

UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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A colorful poster for a 'Pet Blessing' event. The top half has a yellow background with a large, stylized illustration of a dog's face on the left. The word 'PET' is in large, bold, black-outlined letters, and 'Blessing' is in a white, cursive script. To the right of 'PET' is a bracketed box containing the text: 'BRING YOUR PET, A PHOTO, OR YOUR FAVORITE STUFFED ANIMAL TO CHURCH!'. The bottom half of the poster has an orange background on the left and a pink background on the right. The text 'SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7' and '9:00 a.m. + 10:00 a.m.' is in white. Below that, it says 'BOTH SERVICES WILL BE HELD OUTDOORS'. In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for 'UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE' with a pink cross.

No Feeding from the Table!

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
September 7, 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 love children and youth, and we seek to raise them with a curious, generous, personal and socially-engaged Christian faith.

You are welcome here!



PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

PRELUDE

I Surrender All

Weeden

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Gaylen Saviano and Anna Hennessey

One: This is the day that God has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: We gather today as brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ.

All: As beloved children of the Divine, we delight in God's glorious creation.

One: On this special day, we celebrate the full spectrum of God's expression in the world,

All: Including our beloved pets, who bring us joy and companionship.

One: So let us worship with hearts full of gratitude and love,

All: For we are heirs of God's glory, together with all creatures great and small.

* HYMN # 31

All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

All things wise and won - der - ful, our dear God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,

God made their glow-ing col - ors, and made their ti - ny wings.
The sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.
The ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.

*** INVOCATION PRAYER**

God of all creation, send forth your Spirit of Love upon all those gathered here this day, human and animal alike. Through companionship may we sense your presence, through patience may we sense your grace, and through communion may we sense your everlasting compassion. 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

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

arr. Schrader

Kate Weil – Solo • Ollie Townsend – Keyboard

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

Green Halo Scholars

Jane Grimm

*** HYMN # 28** See next page

For the Beauty of the Earth

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:15-20

Charlie Parwani

MISSION MOMENT

Hinsdale Humane Society

Morgan Saviano

SERMON

No Feeding from the Table!

Rev. Grant Glowiak

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND BLESSING OF THE PETS

All are welcome at the Communion table. All means all.

For a list of ingredients in our gluten free communion bread, see the photo of the package in the announcements section.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right and our greatest joy.....

* = Those who are able and willing, please stand

* BENEDICTION

* REPRISE

FLOWERS - Today's flowers are from The Hopkins Family in memory of Paul Nelson, their father/grandfather.

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 – Joel Pundmann, Virgil Oostendorp, and Debbie Hopkins

Trap Set – Kalyan Pathak (h)

Pet Blessing Servers – Rose Hennessey and Emily Parwani

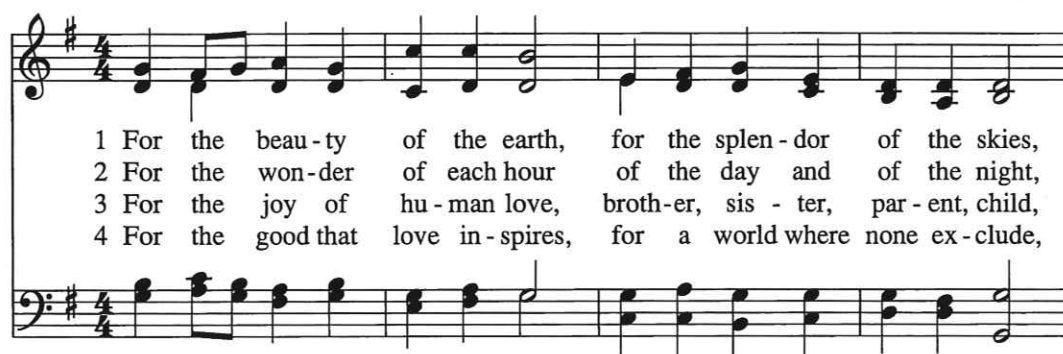
Guitar – Andrew Sudhibhasilp (h)

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

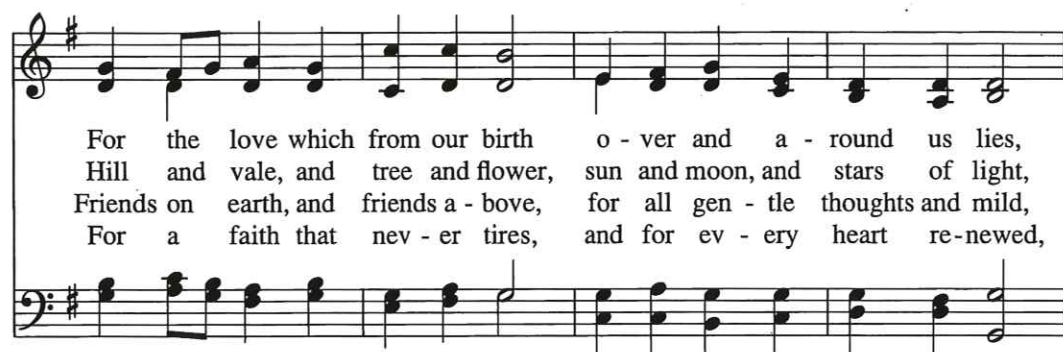
Bass – Ben Dillinger(h)

28 For the Beauty of the Earth

St. 1-3, Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.
St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993

