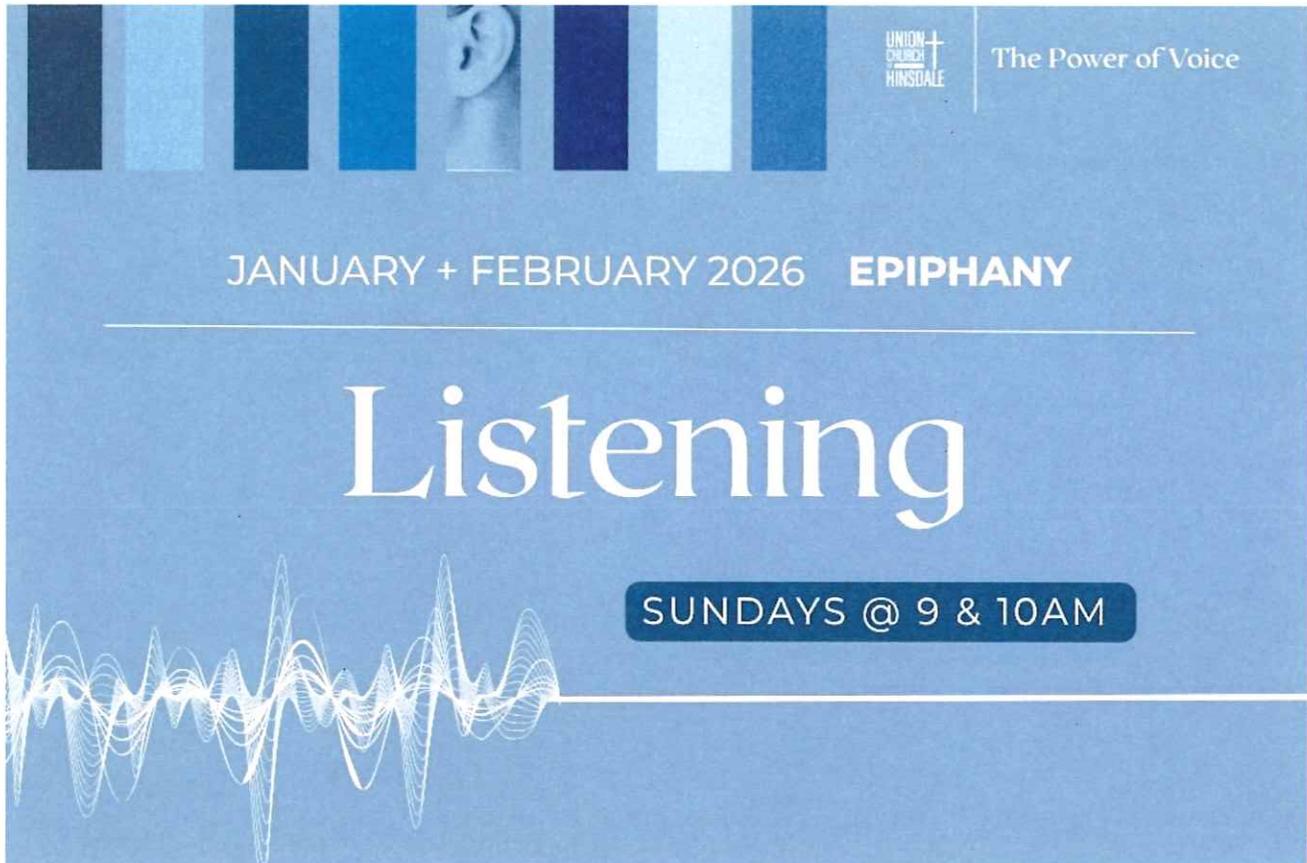


# UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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UNION CHURCH HINSDALE

The Power of Voice

JANUARY + FEBRUARY 2026 EPIPHANY

# Listening

SUNDAYS @ 9 & 10AM

## ***Access for All***

6th Sunday after Epiphany  
10:00 A.M. Worship Service  
February 15, 2026

*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. Dr. Robb Knuepfer

**PRELUDE**

*How Great Thou Art*

arr. Hine

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather in the name of our God.

**All: The Disabled God, the God of Access, the God of Interdependence, the God whose Differences are Holy.**

One: How shall we worship this God?

**All: With sound and with silence, with raised hands and with stillness, with words spoken and unspoken, with deep thought and the inner movements of our souls.**

One: With every limit and ability of our bodies and minds, we will worship God.

