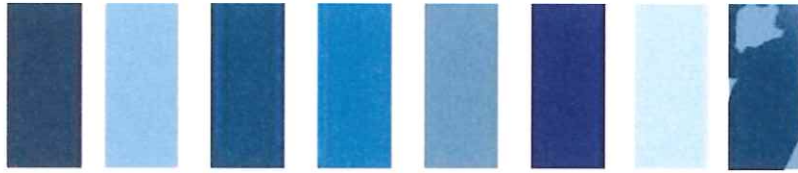


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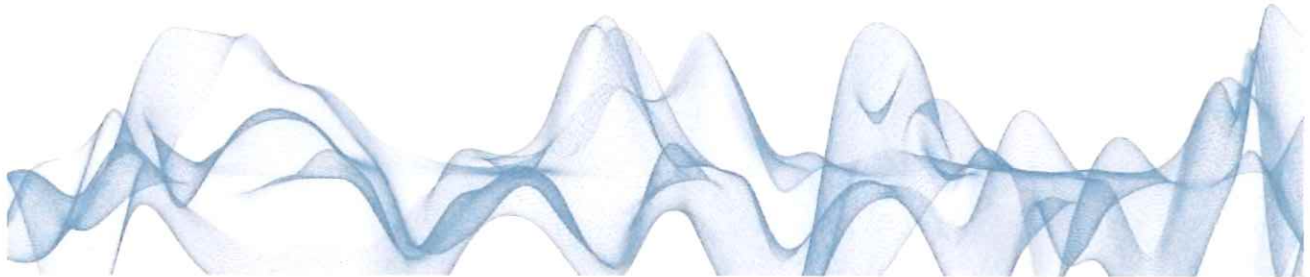
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The Power of Voice

MAY 2026 MUSIC OF THE AGES

Celebrating Our Voice

SUNDAYS @ 9 & 10AM



Do Not Be Afraid

Fifth Sunday of Easter
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
May 3, 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 aim to grow in kindness and generosity
with all people.***

You are welcome here!



GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

PRELUDE

Toccata in D Minor
Ollie Townsend - Organ

J.S. Bach (composed around 1704)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In every age, the Holy One speaks—beyond time, beyond name, beyond our imagining.

All: **We come to listen for the Living Word, dwelling among us and within us.**

One: Jesus says, “Do you not believe that I am in God, and God is in me?”

All: **We trust that the Holy Mystery is present—working through voices, bodies, and song.**

One: Gathered as a priestly people, we lift scripture, prayer, and music as our offering.

All: **We worship the Transcendent God, whose love resounds through generations.**

INTROIT

Ubi Caritas attributed to Paulinus of Aquileia (796)

*** HYMN #7**

All People that on Earth Do Dwell Louis Bourgeois (1561)

*** INVOCATION PRAYER**

Holy One, already present among us, you meet us before we speak your name or lift our song.
Ground us in your living Word, spoken long ago and still breathing through scripture, sound, and silence.
Draw us into your holy dwelling, that we may see and serve through your love. Receive the worship we offer together—voices, bodies, and histories joined in praise. Amen

*** RESPONSE #756**

Alle, Alle, Alle - luia
Alle, Alle, Alle – luia! Alle, Alle, Alle – luia!
Alle, Alle, Alle – luia! Alle, Alle, Alle – luia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

O bone Jesu Palestrina (1588)
Chancel Choir

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 #375** *Christ Jesus Please Be By Our Side* Cantionale sacrum (Gotha, 1651)
Arr. J.S. Bach (1708)

SCRIPTURE READING *John 14:1-14* Maria Coyne

SERMON *Do Not Be Afraid* Rev. Dr. Robb Knuepfer

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

* **COMMUNION HYMN #349** *I Come with Joy*
(stanzas 1-3)

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.

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

* **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 #439** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Martin Luther (1527 or 1529)

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* Mason

Leading us into next week with a tune from 1828 and text written in 1782

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

Today's flowers are given in loving memory of our grandmother and great-grandmother, Jean Harmet.

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 – Vicky Hurst, JoAnn Beck

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)

THE POWER OF VOICE: MUSIC OF THE AGES

Tocatta in D Minor – J.S. Bach

Tocatta and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565 was likely composed **around 1704–1708**, during his early years as a young organist, probably in **Arnstadt**. It was written to showcase the dramatic power and expressive possibilities of the organ, functioning as a bold, improvisatory prelude that reflects the North German organ tradition Bach was absorbing and mastering.

