

UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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



Table Etiquette

Second Sunday in Lent
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
March 1, 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 find meaning, and ultimately peace, through our Shared commitment for justice and community outreach.

You are welcome here!



GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Rev. Grant Glowiak

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. William Walker

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, give thanks for the holy vine of David, made known to us through Jesus, the child of God.

All: We come to be filled with the life and the knowledge that blossoms in our midst.

One: As grain once scattered upon the mountains was gathered to become one bread,

All: may we, from every corner of the earth, be gathered into the unity of God's love and justice.

One: God gives us spiritual food and drink to nourish our souls for the work of peace.

All: With grateful hearts, we join the feast and dedicate ourselves to a world made whole.

* HYMN #70

God Is Here, as We Your People Meet

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Holy One, Source of all growth, we give thanks that you are the ancient root of our faith made known to us in the life and love of Jesus. Like seeds of grace, gather us now from our many separate paths into one beloved community. Nourish us with your spiritual sustenance, so that we may be strengthened for the work of justice, the practice of peace, and the building of a world where all are welcome at your feast of hope. Amen.

* RESPONSE #756

Glory to God

Jacques Berthier

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, Let all sing praise, let all sing praise!***

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

PRAYER SONG

Hear Our Prayer O Lord

Whelpton

***Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us your peace.***

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

Come to the Water
Chancel Choir

arr. Schrader

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

* = Those who are able and willing, please stand

CHILDREN DEPART FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

* HYMN (SEE NEXT PAGE)

One Bread, One Body

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 11.23-26 & Didache 9

Vivian Kapcar

SERMON

Table Etiquette

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

* COMMUNION HYMN #349

I Come with Joy
(stanzas 1-3)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All are welcome at the Communion table. All means all. Please take a piece of bread and a cup. You may partake of the elements either before or after returning to the pew. Those not coming forward will be served in the pews.

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

At this time, also please sign & pass the Attendance Sheets – they help us care for members & welcome visitors.

Thanks for giving to the life of UCH!

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.....

COMMUNION SONG

All Belong Here
WE

* PRAYER OF GRATITUDE (*in unison*)

We thank you, O God, for giving us your grace through the visible signs of this bread and vine, uniting us with Christ, and helping us become the body of Christ for the world. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall join with all nations and peoples in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

* HYMN

I Refuse

* BENEDICTION

REPRISE

FLOWERS - Today's flowers are given by Kristine and James Lang in loving memory of her daughter and James's sister, Jessica Louise Lang. On March 3rd we honor what would have been her 46th birthday. Jessica passed away in 2003 at the age of 23. She has now been gone for 23 years - as long as she lived.

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.

One bread, one bod-y,

one Lord of all, one cup of

bless - ing which we bless. And we, though

man - y, through-out the earth, We are one

bod - y in this one Lord.

Last time ⊕

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT? NO ORGAN?!

Dear Church Family,

We want to share an important and encouraging update about our beloved pipe organ.

After consultation with our organ specialist, it has become clear that some repairs are needed in the organ chamber to address structural concerns likely caused by past water intrusion and a fire in 2003. While this isn't the most glamorous project, it is an important one. Taking care of it now will help protect the instrument from more serious (and much more costly) damage in the future. Our goal is simple: to preserve and care for this beautiful instrument so it can continue to lead worship for many years to come.

To complete the necessary work safely, pipes from the affected area must be temporarily removed (see pictures). Because of this, the organ will not be used for the next two weeks while repairs are underway.

The good news? Worship will continue to be rich and vibrant! For the next two weeks, we'll enjoy music and hymns led from our beautiful Steinway piano, along with our wonderful praise band, **WE**. We are blessed with incredible musical gifts in this congregation, and this brief season gives us an opportunity to celebrate them in a slightly different way.

Thank you for your continued support of our Music Ministry and for helping us care faithfully for the instruments that help lead our praise. We look forward to hearing the organ again very soon!

Stephen C Edwards

Director of Music and Worship

The Union Church of Hinsdale

EASTER FLOWERS

March 20 order deadline

\$20 per plant

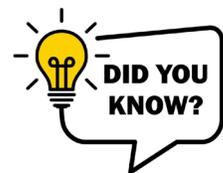
With Easter we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Each year, to add visual joy and beauty to our Easter service, we adorn the sanctuary with Easter flowers. If you would like to purchase an Easter flower to adorn our sanctuary and/or donate a plant in the name of a loved one, see the following.

There will be members of the Worship Ministry in the Gathering Place on March 8 and 15 to take your order. If you are unable to make it in person, you have the option to complete your order online! Please follow the QR code and select 'flowers' from the dropdown menu. In the memo line, please indicate whether the plant is in memory or in honor of, the names (one dedication per plant please), who the plant is given by, and whether you will be donating your flower(s) to homebound members or taking them home after the April 5 Easter service. "



Volunteers are needed to help deliver flowers to our homebound friends. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

UCH FUN FACTS



A building calendar is updated regularly, available on our web site, the weekly e-blast and the monitors as you enter off the 3rd Street parking lot.

