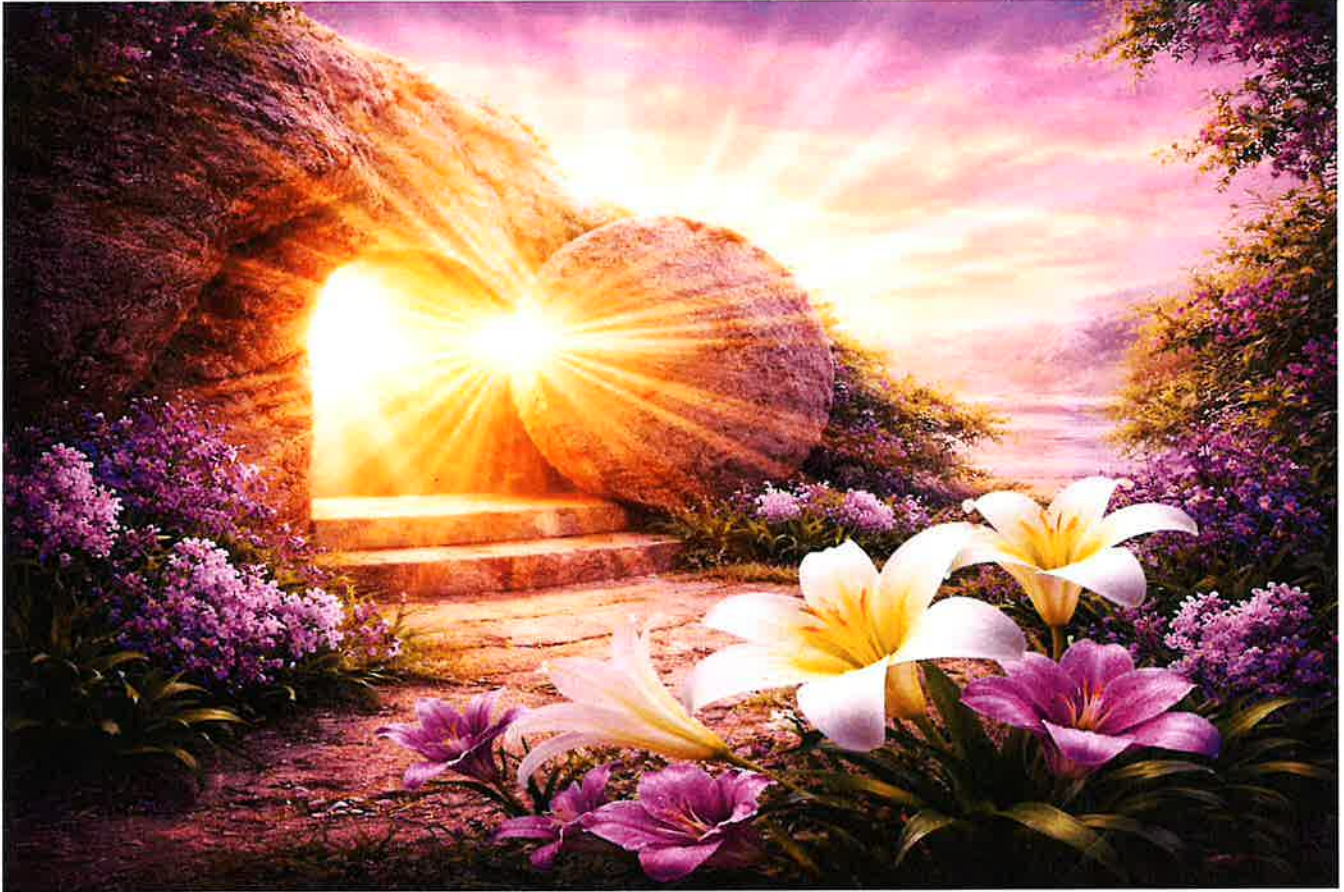


UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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



Relentless Resurrection

Easter Sunday
10:30 A.M. Worship Service
April 5, 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 love children and youth, and we seek to raise them with curious, generous, personal and socially engaging Christian faith.

You are welcome here!



GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

PRELUDE

Fanfare and Flourishes

Carlisle Sharpe

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

One: Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

One: Easter people, raise your voice! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

* HYMN #233

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Robb Knuepfer

How awesome are your ways, O God! With thanksgiving, we offer praise for the work you brought in Christ. In gladness, we thank you for granting us a sacred life and we bless you for raising us in and with Jesus Christ. With voices united around the world we proclaim that Christ the Lord is Risen and we lift not only our voices, but our lives. To your glory we pray, Alleluia! 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

Rev. Grant Glowiak

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

Crown Him!

arr. Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir

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

UCECP Scholarship Fund

* = Those who are able and willing, please stand

*** HYMN #245**

The Day of Resurrection

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

Michael Kucera

SERMON

Relentless Resurrection

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

***HYMN #198**

Lift High the Cross

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 MUSIC

Ollie Townsend

*** 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 (SEE NEXT PAGE)**

O God Beyond All Praising

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Thine Is the Glory

arr. Lloyd Larson

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!

There is no Sunday school for children k through 5th grade today. 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.

