

UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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



Composting in Your Heart

Fourth Sunday of Easter
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
April 26, 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!



GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

PRELUDE

Highland Cathedral
Ollie Townsend - Organ

Callahan

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning, God formed humanity from the dust of the ground, filling our lungs with the breath of life.

All: We remember that God shaped the earth, and all that lives upon it, from the same substance.

One: The Holy One is present to all things: that which flourishes and that which decays.

All: God knows us at our very core: all of our hopes and fears, all of our joy and suffering.

One: So we gather together, to work the soil of our hearts, to gather what is scattered, and to bring new life to all of creation.

All: Let us worship the Lord, our Creator and Sustainer, who forms us from the earth, heals all our wounds, and makes all things new. Amen.

* HYMN #21

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Loving Creator, draw near to us this day. Fill this place with divine hope, for we seek to be the fertile soil in which your seeds of justice and mercy take root. May our time together in worship serve as holy ground, so that our hearts may grow in your love. We offer ourselves, the dust of the earth and the breath of life together as one, to you, O God. Amen.

* RESPONSE #756

Glory to God

Jacques Berthier

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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

I Thank My God
Chancel Choir

J. Aaron McDermid

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	<i>The Earth Is Yours</i>	
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Hebrews 12:11-13</i>	Vicky Hurst
SERMON	<i>Composting in Your Heart</i>	Rev. Grant Glowiak

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

* HYMN *Beautiful Things*

* BENEDICTION

REPRISE

* = Those who are able and willing, please stand

Today's flowers were given by Elaine Cue in loving memory of Fred Cue.

Last week's flowers were given by Laurie McMahon in memory of her husband, Bob McMahon.

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)	Jess Koehn (h)
Dir. of Music & Worship – Stephen C Edwards (h/t)	Organist – Oliver Townsend (h)	Macy Danenhower(s)

Ushers – Michael Kucera, Vicky Hurst, Penny Davey, Barbara Herber

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.

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!

HAPPENING TODAY

UCC 101

After worship in Rowell Hall

What do we believe?

What does it mean to be a part of Union Church of Hinsdale and a part of the United Church of Christ (UCC) Denomination?

Come learn more in a fast track as presented by Rev. Grant Glowiak.

This is a collaboration between the Christian Education and Membership Ministries meant for current members, as well as those considering joining and wishing to learn more about our church. This is a repeat presentation from last fall with some new information sprinkled in.

It's good for all of us to learn more about who we are as a congregation and denomination!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT OUR UPCOMING BIRTHDAY?



This October will mark 160 years since our beloved community was officially recognized as the Congregational Union Church of Hinsdale! That is a lot of legacy to celebrate! Mark your calendars for an all church celebration lunch following worship on October 25th.

You are invited to start the festivities now by sharing what you celebrate and wishes you have for our church on cards that you will find in the Gathering Place. Drop them in the birthday box you will find there. In coming weeks and months, Penny Davey will take photos of everyone during coffee hour to display on the large bulletin board to celebrate our church family. Have any photos of church events and members from past decades? Add them to our celebration board!

Also, we ask all who can to give a birthday gift to our church of \$160 for 160 years. Scan the QR code on the left to give online or bring/send a check to the church. Many thanks!

SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Senior Minister Search Committee has finalized its full senior minister profile, and the profile is live on the UCC site! In addition to that, we have reached out to local churches/community connections as well as divinity schools across the country, so we provide ourselves the best opportunity to find ideal candidates. We are hopeful the candidate pipeline starts to flow soon, and we can begin fielding resumes and holding interviews. We will continue to update the congregation, including an in-person update soon at an upcoming 10am service, and please continue to keep the entire committee in your prayers.

A WONDERFUL EVENING OF FUN

The stage was set. Rowell Hall had been transformed into a large room in a mansion where mischief was afoot. The guests arrived in costumes and masks, not quite knowing what mystery might unfold. With outstanding performances by many great actors in our midst and keen detective work of all, it was an evening of much fun and frivolity!

Many thanks to Jenni Mushynski and Vicky Hurst for their creative chairing of Midnight at the Masquerade and to Resale for sponsoring the event! Check out photos from the evening on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: BE A FRIENDLY VOICE AND A HELPFUL PRESENCE

Our church office is often the first point of contact for those seeking connection - and we'd love your help! Volunteers are needed to answer phones, assist with small tasks, and offer warm welcome to callers and visitors. Serving in the office is a wonderful behind-the-scenes way to support our church community. Flexible schedules and lots of gratitude included.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Adriana by email, akieffer@uchinsdale.org, or by phone, 630-590-6689.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We're getting ready for an exciting week of Vacation Bible School, and we're looking for youth helpers to be part of the fun!

