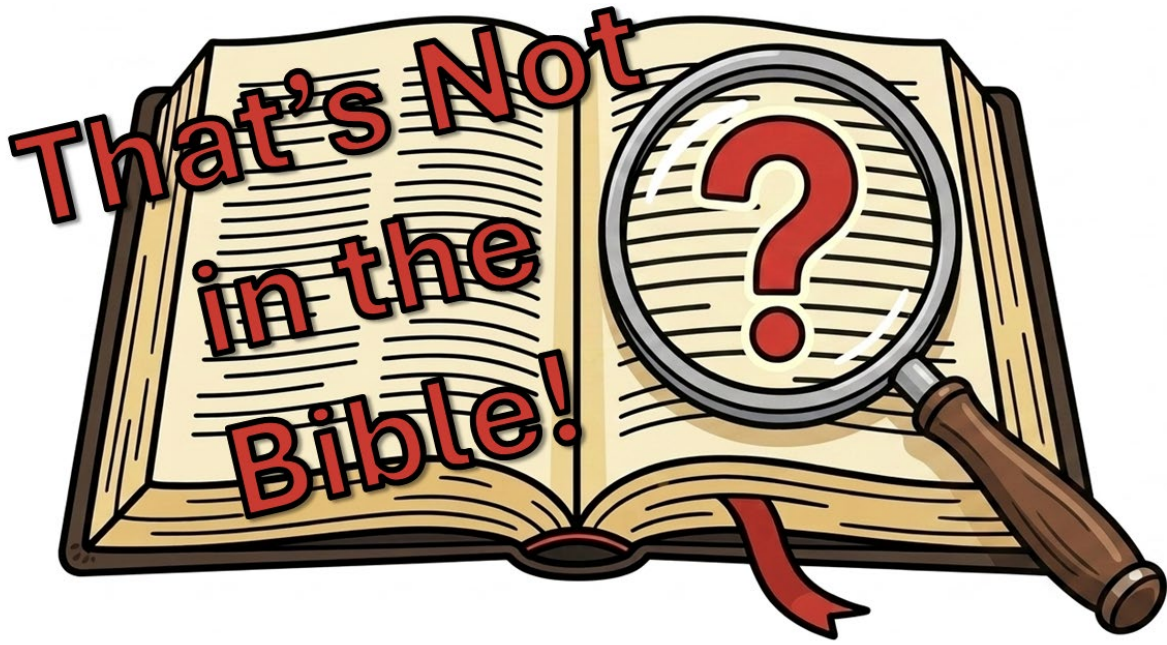


UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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



That's Not in the Bible: "God Works In Mysterious Ways"

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
July 12, 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. Grant Glowiak

PRELUDE

This Is the Day
Chancel Choir • Oliver Townsend – *Piano*

Dan Forrest

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather today with melody and song,

All: bringing our diverse voices into one harmony.

One: Through every changing season, the Holy One is our constant companion,

All: tuning our hearts to the rhythm of grace.

One: We trust the promise of a future filled with hope,

All: a dream of welfare, safety, and deep peace.

One: So let us praise the One who holds our tomorrows,

All: and lift our music to the source of all our joy.

* HYMN

Be Holy, Hear the Whisper

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Holy Presence of Grace, you are already right here among us before we even open our mouths to sing. We feel your love in the energy of this room, the music we make, and the faces around us. Help us settle into this moment together, trusting that you hold both where we've been and where we are going. Guide our time today, so we may leave here ready to bring your real hope and kindness out into the world. Amen.

* RESPONSE

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

Argentine

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Nolan Lewis Bub
Parents: Avery Bub and Claire Hopkins
Godparents: Hannah Bub and Jeff Hopkins

INTRODUCTION AND WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE

CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – HYMNAL # 881

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

QUESTIONS TO PARENTS AND TO SPONSORS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Nolan Lewis, relying on the grace given to us in our own baptisms, and on behalf of the church universal, we pledge that we will love, encourage & support you, share the good news of the gospel with you, and help you know & follow Christ. Amen.

