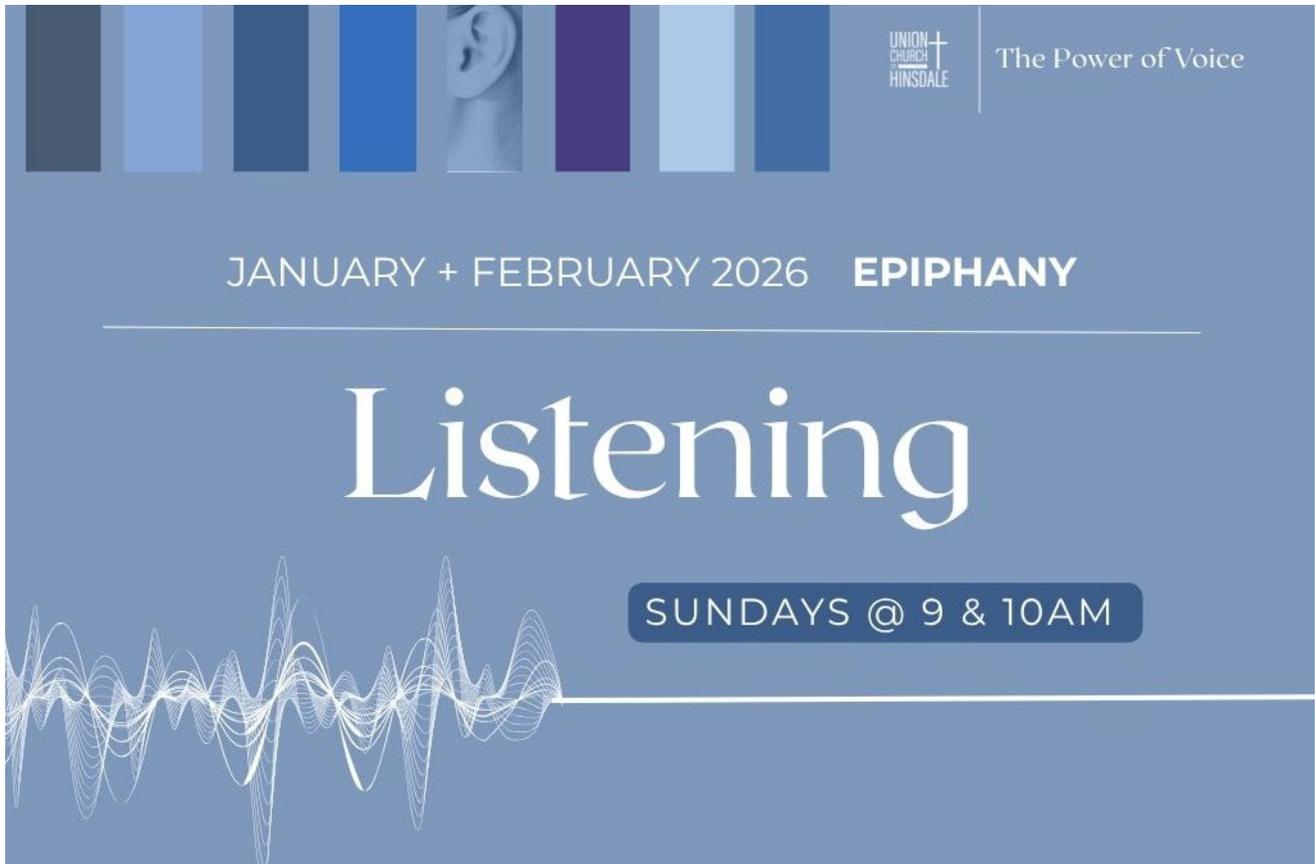


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The Power of Voice

JANUARY + FEBRUARY 2026 EPIPHANY

Listening

SUNDAYS @ 9 & 10AM

A.I.

5th Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
February 8, 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:

God is real, and we deepen our faith by taking the time to get to know God better

You are welcome here!



PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

PRELUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

arr. Johnson

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome, beloved community! Today, we gather as seekers, journeying together on the shared path of life.

All: We come with open hearts, embracing our joys and our struggles.

