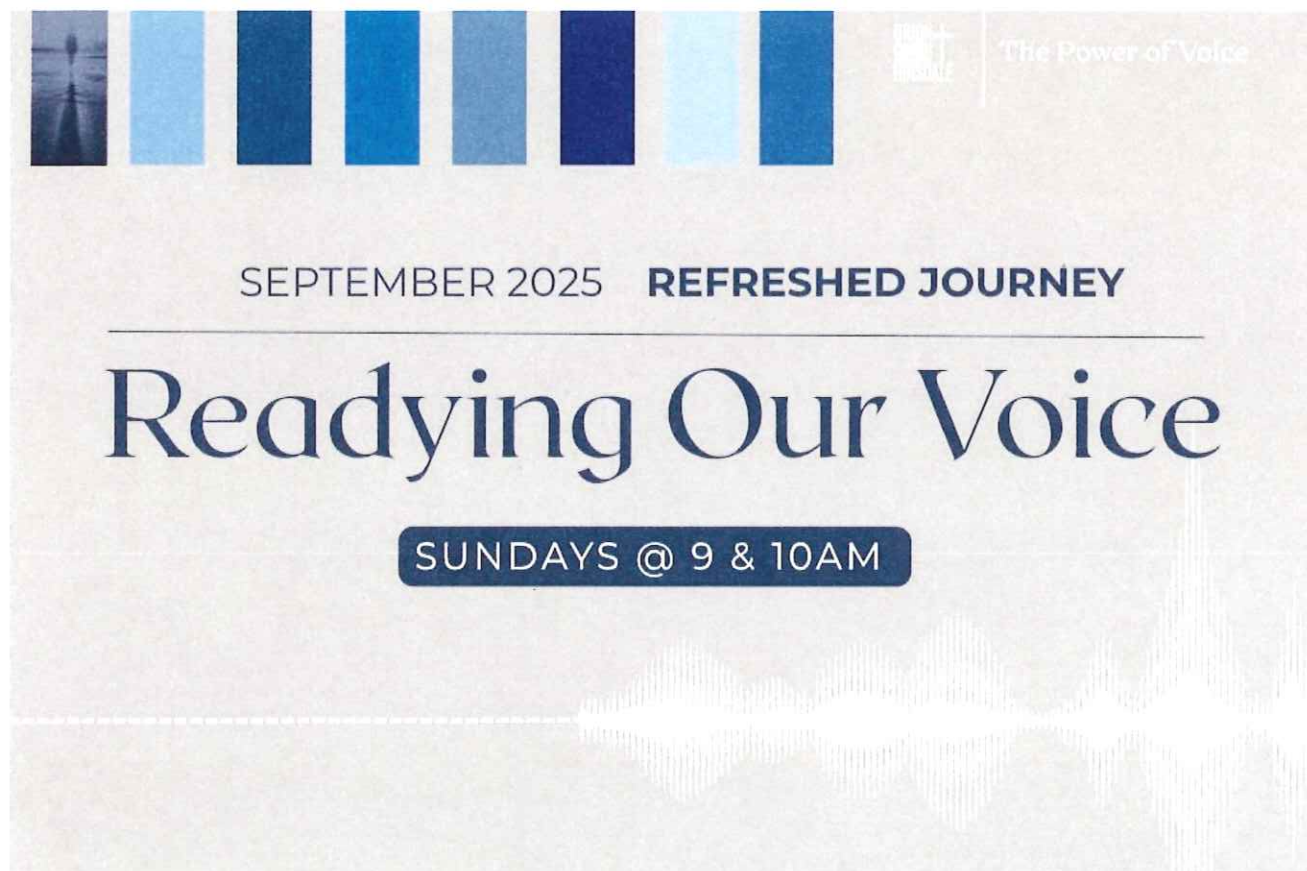


# UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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



## *Seeing Afresh*

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 A.M. Worship Service  
September 28, 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 are a thinking church, so we ask questions  
to discern what really matters in life.***

***You are welcome here!***



PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Rev. Grant Glowiak

PRELUDE

*The King is Coming/We Shall Behold Him*

Gaither

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Creating God, whose hands built the earth, molded our bodies, and sowed the stars across the sky,

**All: we gather in your presence with praise and thanksgiving for all your mighty deeds.**

One: Redeeming God, who liberates our lives for closer relationships and greater purposes,

**All: we gather in your presence with praise and thanksgiving for all your mighty deeds.**

One: Fulfilling God, who joins us with the spirit of the ages and emboldens us to delight in the future,

**All: we gather in your presence with praise and thanksgiving for all your mighty deeds.**

\* HYMN

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*



1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimp-ses of truth Thou hast for me;  
2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voi - ces of truth Thou send - est clear;  
3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev' - ry-where;



Place in my hands the won - der - ful key That shall un - clasp and  
And while the wave - notes fall on my ear, Ev' - ry - thing false will  
O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare Love with Thy chil - dren,



set me free; Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Re - ady, my God, Thy  
dis - ap - pear: Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Re - ady, my God, Thy  
thus to share: Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Re - ady, my God, Thy



will to see; O - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spi - rit di - vine!  
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**\* INVOCATION PRAYER**

