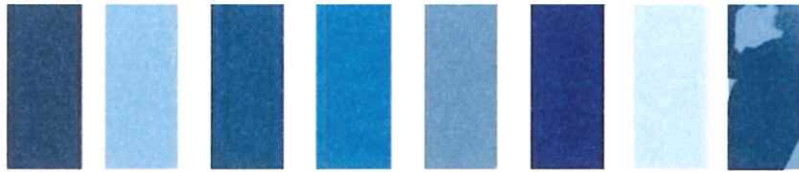


UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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The Power of Voice

MAY 2026 MUSIC OF THE AGES

Celebrating Our Voice

SUNDAY @ 9:10 A.M.



Dance with Fire

Pentecost

10:00 A.M. Worship Service

May 24, 2026

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 strive to live lives of love for God and all people.***

You are welcome here!



GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Rev. Dr Robert C. Knuepfer

PRELUDE

Open the Eyes of My Heart
WE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Look! Tongues of flame dance among us and rest upon each one.

All: **We are ignited by the fire of divine love!**

One: This fire does not consume; it warms, cleanses, and empowers.

All: **Let us to dance with God's Holy fire of justice.**

One: Let us join the wild, Holy dance of Pentecost!

All: **We worship in Spirit and in truth! Alleluia!**

* HYMN

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
Awesome God

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Holy Wildfire of God, you do not wait for us to be ready. You rush in like a violent wind, shaking our comfortable spaces and blowing away our fear. Ignite our hearts this day. Teach us to dance with your fire—a fire that does not consume—a fire that empowers. Speak through our diverse voices and melt the walls that divide us. Sweep us into your sacred movement for justice, healing, and peace. Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Amen.

* RESPONSE

Halle, halle, halle - lujah
Halle, halle, halle – lujah! Halle, halle, halle – lujah!
Halle, halle, halle – lujah! Halle, halle, halle – lujah!! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

PRAYER SONG

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying Medema
Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying. Send love, send us power, send us grace.

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

Shout to the Lord Darlene Zschech
Chancel Choir and WE

Zelle (preferred)
Please memo designated fund/special offering

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>Holy Spirit Rain Down</i>	
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Acts 2:1-13</i>	Penny Davey
SERMON	<i>Dance with Fire</i>	Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

* HYMN *Glorious*

* BENEDICTION

REPRISE

* = Those who are able and willing, please stand

Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Andy Scott from his wife June Scott and family.
Last week's flowers were given in loving memory of Bill Keller from his family.

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 Danenhowers(s)

Ushers – Randy Weimer, Christy Weimer, Penny Davey, Maria Coyne

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

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Church welcomes 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 children in kindergarten through 5th grade, Sunday School will resume in the fall. There is always Sunday School & nursery care for younger children (under 5) in classroom 129 on the lower level.

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.

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!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

EXCITING SCHEDULE CHANGE! SAME DAY, NEW TIME

Sunday, June 7, One service at 9:30 a.m., in the Sanctuary

When Jesus expressed his hope “that they all may be one” (*John 17:20*), perhaps he was talking about this year’s All-Church Picnic. To include as much of our church family as possible, on **Sunday, June 7** we will be **combining** the 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services into **one service** beginning at **9:30 a.m.** in the Sanctuary, with the All-Church Picnic immediately following. With both a baptism and communion that Sunday, we are particularly excited to use this opportunity as a hands-on learning experience, for both the ‘older crowd’ from the 10:00 am and the ‘younger crowd’ from the 9:00 am.

We hope to see you there!

IN MAY

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

Sunday, May 31, after the 9:00 a.m. worship service

Ride to church and have your wheels blessed for a summer of safety! May the road rise to meet you! Rev. Grant will lead the blessing immediately following the 9:00 am service (about 9:30 am). Please park your wheels under the archway in the Courtyard/Close. Hope to see you there!

MUSIC SUNDAY: ILLUMINARE (SEE FLYER)

Sunday, May 31, 10:00 a.m. worship service

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS: LAST CALL! COME RIDE THE PEACE TRAIN – REGISTRATION CLOSING!

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

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

Thursday, June 18, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Union Church of Hinsdale.

Green Halo is looking for presenters to lead 40-minute breakout sessions on topics related to career development for young adults, particularly those who can share knowledge they wish they had when they were entering adulthood and the workforce. Breakout session topics include:

- Networking and professional communication
- Financial literacy and understanding benefits packages
- Navigating professional spaces as a first-generation student and professional
- Career pathways and industry insights
- The “hidden rules” of the workplace and professional etiquette

If you’re interested in presenting — or know someone who would, please each out to Sara Miller at sara@greenhaloscholars.org to learn more. They also need volunteers to help with resume reviews, mock interviews, traffic flow, etc.



HCS FAMILY SERVICES: GROCERY BAG DONATIONS

HCS is looking for paper grocery bag donations only. They are no longer collecting plastic grocery bags. Paper bags (with or without handles) can be left in the black bin on the lower level next to the north entrance door.