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

Gustav Holst, 1874-1934
Descant by Robert A. Hobby

Michael Perry



1. O God, be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship You to - day
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
that we who know Your fa - vor may serve you as we sing



for and we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be fill'd with good or ill,



at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore You and wait up - on Your Word, we
to mar - vel at Your beau - ty and glo - ry in Your ways, and

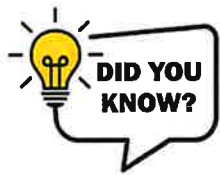


hon - or and a - dore You, our great and might - y Lord.
make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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UCH FUN FACTS

- In 1890, a pipe organ was purchased, and an organist and organ pumper were hired
- In 1902, the current bells in the bell tower were donated
- At the end of 1935, \$6.00 was left in the UCH treasury

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.

SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE

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.

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)

Macy Danenhower(s)

Erica Bough and Dakarai Barclay – Trumpet • Fiona Chisolm – Horn
Noah Ochander – Trombone • Castin York - Tuba • Alex Chao - Timpani

Ushers – Emily and Barbara Herber, Diane Kurtz, Gail Weber, Barbara Parsons

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

SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING

UCECP SCHOLARSHIP FUND



To help provide children in need 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. Helping parents with the financial demands of a quality early childhood education has always been central to the school's mission. Today, you can help support young learners and relieve the financial burden for their families by contributing to the scholarship fund.

All proceeds will directly benefit the UCECP Scholarship Fund. You may contribute online by using the QR code on the right, use a yellow envelope during worship or send a check designated for the "UCECP Scholarship Fund" to the church office.

Thank you for your generous support of our community's children.



ONGOING UCH EVENTS

MAHJONG

Thursday, April 9, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in Rowell Hall

THE "HANG IN THERE GROUP

Sunday, April 19, 11:15 to 12:30 p.m., in JK.

SANDWICH MAKING FOR THE NIGHT MINISTRY

Sunday April 19, and every 3rd Sunday, 11:15 a.m., in the Kitchen Classroom

UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS

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.



WORSHIP IN THE WOODS

Sundays, April 12 and 19, 9:00 a.m., at Fullersburg Woods

Fresh air and movement are good for us all. Celebrate the changing colors and seasons as we “Worship in the Woods” and take our church service in the form of a 30-minute hike at Fullersburg Woods (flat terrain, roughly 1/2 mile). Meet near the Nature Center off the main parking lot or at any of the four stops along the way for prayer, reflection, gratitude, wonder and a celebration of the beauty all around us. We step off right at 9:00. All are welcome!



Midnight AT THE Masquerade



A MURDER MYSTERY COCKTAIL PARTY

April 18, 2026 | 6:30-9:30 p.m. | Rowell Hall

Join us for an immersive, interactive evening of intrigue where guests become part of the story. Enjoy an elegant cocktail-style dinner reception with curated small plates and themed cocktails.

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



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April 10



Flower Dedications

In loving memory of...	Given by...
Mary and Bernard Berg	The Carlton Berg Family
Ruth and Cecil Scarratt	The Carlton Berg Family
Bo Bodziak	Sharon Bodziak
Matthew Derrington	Andi and Dan Derrington
Mandy and Tom Derrington	Andi and Dan Derrington
Merilyn and Lowell Frame	Andi and Dan Derrington
Thelma and Jerry Stergios	Andi and Dan Derrington
Tom and Sis Erdmann	The Erdmann Family
Dave and Chris Hood	The Erdmann Family
My parents, Frank and Cornelia Allgire	Fran Evans
Steve Glowiak	Grant, Anna and Alan Glowiak
Louisette Leibenguth	Herber Family
Riley and Jane McGirk	The Hurst and McGirk Families
Alan and Joan Hurst	The Hurst and Glowiak Families
Edward and Frances Forsek	The Jung-Hester and O'Hare Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren
Bernard and Margaret Oostendorp	The Jung-Hester-and O'Hare Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren
Gaylen Klein	Matt Klein and Family
Dave and Darlene Wodrich	Cindy and James Klima
Pat and Elmer Klima	Cindy and James Klima
Duanne and Leroy Ott	Anne Langguth and Michael Ott
My parents, Ruth Melissa and Robert Dean Barnes	Melissa Barnes Mann
My sister, Ann Barnes Wilkinson	Melissa Barnes Mann
My husband, Bob McMahon	Laurie McMahon and Family
Arlene Niemi	Barbara Parsons
Cynthia Ellis	Barbara Parsons
Tina's Parents, Les and Theo Nelson	Tina and Tony Porterfield
Tony's Parents, Hank and Ellen Porterfield	Tony and Tina Porterfield
My beloved husband, Bob Reiland	Ann Reiland
Gramma Ruby	Riemer Family
Matt Derrington	The Jay and Joel Riemer Families
Loved Ones	The Riemer Family
Lowell and Merilynn Frame John and Marie Riemer	Riemer Family
Mykola and Maria Konyk	Rich, Danielle and Haley Tuck
Donald and Edith Tuck	Rich, Danielle and Haley Tuck
John and Mary Coughlin	Rich, Danielle and Haley Tuck

In honor of...	Given by...
Vivi	Grant, Anna and Alan Glowiak
Our Loved Ones	The David Hess Family
My Granddaughter, Samantha Rose Timson	Melissa Barnes Mann
The Amazing UCH Staff	Ann Reiland

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



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

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!



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