**All: Praise be to God.**

**\* HYMN**

*Asher Yatzar*

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Merciful God, we come before you today as people who are worried about those who are oppressed, marginalized, and forgotten. We confess that sometimes we forget about those made in your image. We confess that we do not speak up when people declare who can be the insiders in our church and our community. Forgive us and create in us a way to keep our hearts, minds, and doors wide open with love and understanding. Help us reach out beyond ourselves and learn about the joys of all the communities. Give us the patience to learn that all people have gifts and abilities to share with our community of faith. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: People of God, the grace of the Divine is wide and deep enough for us all. Shed any guilt or shame that holds you back from authentic, loving connections with others. Do not be afraid of your humanity, even when being human means making mistakes. For you are loved more deeply than you can imagine, and there is nothing that can separate you from that love. Amen.

**\* RESPONSE**

*Sing Alleluia to the Lord*

Linda Stassen

***Sing alleluia to the Lord! Sing alleluia to the Lord!  
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia to the Lord***

**INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER**

**PRAYER SONG**

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Taizé

***Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia.***

**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.**

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

Chancel Choir

Carmen Abelson and Anne Langguth – Violins • Wilfred Farquharson – Viola • David Sands – Cello  
 Jeremy McElroy – Organ • Handbells • Ollie Townsend – Piano

CHILDREN DEPART FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 (SEE NEXT PAGE)

*We Are the Body of Christ*

SCRIPTURE READING

*Mark 2:1-12*

SERMON

*Access for All*

Chaplain Antoinette Daniels

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

\* HYMN

*Lean on Me*

\* BENEDICTION

REPRISE

**FLOWERS** - Today's flowers are given by Laura LaPlaca in memory of her mother, JoAnne LaPlaca.

**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)	Adam Fane (h)
Dir. of Music & Worship – Stephen C Edwards (h/t)	Organist – Oliver Townsend (h)	Jess Koehn (h)

Ushers – JoAnn Beck, Vicky Hurst, Heidi Grant, Odin Grant, Karthika Palli

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

**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.

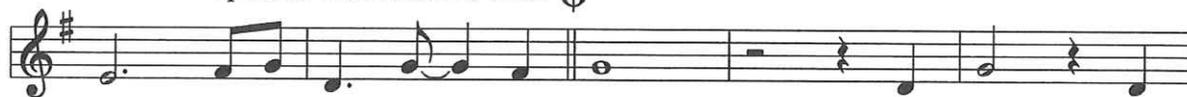
# We Are the Body of Christ

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One heart, one Spir - it, one voice to praise you,

*Optional: Second time to Coda* ⊕



we are the bod - y of Christ. One goal, one



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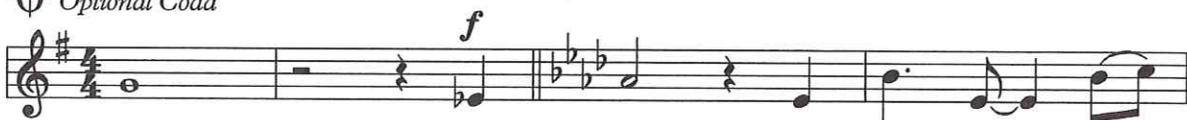


bod - y of Christ. \_\_\_\_\_ And to this we give our



lives to see you glo - ri - fied. \_\_\_\_\_ One

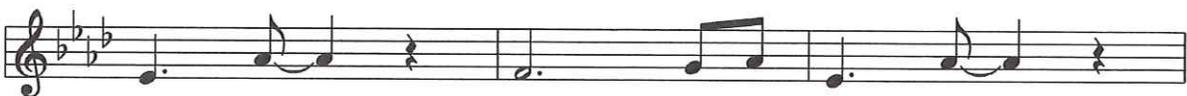
⊕ *Optional Coda*



Christ. One goal, one vi - sion: To



see you ex - alt - ed. We are the



bod - y, we are the bod - y,



we are the bod - y of Christ. \_\_\_\_\_

WORDS: Scott Wesley Brown and David Hampton (1 Cor. 12)  
MUSIC: Scott Wesley Brown and David Hampton

BODY OF CHRIST  
Irregular

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## 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. Don't hesitate to ask an usher for help!

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.

## TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

A graphic for a sandwich-making event. The word "Sandwich" is written in large, green, outlined letters, with "MAKING" in smaller green letters below it. To the right is a stylized illustration of a sandwich with layers of lettuce, tomato, and cheese. Below the title, it says "EVERY 3RD SUNDAY AFTER SERVICE 11:15a.m. - 1:00p.m. DINING ROOM". At the bottom, it says "Service opportunity open to all ages!". Logos for "UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE" and "THE NIGHT MINISTRY" are at the bottom right.

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Join us in supporting  
our mission partner...