Astounding God, we are enwrapped in your goodness and mercy today, we witness your presence among us. By the power of your Holy Spirit, we pray you will open our eyes that we may behold works of righteousness and become laborers in the cause of justice. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may experience your wondrous grace and share that grace beyond ourselves. We pray in hope. Amen

**\* RESPONSE # 793**

*Holy, Holy*

Argentine

*(Leader sings 1<sup>st</sup> time through. Congregation joins on 2<sup>nd</sup> time)*

***Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, God.***

**INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER**

**PRAYER SONG**

*Hear Our Prayer, O God*

*(Leader sings 1<sup>st</sup> time through. Congregation joins on 2<sup>nd</sup> time)*

***O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.***

**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**

*Through Heaven's Eyes*  
Chancel Choir

Schwartz

**CHILDREN DEPART FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Zelle (preferred)**

Please memo designated fund/special offering

**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** *See Screen*

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Luke 16:19-31*

Melissa Mann

**SERMON**

*Seeing Afresh*

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

**\* HYMN**

*Deep Cries Out*

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* REPRISE**

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**FLOWERS** - Today's flowers are given by Judy and Will Cochran.

## CHURCH NEWS

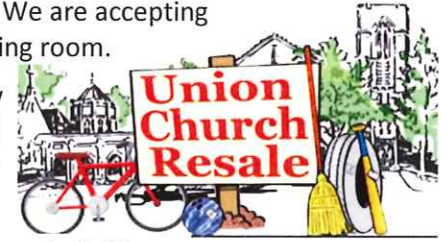
### RESALE DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

[hinsdale.church/resale-2025](https://hinsdale.church/resale-2025)



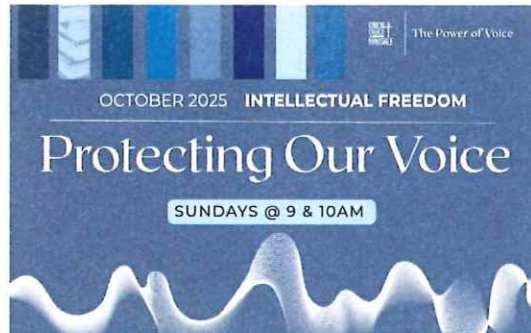
The countdown for Resale is on...and we need donations! Please consider donating any unwanted clothing or houseware items (please no electronics or furniture) to make this year's Resale a success. We are accepting items now through Wednesday, October 1. Please bring your goods to the lower-level dining room.

Volunteers are needed for this all church event! It can't be done without you. Make a new friend and catch up with others while participating in this vital mission. We work hard and have fun doing it! **Volunteer on any or all days between September 28 and October 4 by using the QR code or look for the Resale mailbox in the Gathering Space.**



Shop Resale Friday, October 3 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### **Thru August 2025 Pledges Expected vs Collected**



### PROTECTING OUR VOICE

Our Power of Voice sermon series will focus on Protecting Voice in October. Each week clergy will preach about a different banned book. Our banned book library is opening, we are learning Mahjong, we will all have the opportunity to learn more about Fry Bread and will hear from the American Library Association Center for Intellectual Freedom.

### 2025 PLEDGE UPDATE

As we enter the final quarter of 2025, this is a gentle reminder to please pay your pledge to UCH. We are blessed to have such talented clergy & staff dedicated to the ministry of Union Church. Your payment ensures we can continue to support the UCH daily operations.

### DON'T MISS A THING!

Keep up with all our upcoming events by following us on Facebook & Instagram and subscribing to our weekly newsletter.

Visit [www.hinsdale.church](https://www.hinsdale.church), and click on the 'Connect' button for more info!

### 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)

Manda Gervase (s)

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)

Adam Fane (h)

Jess Koehn (h)

Ushers – Gail Weber, Sharon Bodziak, Penny Davey

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

We welcome children and their energy in all aspects of worship! We're glad you're here!

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 K - 5th grade will begin in the Sanctuary with their families. Later, the children will leave and go upstairs to our Sunday School space, returning before the last song. There is always Sunday School & nursery care for younger children (under 5) in classroom 129 on the lower level during the 10am service. Don't hesitate to ask an usher for help!



## CHURCH EVENTS

### THE "HANG IN THERE" CURRENT EVENTS GROUP

Sunday, October 5, 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 will meet monthly on the first Sunday. Feel free to join us anytime!



### WORSHIP IN THE WOODS

Sundays, October 19 and 26, 9:00 a.m.

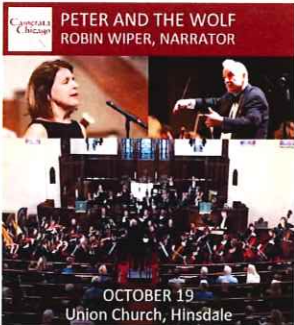
Fresh air & movement are good for us all. Celebrate the changing colors and seasons as we "Worship in the Woods" and take our church service in the form of a 30-minute hike at Fullersburg Woods (flat terrain, ~1/2 mile). Meet near the Nature Center off the main parking lot or at any of the four stops along the way for prayer, reflection, gratitude, wonder and a celebration of the beauty all around us. We step off right at 9:00. All are welcome!

