

UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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



Unabashed Gratitude

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 A.M. Worship Service

November 9, 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 believe all people are created in the image of God,
worthy of love and belonging***

You are welcome here!



PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

PRELUDE

Grazioso
Union Bells

arr. S. Drummond Wolff

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We know light, hope, and joy;

All: **We know heart, soul, mind, and body;**

One: We show blessings and fears;

All: **We bring faith and doubt. With all that we are and all that we have, let us worship God.**

--Beth Merrill Neel

* HYMN #26

We Worship You God

* INVOCATION PRAYER

God of grace and God of glory, we are enwrapped in your splendor. Into the swirl of our living we welcome your calm, into the complexity of our relationships we welcome your presence, into the fractures of our world we welcome your forgiveness. Open us in this time to feel your embrace and guide us to be your brightness in the world. Amen

* RESPONSE # 793

Holy, Holy

Argentine

***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

***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 A 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.

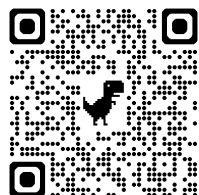
ANTHEM

Capriccio
Union Bells

Kevin McChesney

CHILDREN DEPART FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

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!



Zelle (preferred)

Please memo designated fund/special offering

* = Those who are able and willing, please stand

MISSION MOMENT

Gratitude Video

* HYMN

Gratitude

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 20:27-38

Diane Oostendorp

SERMON

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MOMENT OF REFLECTION

* HYMN

Counting Every Blessing

* BENEDICTION

* REPRISE

FLOWERS - Today's flowers are given by Kim and Mike Kiyosaki in celebration of their three grandchildren.

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)	<u>Section Leaders</u>
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)
	9:00 a.m. Worship Leader – Bree Gordon	Jess Koehn (h)
Ushers –Winnie Leathers, Virgil Oostendorp, Barb Herber, Gail Weber		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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UCECP

UCECP Interim Director Jennifer Hart resigned, effective November 1. We welcome Kimberly Choate as Acting Director. She brings twenty-eight years of experience in early childhood education including a Masters in Education Administration and 10 years as Director of an early childhood center.

SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE

Senior Minister Search Committee members are currently dedicating themselves to important training. This investment is invaluable for a smooth search process. We appreciate each member's dedication. We honor the time that the process takes when individuals with already full lives commit their personal hours and energy on behalf of all of us.

HELPING WITH HOLIDAY UNCERTAINTY

With holidays right around the corner and uncertainty looming for a lot of families we ask - If you have the means and willingness to help "friends" of Union Church provide a Thanksgiving meal or Christmas gifts to their families, please email Adriana Kieffer, akieffer@uchinsdale.org. This will either be a donation of food or money and will be a wonderful gift to a family in need.

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTHS

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. You may drop off children before the service.

Don't hesitate to ask an usher for help!

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!

GENEROSITY CORNER

UNABASHED GRATITUDE

Our Generosity Campaign, ***Unabashed Gratitude***, was kicked off last Sunday by Moderator Penny Davey. As members of Union Church, we are unabashedly grateful for an abundance of joys and for the impact of our many ministries. Over the course of this month, we will take a close look at the valued work of four of our ministries: Parish Life, Buildings & Grounds, Ministry for Change, and Christian Education.

It takes the combined effort of all of us to continue Union Church's vitality and **160-year influence** in our community and the world. Please thoughtfully and generously consider your pledge so we can reach the **\$805,000 goal**. Alternatively, you may set up monthly or quarterly subscriptions for auto pay via Realm or by contacting the church office at (630) 323-4303. Your generous financial support is needed now, more than ever!! Thank you!

Vicky Hurst and Karen Botsoe
Generosity Co-Chairs

ELEANOR'S CHRISTMAS STOCKING DONATION INFORMATION

Please help the Ministry for Change to fill 540 stockings for the students at Graves School in Summit, IL. Please deposit the following items in the designated boxes in the Gathering Place before Sunday, November 30:

- Left-over wrapped Halloween candy
- Children's toothbrushes (must be individually wrapped)
- Travel size toothpaste



Please scan the QR code on the right for our Amazon wish list to purchase. *These items can be shipped directly to the church. Please check the church shipping address when you order.*

HCS TOILET PAPER AND PAPER TOWEL DRIVE

There is a black bin in the Gathering Place available for any toilet paper or paper towel donations. A member of the Ministry for Change will deliver any donations made to HCS for Union Church members' convenience.

RUDOLPH'S BOUTIQUE: NOW COLLECTING TREASURES AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



December 6, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Dining Room

At Rudolph's Boutique, children can shop to find Christmas gifts for their families and friends. We are collecting new and gently used items that will bring a smile to someone's face when a child proudly presents their gift. Collection bins can be found in the Gathering Place outside of the Sanctuary.

Youth helpers: We are also looking for middle schoolers and high schoolers to assist our young shoppers while parents/guardians enjoy coffee and snacks upstairs in the Gathering Place. Adult helpers, we need your help with setup, sorting items, gift wrapping, and checkout. Please scan the QR code on the left for volunteer signups.