Ubi Caritas

The text is traditionally attributed to Paulinus of Aquileia (c. 726–804), a theologian, poet, and patriarch in northern Italy. Paulinus likely composed or adapted the text for use at the Synod of Cividale (796) - although his authorship is not absolutely certain.

*Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be glad in that love. Let us fear and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Where charity and love are, God is there.
When therefore we are gathered into one let us beware lest we be divided in mind.
Let evil quarrels cease; let strife come to an end.
And in our midst be Christ God. Where charity and love are, God is there.
Together with the blessed may we also see your face in glory, O Christ God;
joy that is immeasurable and pure, through the endless ages of ages. Amen.*

All People that on Earth Do Dwell - Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561)

tune is "Old Hundredth", came into English use in 1561 with Kethe's paraphrase of Psalm 100

O bone Jesu – Palestrina

O bone Jesu was published under Palestrina's name in 1588, when Palestrina was at the height of his late style. Musicological research shows that Marc'Antonio Ingegneri (ca. 1535–1592), choirmaster at Cremona Cathedral, published a 4-voice motet on this text in 1588 (and possibly the real composer of the piece). The focus of the piece is creation, redemption, mercy, and redemption. The text's theology aligns with the Council of Trent's renewal of textual clarity and doctrinal focus—exactly the context in which Palestrina was composing his most influential sacred works.

*O good Jesus, have mercy on us,
because you created us;
you have redeemed us
with your most precious blood.*

Christ Jesus, Please Be By Our Side – Cationale sacrum (Gotha, 1651)

From the Cationale sacrum (Gotha, 1651), which refers to a major 17th-century Lutheran sacred song collection (a chorale book) produced in the German city of Gotha, an important center of Protestant church reform, education, and music in the mid-1600s. It was arranged by J.S. Bach in 1708, although the hymn was written in 1648.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God— Luther

Speculation was Martin Luther wrote this in 1527 when his friend was burned at the stake or in 1529 when the Lutheran German princes protested the revocation of their liberties.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds by Mason

The text "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was written earlier, in 1782, by John Fawcett. The tune DENNIS was later paired with Fawcett's text and popularized in the United States.

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.

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!

HAPPENING TODAY

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.

'HANG IN THERE' CURRENT EVENTS GROUP

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATE ON UCECI "BEFORE WE GET TO MARS" PROJECT

The UCECI (Union Church Early Childhood Initiative) Team got very close in its plans to open a kindergarten readiness classroom at a Summit elementary school in August. For the past 9 months, we had many productive and encouraging meetings with the Superintendent of District 104 and its pre-K Director. We successfully obtained a \$20,000 grant from Summit Community Network, and we initiated a search for a Director/Teacher of the classroom. However, to our significant surprise and disappointment, the Summit School Board recently decided to open two full-day preschool classrooms. The classroom they initially offered to us will be used by them. The District has not offered full-day preschool for over 20 years. While we will not be directly providing those full-day preschool opportunities, our discussions with District 104 resulted in more full-day preschool opportunities for the children of Summit. We trust God and the belief there are more opportunities out there for us to do good work. We will keep you posted.

UCECI Team Members: Abby Lombardi (Chair), Penny Davey, Christy Weimer, Tim Rhodes, Gaby Gleason and Margie Colesby

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.

PEOPLE'S RESOURCE CENTER IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Beginning February 1, 2026, SNAP recipients must either qualify as exempt or engage in at least 80 hours of "work activity" a month. Benefits for non-exempt recipients are limited to 3 months in a 36-month period. We expect anyone subject to, but not complying or properly reporting work hours, will have SNAP benefits cut off at the end of April which could cause a real food emergency for many households in our community.



Ministry for Change is looking for a group of Union Church members willing to help PRC staff during the weekly drop-in hours. Initial plans are to offer service once a week for 2 hours, likely on a weekday morning. If you have basic computer skills and are comfortable navigating the internet, you would be an ideal candidate. Training will be provided.

Please contact [Erin Norton](#) for more details.

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!



UPCOMING IN MAY

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.



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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!

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...



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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
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