If you're in middle school or high school, this is a great opportunity to serve, build leadership skills, earn service hours, and make a meaningful impact in the lives of younger children. Youth helpers play an important role—assisting with activities, shepherding groups, helping with crafts and games, and bringing great energy to the week. If you are interested in being part of the week, please sign up using the QR code on the left. **Training is on Sunday, May 17, from 11:15 to 12:30 p.m. in the Kitchen Classroom.**

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!



MUSICAL EVENTS AT UCH

CAMERATA CHICAGO ORCHESTRA

Saturday, May 2, at 3:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary

Enjoy a fabulous spring day filled with Mozart! Evren Ozel, a winner of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition performs Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20 in D Minor K. 466 on the fabulous Steinway piano at Union Church with Camerata Chicago.

Conducted by Maestro Drostan Hall, Orchestra-in-Residence Camerata Chicago also plays Mozart's Prague Symphony No. 38 and two Lyric Pieces by Grieg including "Evening in the Mountains".

Use coupon code UCOH for a 15% DISCOUNT. Discount is only available when purchasing your tickets online.



AND SO IT GOES: A NOSTALGIC NIGHT WITH ALLEGREZZA

Sunday, May 3, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary



Cruise back in time with the unforgettable sounds of Billy Joel, The Beatles, Joni Mitchell, and Bob Dylan—brought to life in stunning harmony.

From the heartfelt beauty of And So It Goes to the timeless charm of Blackbird and Yesterday, along with a couple of your favorite country hits, this concert is packed with melodies that will move your soul and stay with you long after the final note.

A little vintage flair. A lot of musical magic.

Tickets are \$45.00 for General Admission, \$25.00 for student tickets. (ID Required for student tickets). You can purchase tickets online & in person at the door. We accept cash, credit & check.

UPCOMING IN MAY

'HANG IN THERE' CURRENT EVENTS GROUP

Sunday, May 3, 11:15 to 12:30 p.m., in the Kitchen Classroom



HANG IN THERE
CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION

 **11:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.**
KITCHEN CLASSROOM

SANDWICH MAKING FOR THE NIGHT MINISTRY

Sunday, May 17, 11:15, in the Dining Room



Sandwich
MAKING

EVERY
3RD SUNDAY
AFTER
SERVICE
11:15a.m. - 1:00p.m.
DINING ROOM

Service opportunity
open to all ages!

Join us in supporting
our mission partner...

UNION CHURCH
HINSDALE | NIGHT MINISTRY



You're Invited!

NEW MEMBER
INFORMATION SESSIONS

SPRING 2026

UNION CHURCH
OF HINSDALE

Sunday, May 3 @ 11:15 a.m. (In-Person in Rowell Hall)
and/or
Wednesday, May 6 @ 7:00 p.m. (ZOOM)

Questions/RSVP to
Joel Pundmann, joelpundmann@gmail.com
or Tom Shively, tom.shively@sbcglobal.net



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



Blessing
OF
BICYCLES

(AND STROLLERS,
SCOOTERS,
SKATES...ANYTHING
THAT ROLLS!)

SUNDAY, MAY 31 @ 9:00a.m.

Ride to church and have your wheels blessed for a
summer of safety! May the road rise to meet you!

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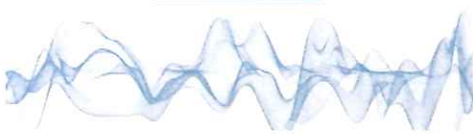
MAY SERMON SERIES



MAY 2026 MUSIC OF THE AGES

Celebrating Our Voice

SUNDAYS @ 9 & 10AM



Looking ahead to May where we continue our yearlong focus on the Power of Voice and "Celebrate Our Voice" in our sermon series. This month will be a joyful and informative exploration of music with each week focused on a different period. We will learn how music reflects the theology of that time. We can't wait!

- May 3: Gregorian Chant through Reformation hymns
- May 10: The Beauty of God through Women's Eyes, women composers of the Romantic era to the 1900's
- May 17: Revival and Renewal, 1900's - 1970's
- May 24: The Sound of Now, Contemporary Worship, 1970's - present

Culminating in a very special, May 31: Music Sunday!

Illuminare

UCH Music Ministry
Presents

MUSIC SUNDAY

Chancel Choir, Union Bells,
WE, Duplette, and Chamber Orchestra

May 31, 2026

10:00 a.m.

The Union Church of
Hinsdale Sanctuary
137 S Garfield
Hinsdale, IL 60521



BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment.

Care for the poor.

Forgive often.

Reject racism.

Fight for the powerless.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

Embrace diversity.

Love God.

Enjoy this life.