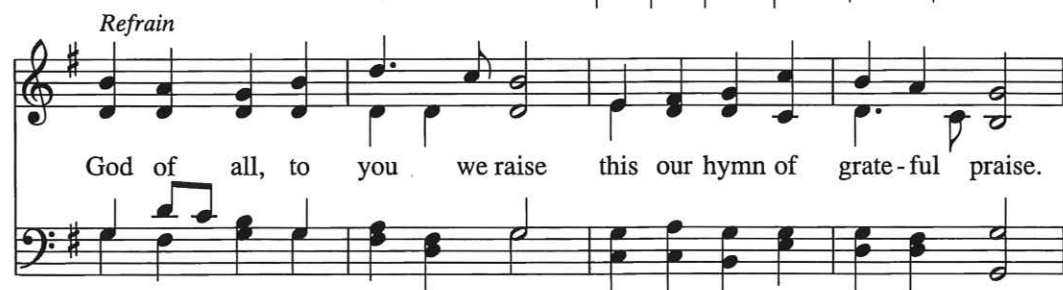


1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,



For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

Refrain



God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Folliott S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

Tune: DIX 7.7.7. with refrain
Conrad Kocher, 1838
Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

**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, and click on the 'Connect' button for more info!

Pets of Union Church

God of All Creatures, we are grateful for our pets, both current and past. *They give us companionship and unconditional devotion. Their spirit and memories bring us joy. Bless them as they have blessed us with their love.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEINWAY CONCERT SERIES

TODAY 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 featuring 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.

MINISTRY FOR CHANGE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday, September 23 at 7 pm in Rowell Hall

Can you spare 90 minutes to volunteer? The Ministry for Change is sponsoring its **second annual mini-career fair** for high school students in the Green Halo Scholars program.

Green Halo Scholars <https://greenhaloscholars.org> was founded in 2017 with a mission to support, mentor, and expand opportunities for motivated and committed first-generation and low-income students in the Western Suburbs of Chicago.

At the mini-career fair, scholars will rotate through interviewers, getting a brief introduction to their career paths. Preparation for volunteers is minimal. **Basically, interviewers sit and answer questions from scholars for an hour and a half about their job, experience and education.** Written guidance is provided on suggested topics for discussion.

We would love to have you join us! We're seeing interviewers in the following fields, but all professions are welcome: Cyber security, FBI/CIA, Medicine, Biology/medical lab sciences/biomedical sciences, Law, Psychiatry/psychology, including forensic/therapy, Product design, Education, Flight/pilot, Nursing, Study of diseases/pathology, Business, Meteorology, Pharmacy, Computer Science, Math, and Photography.

Contact Jane Grimm at jgrimm723@comcast.net or (312) 405-5918 if you are interested in volunteering as an interviewer.

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.

SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Executive Council is pleased to announce the approval of the Senior Minister Search Committee: **Trayce Biancalana, Karen Botsoe, Suresh (Chris) Chacko, Chase Culbertson, Lavina Gross, Jake Haunty, Anne Langguth, Joel Pundmann, JoAnn Roeschlein, and Tom Shively.** This strong team, by gender, generation, length of membership and interests, represents the diverse facets of the membership of Union Church.

This is an exciting time for Union Church! We have a good foundation for continuing to thrive as a strong community of faith into the future. This committee's dedication will help take us there. Our gratitude, prayers and support are with them as they take on their task. The congregation will have the opportunity to formally express our appreciation on **Commissioning Sunday, September 14th** during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.



THE UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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



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

Green Halo
SCHOLARS

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S CHIMES

Children 4 and up are welcome to register and participate for Union Church's Fall Children's chimes! No experience needed!

Practices will be held on Wednesdays, September 24 and October 1 from 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The performance will be on Sunday, October 5 at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Use the QR code to register!



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY REGISTRATION



We welcome children and their energy in all aspects of worship! We're glad you're here! Fall Sunday School registration is now live for the 10:00 a.m. service. For kindergarteners through 5th graders, use the QR code to the left. For children under 5, use the QR code to the right for nursery care. Questions? Email Penny pjohnson@uchinsdale.org.



SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Our Sunday School is a place where children discover God's love through stories and activities. To make this ministry possible, we need caring adults and youth to step in as teachers and helpers. Whether you can give one Sunday a month, a season, or the whole year, we'd love to have you be part of the team. All materials and support are provided—just bring your love for children and your faith to share. If you feel God's nudge to serve, please talk with Penny Johnson after worship or use the QR code.



FOR EVERYBODY

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 Oct 3 & 4



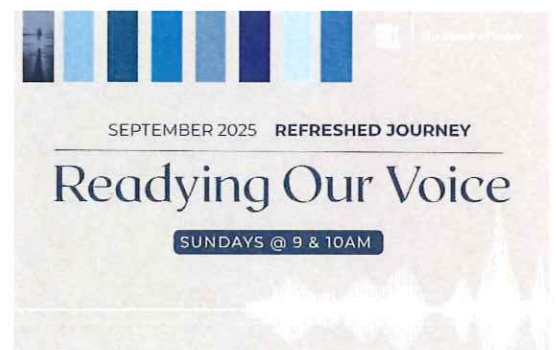
READYING OUR VOICE

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.

DUPAGE PADS

UCH has been working with DuPage PADS for several years and continues to work alongside them providing meals for roughly 200 people and support for various projects. Volunteers shop, cook & serve a meal the 4th Tuesday of every month. A small group of volunteers have been assisting with these tasks for some time, and we would love some additional assistance with any of these tasks. Also, any help with recipes that serve 200 would be well received. See the weekly email for a link to the sign-up. Also, feel free to reach out directly to Jim Roeschlein at Jamesroeschlein411@gmail.com or 640-415-7897.

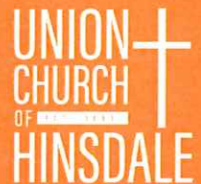


AN ADULT ED SERIES

CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS: SANITY IN TIMES OF CONFLICT

SEPTEMBER 14 & 21, 2025

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



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!

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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GENEROUS. OPEN. CONNECTED.

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