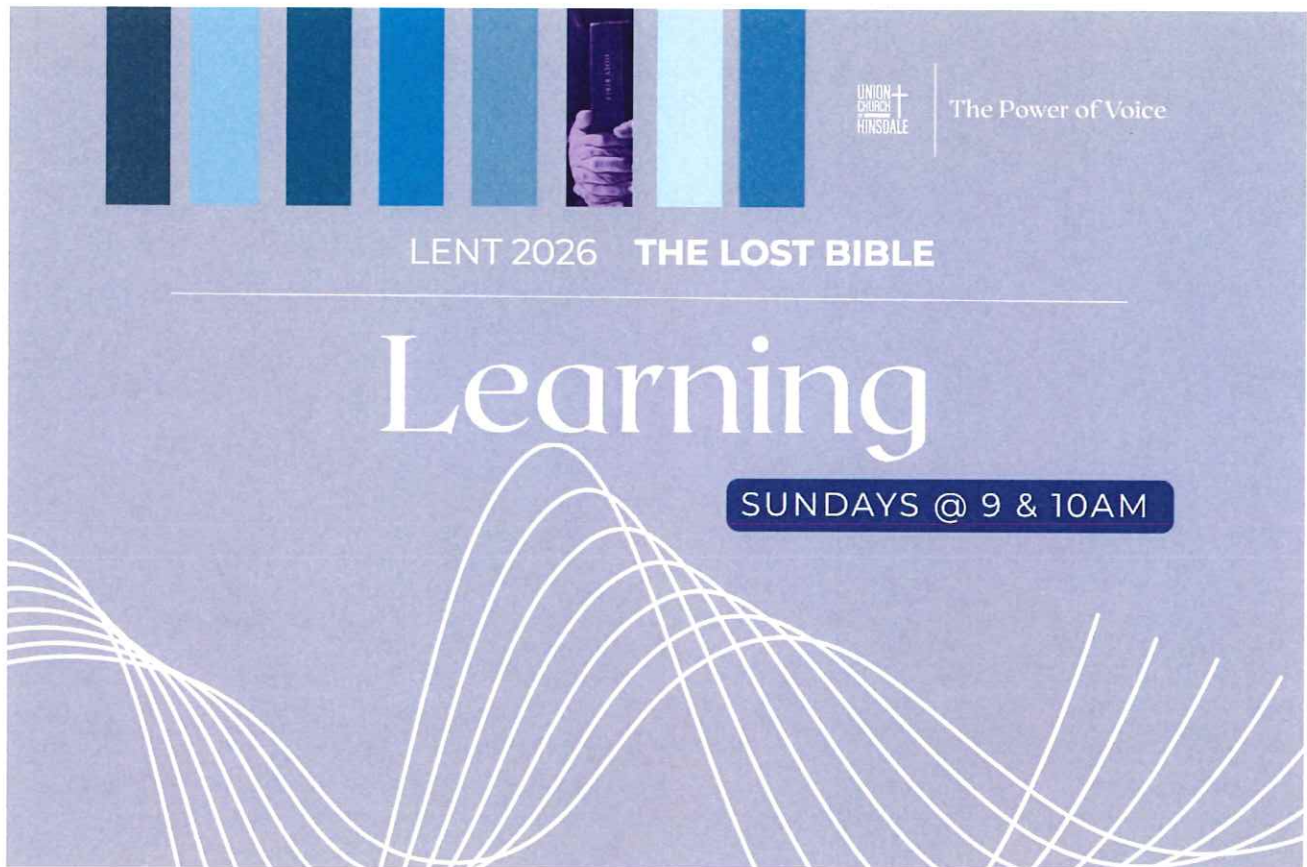


UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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



Souls of the Righteous

Fifth Sunday in Lent
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
March 22, 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!



GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

PRELUDE

The Old Rugged Cross

arr. Bennard

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather this day to worship you, Loving God,
All: To sing hymns to your holy name.
One: In one accord we praise the work of your hands,
All: For you have filled your children with good hope.
One: You, O God, are kind and true, patiently ruling all things in mercy,
All: A helper of your people in all times and places.
One: And so we put our trust in you, O God, for you can do all things.
All: Let us meditate upon your goodness!

INTROIT (*Congregation may be seated*)

Fugue Fantasy
Union Bells

Hal Hopson

* HYMN #21

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

* INVOCATION PRAYER

O God of our ancestors, Lord of mercy, grant us the wisdom that sits by your throne. Send her forth from the holy heavens, that she may labor at our side, and that we may learn what is pleasing to you. Guide us wisely in our actions. Teach us that the righteous must be kind, and reveal to us your immortal spirit, present in all things. 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

Trust and Obey
Union Bells

arr. Michael Helman

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

Masquerade Mystery Dinner

*** HYMN #610**

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory
(stanzas 1 & 3)

SCRIPTURE READING

Book of Wisdom 3:1-4

David Hess

HYMN

John Brown's Body
(same tune and refrain as *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*)

**John Brown's body lies a-moldering in the grave(x3)
His soul is marching on!**

**He's gone to be a soldier in the army of the Lord! (x3)
His soul is marching on!**

Glory, glory...

Glory, glory...