One: In our imperfections, we find the grace that connects us — each of us a unique expression of the divine, woven together in love.

All: We celebrate our diversity, recognizing that every voice adds richness to our shared song. In this sacred space, we commit to love, justice, and compassion for one another and for the world.

One: As we worship today, let us honor our shared humanity, acknowledging both our strengths and our vulnerabilities. And may we be reminded of our call to lift one another up, and to walk in love alongside all of creation.

All: Together, we seek connection, understanding, and hope. Let us worship in spirit and truth!

* HYMN # 567

Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Gracious Creator, as we gather together, we pause this day to thank you for the gift of life. For the laughter and the tears, the triumphs and the trials that shape us. Help us to embrace our imperfections and to see the divine spark in each person we encounter. May we cultivate hearts of compassion, open to understanding and loving one another deeply. As we seek your presence today, inspire us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly in our lives. Unite us in purpose and vision, so that we may be a reflection of your love in the world. 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.

ANTHEM

Oh I Want to Know You More

Steve Fry

Stephen C Edwards – Tenor • Ollie Townsend - Piano

CHILDREN DEPART FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

* = Those who are able and willing, please stand

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

God of Every Body

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:11-12. 19-21

Julie Moser

SERMON

*Artificial Intelligence and Divine Intelligence
What am I Doing Here?*

Rev. Dr. Robb Knuepfer
Rev. Grat Glowiak

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

* HYMN

All Things Are Possible

* BENEDICTION

REPRISE

FLOWERS - Today's flowers are given by JoAnn Beck in loving memory of her brother, George Buchanan, who passed away on January 19, 2026.

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)

Adam Fane (h)

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

Organist – Oliver Townsend (h)

Jess Koehn (h)

Ushers – JoAnn Beck, Mike Kucera

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)

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.

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.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

TRIVIA MIXER

Thursday, Feb 12, 6 to 8 p.m., Neat Kitchen in Westmont

We'll start AT 6 p.m. so please be on time!
Cost is \$25 & includes food

Join us for a NEW Union Church tradition and have some fun this winter: a Trivia Mixer! Registration is required and space is limited to 50 people.

Call the office to register and you'll be placed on a team! Thank you to the Membership Ministry for putting this together!

CAMERATA CHICAGO ORCHESTRA PRESENTS: VALENTINE'S ROMANCE

Sunday, February 15, 3:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary

Enjoy a romantic evening with the wonderful violinist Yi-Jia Susanne Hou on Valentines Day Weekend serenading you with the Carmen Fantasy by Sarasate, the romance for violin and orchestra by Beethoven and love inspired works by Kreisler. Conducted by Maestro Drostan Hall, Camerata Chicago will also delight you with the celebrated Hungarian Dances by Brahms and the famous Intermezzo from the opera Cavalleria Rusticana by Mascagni.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE NEED YOUR PLEDGES FOR 2026...AND 2025

Life has been busy. We get it! Maybe your "pile of good intentions" has gotten a bit larger than usual. Is your 2026 pledge card still in the pile? Now is a great time to fill it out and turn it in! Make it super easy on yourself and call Ann Gleason (630) 323-4303 ext. 6654. Were you surprised that your recent Giving Statement indicated that your pledge was not completed for 2025? Ann can help with that, too. If it caught you off guard, she can help you spread out payments and make sure everything is in order for your automatic payments for the coming year. We are *all* the church, and all of our financial contributions are needed. Thank you!

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 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.

HOLY WEEK

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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



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



NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14: THE VOICE OF ANTOINETTE DANIELS

Rev. Daniels is a healthcare Chaplain (BCCI – ACC) at the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab in Chicago. A native of Meridian, MS, she grew up in Los Angeles and has traveled the world while working for the Episcopal Church in various capacities. She has earned a B.A. in Psychobiology (UCLA), an MBA (Baruch College, NYC), and an M.Div. (Loyola University, Chicago). She is a member of St. Paul and the Redeemer Episcopal Church in Hyde Park, where she met the Rev. Tim Murray, an Episcopal Deacon, in the parking lot, and they subsequently married in 2021.