

UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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



Hope Renewed

Third Sunday of Easter
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
April 19, 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. Grant Glowiak

PRELUDE

Bells Jubilee
Union Bells

E. Lorenz

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come together with anxious hearts, wondering if the stories of hope are true.
All: Along life's winding road, the Risen Christ meets us in our doubt and our longing.
One: Let our eyes be opened by the risen Christ.
All: Our hearts burn within us as we awaken to renewed hope and a living faith.
One: Let us embrace new hope and sing praise to God.
All: With renewal we unite on a hope-filled journey.

*** HYMN #575**

O for a World

*** INVOCATION PRAYER**

Living God, we gather today on our own Emmaus roads, sometimes weary and often searching for a sign of your presence. When our vision is clouded by the shadows of the world, walk alongside us in our journey. Open our minds to your ways and our hearts to the strangers among us, that our spirits might catch fire with renewed hope. In sharing our lives, reveal yourself to us anew, that we may walk forward with courage and joy. 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

As the Deer
Union Bells

arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

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

160th Anniversary

Penny Davey

*** HYMN #539**

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-25

Diane Oostendorp

SERMON

Hope Renewed

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

*** HYMN**

Praise

*** BENEDICTION**

REPRISE

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

Today's flowers are given by

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)

Macy Danenhower(s)

Ushers –

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!

HAPPENING TODAY

'HANG IN THERE' CURRENT EVENTS GROUP

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

SANDWICH MAKING FOR THE NIGHT MINISTRY

Today, April 19, 11:15 to 12:30 p.m., in the Dining Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

160 YEARS AND WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED!

On October 16, it will be 160 years since our beloved community was officially recognized as the Congregational Union Church of Hinsdale.

What is your birthday wish for our church? You're invited to share it with the congregation by writing your wish on a card, and dropping it in the box by the Gathering Place bulletin board. We'll collect and share these over the next few months leading up to a birthday celebration on October 25.

And what's a birthday without presents?

As you may know, we rely on a significant biennial fundraiser to make our budget whole. We can close this year's gap if we can each honor UCH with a birthday gift of \$160 for 160 years. You'll be hearing more about our upcoming birthday celebration in the coming weeks and months. In the meantime, please prayerfully consider making this gift to help us kick off the next 160 years!

MARCH MADNESS WINNER!

Congratulations to this year's Union Church of Hinsdale March Madness Bracket Pool winner Sam Scaletta! Sam went 12/16, 5/8, 3/4, and then correctly selected Michigan as the winner of the national championship! Not too shabby!

Sam has elected to split the pot, with \$300 going to the UCECP Scholarship fund and \$300 going to the Common Purse, for a new record of \$600 donated!

Thank you to everyone who participated and donated! May the odds be ever in your favor!

ORCHESTRA IN RESIDENCE

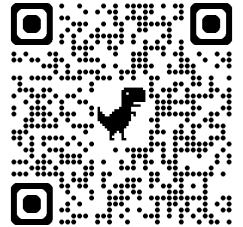
CAMERATA CHICAGO ORCHESTRA

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.



SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS

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!

ALL
Church
PICNIC

SUNDAY, JUNE 7