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THE NIGHT  
MINISTRY

A graphic for a violin performance. It features a photograph of a violinist, Yi-Jia Susanne Hou, playing. The text "YI-JIA SUSANNE HOU VALENTINE'S ROMANCE" is at the top. The "Camerata Chicago" logo is in the top left. At the bottom, it says "FEBRUARY 15 UNION CHURCH, HINSDALE".

Camerata  
Chicago

YI-JIA SUSANNE HOU  
VALENTINE'S ROMANCE

FEBRUARY 15  
UNION CHURCH, HINSDALE

## BIBLE SUNDAY

February 22, 10:00 a.m. worship

This is a special milestone in a child's spiritual development. The church presents children in 3rd grade and older who have not received a Bible with a Spark NRSV Bible. The NRSV Bible is the same translation as the Bible in our pews, but much easier for your child to understand. This is the Bible we use in Sunday School. During the 10:00 worship service, each child will come forward to receive their Bible. Please contact me at [pjohnson@uchinsdale.org](mailto:pjohnson@uchinsdale.org) if you have a child in 3rd grade or older who has not received a Bible.

## FLOWER DEDICATION OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to sponsor a floral arrangement for a Sunday service in the Sanctuary? The beautiful flowers could be to celebrate an anniversary, birthday, special event, in memory of a loved one, etc. Please contact Gail Weber, the Altar Flower Coordinator, at [gailweb@att.net](mailto:gailweb@att.net) for additional information and to reserve a date for 2026.

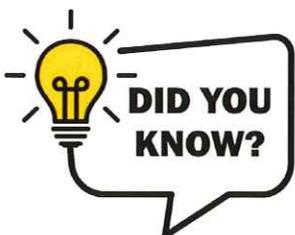


## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Sunday services at Union Church are supported by and rely on volunteers for things to run smoothly. Two of the critical positions requiring volunteers are **scripture readers** and **ushers**. Get more information by reaching out to Randy Weimer at [randy.weimer@gmail.com](mailto:randy.weimer@gmail.com).

## UCH FUN FACTS

We have lighted magnifiers available at the usher stand for people to borrow during the service to better see the bulletin.



# LENT 2026 THE LOST BIBLE

## Learning

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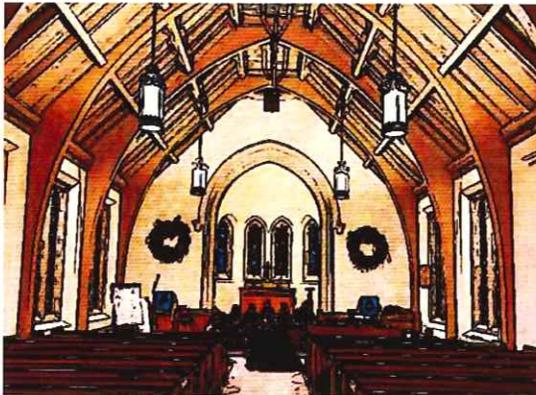
SUNDAYS

9:00 a.m. | Chapel

*Kid-Approved Service*

10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary + Online

*Worship-for-All (optional Sunday School + nursery care available)*



*Worship for the whole family*

### ABOUT THE 9:00 a.m. SERVICE

This kid-approved service is held at **9:00 a.m. in the Chapel**. It's a brief, casual service intended as a first step towards worship for children. We embrace movement, curious little minds, and music at this service.

Wednesdays during Lent  
Feb 25 - March 25

### "Spiritual Light - The Windows of Union Church"

Online reflections on our stained glass windows will be posted on our YouTube by noon on Wednesdays!

## HOLY WEEK

MAR  
29

### Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. | Chapel  
10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary + Online

APR  
3

### Good Friday

Online Reflections (YouTube)

APR  
2

### Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

APR  
4

### Holy Saturday Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 a.m. | Gathering Place

## EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 5, 2026

9:00 a.m.  
Kid-Approved Service  
In the Sanctuary

10:30 a.m.  
Worship-for-All  
Sanctuary + Online

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We are an **Open and affirming** Congregation.



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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# COOKING UP A CAREER

OUTSIDE THE 9-5

SUNDAY | MARCH 15

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

IN THE YOUTH ROOM



## How Julianne started a business at 22...

*After graduating college and working in the restaurant industry, Julianne took a leap and started her own personal chef business at 22. In this talk, she opens up about taking risks, trusting her instincts, and how food became the foundation of her career.*

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

**GENEROUS. OPEN. CONNECTED.**

# Spring and Summer

SAVE THE DATES



MYSTERY DINNER CHURCH EVENT | APRIL 18

MUSIC SUNDAY | MAY 24 @ 10:00 a.m.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JUNE 22-26

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