## COMMUNITY PARTNER EVENTS

### INVITATIONS FROM ANDERSON'S BOOKSHOP IN DOWNERS GROVE

Anderson's Bookshop has invited us to be a part of their Banned Book Club held at their Downers Grove location on **Thursday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m.** to talk about our banned book library, the UCC denominational effort to support intellectual freedom, and how sharing stories is a faithful practice. We hope you'll consider attending to represent UCH & enjoy the discussion. The book is *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*. Follow the link in the weekly email as advanced registration is required.

Anderson's is also hosting a Read-in at their Downers Grove store on **Sunday, October 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** to kick off Banned Books Week. Follow the link in the weekly email to sign up and show your support for the freedom to read by reading! Time slots are in 30 min increments so pick 1, pick 3, pick all- whatever works best for your schedule. We hope to be outside so bring a blanket if needed. Share with friends! We will have prizes and giveaways for everyone who participates.



### CAMERATA CHICAGO ORCHESTRA: PETER AND THE WOLF

Sunday, October 19, at 3:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary

Camerata Chicago is thrilled to become Ensemble-in-Residence at Union Church and to present Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev. Narrated by renowned soprano Robin Wiper, this entertaining and engaging family concert will delight you and your children!

Conducted by Maestro Drostan Hall, you will hear Jupiter from *The Planets* by Holst, *Mozart's Horn Concerto* played by Lee Shirer, and Handel's *Let the Bright Seraphim* sung by Robin Wiper.

Use coupon code **UCOH** for a 15% discount using the link in the weekly email.

### EASE ON DOWN THE ROAD WITH THE BOULEVARD OF CHICAGO

Sunday, October 26, at 4:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary

Join us for an evening of music as the Allegrezza Singers present Ease on Down the Road, a special benefit concert for The Boulevard of Chicago!

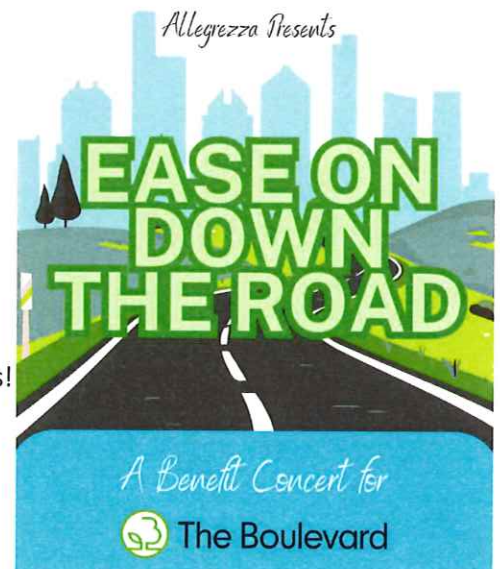
This inspiring performance will not only fill the room with harmony but will also help raise vital support for The Boulevard's mission of providing medical respite care & housing for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Following the concert, guests are invited to enjoy light refreshments & connect with others who share a commitment to community, compassion, and healing. Mark your calendars & bring your friends! Follow the link in the weekly email to purchase tickets!

## 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.







## BANNED BOOK LIBRARY

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



### Union Church of Hinsdale's 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.

**OPEN**

Check out our Banned Book Library in Virginia's Corner on the Third Floor.

Weekdays: 12:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. & Sunday mornings

**Mondays 1:00-2:00 pm. - *Come for a weekly Read-In!***

Wish you had more time to read? Commit to an hour a week to read in community. Put your phones away and join us every Monday from 1:00 - 2:00 pm in Virginia's Corner to read together. Bring your own book, come as you are and enjoy quiet company while you dig into your favorite current book.

### 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."

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



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# WE INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM



## October 13: Join us in The Gathering Place after worship

Enjoy a presentation on fry bread! (Rev. Tim will be talking about the book "*Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story*" in his sermon that morning.)



## Beginner Mahjong Night @ Union Church

Did you know there was a time when Mahjong was banned for being a symbol of capitalist corruption? Learn how to play this Asian game that "creates order out of chaos" from The Mahjong Guild. Mahjong 101 will take place **Thursday, October 16 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place**. Advanced registration is required; space is limited.



## Women Who Are Lit Book Club

The group has selected "*Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books*" by Kristen Miller for their October read. Email Claudine Attenbern for more details on the discussion time if you'd like to join!

## *The Thinking Church: Discussion with Freedom to Read Foundation*

Come for a presentation and Q&A session with, Joyce McIntosh, Assistant Program Director, Freedom to Read Foundation, about the importance of intellectual freedom, how and where it is under attack, and what *you* can do about that. This event will take place **Sunday, October 19 from 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Youth Room**.



**Freedom to Read Foundation**  
FREE PEOPLE READ FREELY

**ALA** American Library Association

*The Freedom to Read Foundation was established in 1969 as a First Amendment legal defense organization affiliated with the American Library Association.*



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# 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!

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**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.*