

We are offering a two-part adult education seminar on "Transformative Conflict" and you're invited to join us!

The workshop will be led by Rev. Dr. Robb Knuepfer. We will work with the book, **"Transforming Conflict," by Terasa Cooley.** Copies of the book are available for purchase in the church office for \$24. They are also available on Amazon.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Adriana Kieffer in the church office so we can plan for attendance and book orders.



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We are an **Open and Affirming** congregation.

PART OF AN ADULT EDUCATION
SERIES AT @UNION CHURCH

CliffsNotes

What does it mean to be UCC?

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

11:15 a.m. in Rowell Hall

What do we believe?

What does it mean to be a part of Union Church of Hinsdale and a part of the United Church of Christ (UCC) denomination?

Come learn more or refresh your memory in a fast track mini-course presented by Rev. Grant Glowiak.

This is meant for current members, as well as those considering joining and wishing to learn more about our church.

It's good for *all of us* to learn more about who we are as a congregation and denomination!

**Save the Dates: Fall New Member Orientation
November 2 and November 5**

Union Church is a *thinking church*.

Together we ask questions and explore the world beyond ourselves.

We aim to grow in kindness and generosity with ***all people***.

Join us.



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This course is adapted from our long-running "Confirmation CliffsNotes" course, and created in collaboration between the Christian Education and Membership Ministries.

Coming in October 2025!

BANNED BOOK LIBRARY

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



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



How is creating a Banned Book Library sacred work for these times?

"In the United Church of Christ, we know that as people called to build a just world for all, we need each other's stories and experiences to live into the fullness of the Body of Christ. We believe that banned books have a special vocation, a particular calling in our faith communities: to help expand and enliven the image of God and empower us to reckon with truths that demand our loving accountability."



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