* = Those who are able and willing, please stand

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION TO THE CONGREGATION

BAPTISMAL HYMN # 325

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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

Psalm 23

Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir • Sam Battista *and* Anne Langguth - *Violin*
Istvan Loga – *Viola* • David Sands – *Cello* • Oliver Townsend - *Piano*

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!*

Zelle (preferred)
Please memo designated fund/special offering



OFFERTORY

A New Jerusalem Arise

Kyle Pederson

Chancel Choir • *Strings* • *Piano* • Ben Dillinger – *Bass*, • Michael Surratt – *Organ* • *Handbells*

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29:11

Melissa Mann

SERMON

*That's Not in the Bible:
“God Never Gives You More Than You Can Handle”*

Rev. Dr. Robb Knuepfer

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

* HYMN

Praise

* BENEDICTION

* REPRISE

Today's flowers are given by Moss and Shelley Cartwright, Tim Cartwright, Bill and Becca Cartwright, Susie and Trent Pearson, and six great grandchildren in loving memory of Dorothy K. Baker.

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANDWICH MAKING FOR THE NIGHT MINISTRY

Sunday, July 19, after 10:00 worship, in the Dining Room

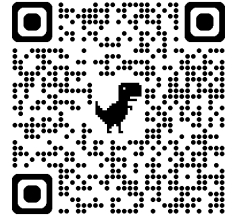
Please join us every third Sunday of each month to make and pack sandwiches to be delivered to The Night Ministry for distribution.

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.

GRATITUDE GIFT FOR STEPHEN EDWARDS

Stephen Edwards is beginning a new chapter in his ministry, and his last Sunday with Union Church will be July 12. In honor of Stephen's 12 years of service, Union Church of Hinsdale is gathering a thank-you gift. You are welcome to send a card or make a monetary contribution through the church. Contribute online by using the QR code or by visiting the Union Church website, clicking "Live Generously," and selecting the fund "Stephen Edwards Gratitude Gift."



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GROCERY BAG DONATIONS

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

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 – Barbara Herber, Maria Coyne, Virgil Oostendorp, Emily Herber

Trap Set – Kalyan Pathak (h)
Guitar – Andrew Sudhibhasilp (h)
Bass – Ben Dillingher(h)

* 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 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.

Join us!

your family is welcome here!

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Back-To-School Sunday (9 + 10 a.m.)
& Backpack Blessing (10 a.m.)
Sunday, August 16 - Wear your favorite school colors and bring a backpack or work bag to church to be blessed for a year of productivity ahead! Root beer floats after 10:00 a.m. service!

Sunday School begins!



Nursery
(under 5)



Elementary
(5+)

UCECP Kick-Off Sunday

Sunday, August 30 @ 9 a.m.

Come see the UCECP classrooms the day before UCECP school begins, **bring your backpack to be blessed at the 9 a.m. worship** and receive special prayers for students and teachers for a wonderful school year ahead.

UCH Kick-Off Sunday

Sunday, September 20

@ 9 a.m. + 10 a.m.

Join us as we jump into our new, year-long theme of ***Soulcraft: The Art of Living.***



PET Blessing

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9 + 10 a.m.

Bring your pet (or a photo of your pet), or a stuffed animal for a special blessing! Both services will be outdoors.

Email a photo of your pet and/or stuffed animals to akieffer@uchinsdale.org for our bulletin board honoring our beloved furry friends and family members

Worship in the Woods

Sunday, October 11 + 18 @ 9 a.m.

Join us as we take our worship in the form of a hike into Fullersburg Woods!



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Happy birthday, Union!

OCTOBER 25, 2026

Union Church celebrates 160 years
with **one worship service at 9:30 a.m.**

*Mark
YOUR
Calendar*



Worship for the whole family

ABOUT THE 9 a.m. SERVICE

This kid-approved service is held at **9:00 a.m. in the Chapel**. And if you're running late - that's ok! Who actually gets places on time with kids in tow? Like God, we give grace. It's a brief (25-30 minutes), casual service intended as a first step towards worship for children. We embrace movement, curious little minds, and music at this service. Everyone welcome!

Meet us here!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY SERVICE ALSO AVAILABLE AT 10 a.m.

We also gather for a 10:00 a.m. service inside the Sanctuary. Nursery care and Sunday School are available during this worship service. This service is also streamed on our YouTube channel.

ONGOING MONTHLY EVENTS



Beginners Mahjong Meet-up, Rowell Hall, 7-9 pm on the first and third Thursdays of summer, and first Thursday beginning in September.

"Hang in There" Current Events Discussion Group in the Kitchen Classroom at 11:15-12:30 on the first Sunday of the month.



Ministry-for-Change Sandwich Making to support The Night Ministry in the Kitchen Classroom at 11:15 on the third Sunday of the month



RESALE!

A UNION CHURCH TRADITION

Visit hinsdale.church/resale for donation, volunteer, & shopping details

SAVE THE DATES: OCTOBER 2 & 3



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