HCS family services
EMPOWERING FAMILIES. CHANGING LIVES.
TOGETHER WE THRIVE.

RESALE

RESALE 2026 IS BACK THIS FALL!



hinsdale.church/resale-2025

Cleaning closets, organizing the family room, or sorting outgrown kid's items this summer? Save your gently used treasures for Resale!

Donations begin September 20
Sale dates are October 2 and 3

UPCOMING IN JUNE

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC! SAME DAY NEW TIME

We would love for you to join us at the Annual All-Church Picnic on Sunday, June 7, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. The Parish Life Team will be serving hot dogs, chicken, and drinks. Church members are invited to bring salads, sides, and desserts potluck-style. There will be a prize for the best homemade salad and dessert.



REOCCURRING SUMMER EVENTS

SUMMER MAHJONG

Come join us on the first and third Thursday in June and August and the Second and fourth Thursday in July! All Mahjong nights will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Rowell Hall. Registration for each date you can make it is greatly appreciated. Please sign up using the QR code on the right.



Join us for a fun and relaxing time!



HANG IN THERE
CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION

🕒 11:15 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
KITCHEN CLASSROOM

📅 2026
JUNE 14
JULY 12
AUGUST 2

UNION CHURCH
HINSDALE

Sandwich
MAKING

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

6/21
7/19

Service opportunity open to
all ages and family stages!

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MINISTRY

Music - The Sound of Now - 1970-present

“Open the Eyes of My Heart” was written by Paul Baloche in 1997. Baloche is a contemporary worship leader and songwriter associated with the Vineyard movement, a stream of evangelical charismatic Christianity that shaped much of modern praise-and-worship music. Paul Baloche has shared that the song was directly inspired by Ephesians 1:18: “I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened...” The song essentially musicalizes that prayer. The repeated refrain—“Open the eyes of my heart, Lord / I want to see You”—is a devotional paraphrase of Paul’s desire for believers to gain spiritual perception of God’s presence and glory.

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” was written by Rick Founds in 1989. He was a worship leader at Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa in California, a church influential in the Jesus Movement and contemporary worship music. The Jesus Movement was a late-1960s to 1970s revival movement in which many young countercultural Americans embraced evangelical Christianity, blending traditional faith with contemporary music, informal worship, and a focus on personal relationship with Jesus. Founds has explained that the song came from a desire to summarize the gospel message in a simple, singable way for congregational worship.

“Awesome God” was written by Rich Mullins in 1988. Mullins was a highly respected Christian singer-songwriter known for blending deep theological reflection, poetic lyricism, and humility—often resisting the commercialization of Christian music. Interestingly, “Awesome God” emerged almost spontaneously. Mullins has said he wrote it very quickly—on the back of a piece of paper during a flight (or shortly after stepping off a plane)—almost as a burst of creative inspiration. It was written as a spontaneous, biblically grounded reflection on God’s power, mystery, and love, aiming to restore a sense of awe and reverence often missing in modern worship language.

“Shout to the Lord” was written by Darlene Zschech in 1993. She was a worship pastor at Hillsong Church in Sydney, Australia, which became one of the most influential centers of contemporary worship music worldwide. Darlene has shared that the song was born out of a deeply personal season of spiritual reflection, especially focused on God’s faithfulness and majesty. “Shout to the Lord” endures because it combines personal devotion, biblical imagery, strong melody, and the global reach of Hillsong, creating a song that feels both intimate and expansive—equally at home in a quiet prayer moment or a stadium full of worshipers.

“Holy Spirit Rain Down” was written by Russell Fragar in the early 1990s. He was part of the Hills Christian Life Centre (now Hillsong Church) in Australia, serving as a worship leader and songwriter alongside figures like Darlene Zschech. This piece is a worshipful prayer for spiritual renewal, shaped by biblical rain imagery and charismatic theology, expressing a deep longing for the Spirit’s active, transforming presence in both individuals and gathered communities.

“Glorious” was written by Martha Munizzi. It gained wide recognition through her 2003 album *The Best Is Yet to Come*, becoming a staple in both gospel and contemporary worship circles. It was written as a biblically rooted, gospel-infused call to joyful, communal praise, inspired by the Psalms and the celebratory tradition of the church, encouraging believers to actively “make His (God’s) praise glorious” through collective energy and worship.

Illuminare

UCH Music Ministry
Presents

MUSIC SUNDAY

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

May 31, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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



HELP US CELEBRATE OUR 160TH BIRTHDAY!

1 Write down your wishes for Union Church and/or what you celebrate about Union Church on the cards in the Gathering Place and put them in the Birthday Box.

2 Make a gift of \$160 (or whatever you can afford) to Union Church by check or using the QR codes shown here!

3 Plan to join us on Sunday, October 25 for a birthday celebration!

Thank you!