SERMON

Souls of the Righteous

Rev. Grant Glowiak

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

*** HYMN**

Children of Light

*** BENEDICTION**

REPRISE

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

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)

Jess Koehn (h)

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

Organist – Oliver Townsend (h)

Ushers – Randy & Christy Weimer, Tom & Vera Shively

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.

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.

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!

SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING

UCECP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To help provide needy children with a boost on their educational journey, Union Church of Hinsdale has designated the Easter Special Offering to benefit the UCECP Scholarship Fund.

UCECP has educated preschool children since 1955 and helping parents with the financial demands of a quality early childhood education has always been part of the school's mission. Today, you can help educate a needy child by contributing to the UCECP Scholarship Fund.

Please contribute online, via a yellow envelope in worship, or by sending a designated check to the church. All proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund.

Thank you for your generous support.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Senior Minister Search Committee is in the final editing stages of our church profile. All sections are complete, and we are working through final details to ensure accuracy and that it has a clear and concise "voice" that reflects our congregation. A tremendous amount of time has been put in by the entire search committee on this project over the last two months and we are happy to be at this point. We will let the congregation know once it is final and posted. Please continue to keep the entire committee in your prayers.



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.



HAPPENING TODAY



JUNE SCOTT'S TRAVEL TALK: SPOTLIGHT – IRAN

Today, March 22, 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in Rowell Hall

Learn more about the beautiful country, culture and people of Iran from travel enthusiast and beloved member of Union Church, June Scott, who traveled there in 2013.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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 is open!

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!



MINISTRY FOR CHANGE



GREEN HALO SCHOLARS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Ministry for Change's agency, Green Halo Scholars, is looking for mentors for its incoming scholars. More information can be found at <https://greenhaloscholars.org/mentors/> or contact Executive Director, Sara Miller, at sara@greenhaloscholars.org.

Community Connections Tip to Guatemala: In Partnership with Suenos y Esperanzas

Our mission is reducing poverty in Guatemala's Mayan communities through education. Sueños y Esperanzas educates, equips, and empowers Mayan children and youth to build a hopeful future. We help students gain the skills to succeed in school and pursue meaningful careers.

Our Programs:

- Abejitas (Little Bees): Preparing students for middle & high school
- Parenting Program: Supporting families as children stay in school
- We-Connect Computer Program: Weekly tech classes & computer access

Trip Details:

- Trip Dates: Oct 31 – Nov 8
- Optional side trip: Oct 28 – Nov 1
- Cost: \$1,850 (includes food, lodging, in country transportation) plus airfare
- Open to ages 13+
- Activities include Home construction, smokeless stove building, various cultural experiences



DREAMS & HOPES
To educate. To equip. To empower.

Watch the weekly email for details about an informational meeting in May! Questions? Contact Trayce Biancalana — Traycebiancas@yahoo.com.

UCECP

PRESCHOOL PROM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The UCECP is looking for church members to volunteer at the Preschool Prom at the Community House on April 30. This is one of the sweetest nights of the year for the UCECP community and a great way for the church to show our support of the school families by giving them some time to enjoy the event with their children. It is a fun night full of joy. It is wonderful to see the excitement of the children. Teenage helpers are welcome and this can count towards your service hours needed for school activities. If you are available, please consider signing up with the QR code on the left.

COMING IN APRIL



MIDNIGHT AT THE MASQUERADE: A MURDER MYSTERY COCKTAIL PARTY

*Saturday, April 18, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Union Church
Tickets starting at \$45*

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. For more



details and registration, please scan the QR code.

ADULT ED: SOUND BATH

Sunday, April 12, 11:15 to 12:30 p.m., in the Youth Room

A sound bath is an immersive experience where you are "bathed" in sound waves that are produced by various instruments. In a guided meditation, you will have the chance to relax and reset during the spring season of new growth and our April focus on honoring the planet and natural world.

You are welcome to use the youth room sofas, sit in a chair or bring a yoga mat and pillow and spread out on the floor. Please dress comfortably. This unique experience can be enjoyed by adults of all ages.



LENT 2026 THE LOST BIBLE

Learning

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The Power of Voice

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.



Spring and Summer

SAVE THE DATES



MYSTERY DINNER CHURCH EVENT | APRIL 18

MUSIC SUNDAY | MAY 31 @ 10:00 a.m.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 22-26**

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



HINSDALE COMMUNITY **Recycle & Shred Event**

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026 • 9AM-12PM

139 E. FIRST St. • HINSDALE

Redeemer Lutheran Church
(Enter on Blaine St.)



RECYCLE:

Batteries
(Household, see note)
Bicycles
Books
Broken/Used Crayons
Cords & Wires
Eyeglasses/Hearing Aids
Holiday Lights
LP Records
Medical Equipment
(e.g. walkers, canes, transfer boards)
Pet Supplies/Equipment
School Supplies
Used Sheets
Wire Hangers

SHRED:**

Documents
Old tax records
Sensitive records

Note: Eff. 1/1/26, batteries of any kind may not be placed in trash.
Tape the positive end with packing, electrical or duct tape.

** Limit 2 bags/boxes; no commercial shredding.

Shred truck sponsored by
State Sen. Suzy Glowiak Hilton



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