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION BREAD INGREDIENTS

INGREDIENTS: Water, Sourdough (rice flour, water), Rice starch, Corn starch, Modified cellulose, Caramelized sugar syrup, Psyllium seed husk, Sunflower oil, Pea protein, Yeast, Millet flour, Citrus fiber, Rice flour, Quinoa flour, Salt, Guar gum, Corn flour, Rice syrup.

May contain: Sesame.

Manufactured by Dr. Schar USA, Inc. 305 Heron Drive Swedesboro, NJ 08085.

SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Senior Minister Search Committee has been hard at work with Rev. Shernell Edney Stillely of the Illinois Conference United Church of Christ over the past several weeks. We have completed the search profile and believe it reflects our church and congregation very well and paints a compelling picture that will draw in top candidates. We plan on finalizing that in early to mid-March and are eager to see the candidates it brings to our doorstep. Please continue to keep the entire committee in your prayers.

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.

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 – Lucy Kapcar and Chris Kapcar

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)

UPCOMING AND ONGOING UCH EVENTS

THE “HANG IN THERE” CURRENT EVENTS GROUP

Today, March 1, 11:15 a.m., in the Kitchen Classroom

MAHJONG

Thursday, March 5, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

SANDWICH MAKING FOR THE NIGHT MINISTRY

Sunday March 15, and every 3rd Sunday, 11:15 a.m., in the Kitchen Classroom



SPIRITUAL LIGHT: REFLECTIONS ON THE WINDOWS AT UNION CHURCH

Wednesdays during Lent

As you prepare for this time of devotion, you may wish to light a candle and pause for a moment of quiet, allowing yourself to enter a spirit of peace and reflection and welcome God’s spiritual light into your life during this sacred season.

Each Wednesday during Lent, we invite you to explore the beauty and meaning of the stained-glass windows at Union Church through a brief YouTube devotion found by using the QR code in each Sunday’s bulletin or through the link sent to your email each Wednesday during Lent at noon.



YOUTH BELL CHOIR

Today, March 1, 10:45 to 11:30

Ready to make some noise?

Students in 6th to 12th grade are invited to join our bell ringing group! Whether you've never touched a bell before or you already love music, you are welcome - no experience required.

Come check it out, try something new, and be part of a group that creates something powerful together.



Interested? Contact Elizabeth Jung, UCH Bell Director, at 630-688-1706 or ejugster88@gmail.com for more information. Don't miss your chance to jump in and ring with us!

VBS: ALL ABOARD! COME RIDE THE PEACE TRAIN

June 22 to 26, 12:45 to 3:00 p.m., at Union Church of Hinsdale

Registration opens TODAY!



Get ready for a week of fun, friendship, and faith at Union Church of Hinsdale's VBS! This year, we're hopping on the Peace Train to explore what it means to live as peacemakers. Each day, kids will:

- Discover inspiring Bible stories
- Learn how God's peace includes everyone
- Practice kindness, courage, and compassion
- Play games, enjoy snacks, and create arts and crafts

From God's promise of peace to sharing it in the world, your child will learn that peace isn't just something we talk about — it's something we live!

MIDNIGHT AT THE MASQUERADE: A MURDER MYSTERY DINNER PARTY – SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 18, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., at Union Church

Join us for an immersive, interactive evening of intrigue where guests become part of the story. Question suspects, gather clues, and work together to solve the crime—before one unsuspecting partygoer is revealed as the killer. Enjoy an elegant cocktail-style dinner reception with curated small plates and themed cocktails.

Masquerade attire encouraged — and don't forget your alibi.



AUTHENTIC WOMEN

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP ON ZOOM

Starting Wednesday, February 25th, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. weekly

We are a friendship group of gals of diverse ages and backgrounds interested in continuing growth in life! We use a non-fiction book as our "springboard" for discussion. We read about 30 pages per week for discussion and employ Jacki Peterson Sluder as our moderator to give structure to the discussion and keep us on subject. We will be reading:

Joyspan: The Art and Science of Thriving in Life's Second Half by Dr. Kerry Burnight

Joyspan reframes aging as a phase of growth and possibility rather than decline, blending medical insight with an optimistic, practical mindset. Dr. Kerry Burnight challenges common myths about getting older while offering compassionate guidance on health, purpose, and joy across later life. It's empowering and hopeful, especially for readers who want to age with intention instead of fear.

MINISTRY PARTNERS



GREEN HALO SCHOLARS TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday, March 5, Imperial Oak Brewing, Check-in at 6:15p.m. Trivia Begins at 7:00 p.m.

One of Ministry for Change's agencies, Green Halo Scholars, is having a Trivia Night! There will be great trivia, pizza from Pizza 750, and plenty of

chances to connect with the Green Halo community and learn more about scholars. Please use the QR code to register.



TROOP 10

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 7, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in the Dining Room

Please join us for an all-you-can-eat breakfast featuring pancakes, sausage, samosas and coffee/juice, all for \$10!

All proceeds go to the troop to support the scouts and their scouting experience. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets in advance.



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.



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.