

UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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



A Plethora of Scraps

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
August 2, 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 know we have power, and we use that power
to make the world more like Jesus would want it to be.***

You are welcome here!



GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

PRELUDE

The Exultant Trumpet

Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When the world tells us there is not enough,

All: God invites us to trust in abundance.

One: When we see only our small gifts and limited resources,

All: Christ sees possibility beyond our imagination.

One: Jesus welcomed the crowds with compassion, healing the hurting and feeding the hungry.

All: We come seeking that same compassion, that same healing, that same bread of life.

One: Five loaves and two fish became a feast in the hands of Christ.

All: Our ordinary lives become extraordinary when offered to God.

One: Come, bring your hopes and doubts, your joys and burdens, your gifts and your needs.

All: We come to the table of God's grace, where all are welcomed, all are fed, and all are sent into the world to share God's abundance.

*HYMN #28

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

*INVOCATION PRAYER

Gracious and Generous God, we gather today in a world that often tells us there is never enough—never enough time, never enough resources, never enough hope. Yet we enter your presence to remember another truth: in your hands, what seems small becomes more than enough. Open our eyes to see your abundance. Open our hands to offer your unbounded grace. Bless this time of worship. May our prayers rise with sincerity, our songs be filled with gratitude, and our listening be marked by openness to your Spirit. We pray in the name of the Bread of Life, who invites all to come and be filled. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Holy, Holy

Argentine

***Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words, you are holy, God.***

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

PRAYER SONG #769

Hear Our Prayer

***Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;
incline your ear to us, 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

Twinkling Variants
Leah Tarabor and Elizabeth Jung

Mozart

* Please rise in body and spirit

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

HCS Family Services

Desiree Tucker-Sorini

*HYMN #321

Break Now the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14.13-21

Claudine Altenbern

SERMON

A Plethora of Scraps

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

*COMMUNION HYMN #349 (verses 1-3)

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

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.

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Thanks for giving to the life of Union Church!

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 #247

My Shepherd Is the Living God

CONSOLATION

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Today's flowers are given by Sue Swan in honor of her dear husband, Frank, and her beloved son, Scott.

STAFF AND WORSHIP LEADERS

Bridge Pastor – Timothy C. Rhodes (h)
Associate Pastor – Grant Glowiak (h/t)
Associate Pastor – Robb Knuepfer (h)

Dir. of Christian Education – Penny Johnson (s)
Dir. of Audio & Visual Media – Adam Nakutis (h)
Dir. of Handbells – Elizabeth Jung (s)
Organist/ Interim Director of Music– Oliver Townsend (h)

h = he/him/his, s = she/her/hers, t = they/them/theirs

Ushers – Barbara and Emily Herber, Maria Coyne, Michael Kucera

* Go to <https://tinyurl.com/ymabnh5t> for a guide to gender identity terms

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Union 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. It's got a little table, chairs, toys, and a collection of books. 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 Kindergarten – 5th grade, Sunday School will resume on August 16. 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.

ONGOING MONTHLY EVENTS

'HANG IN THERE' CURRENT EVENTS GROUP

Today after 10:00 a.m. worship, **in room JK**

SANDWICH MAKING AND PACKING FOR THE NIGHT

MINISTRY

August 16, after 10:00 a.m. worship, in the Dining Room

BEGINNER'S MAHJONG

Thursdays, August 6 and 20, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in Rowell Hall



Registration for Mahjong is strongly recommended. Please scan the QR code for dates that will work for you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Senior Minister Search Committee has held its first round of interviews and we continue to progress with in-person interviews over the coming weeks. We believe the group we have includes our future Senior Minister and are thrilled with the progress. We will continue to update the congregation as we move candidates along, and please continue to keep the entire committee in your prayers.

RESALE 2026

Now that the heat and smoke have cleared, time to get back to decluttering! Consider donating gently used household items, clothes, shoes, and goodies from your attic, garage or basement! **Drop off for resale starts Sunday, September 20, 2026. Resale is Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3!**

Thank you for supporting this event! We couldn't do it without all of you!

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.

