

UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
July 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 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

Italian Hymn

Felice De Giardini

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God meets us between past and future, certainty and uncertainty, home and the unknown.

All: We are travelers, carrying stories, questions, hopes, and fears.

One: God's presence cannot be confined to sanctuaries or walls.

All: The Holy One awakens us in unexpected places and among unexpected people.

One: The earth is full of God's glory.

All: And every place can become holy ground.

* HYMN #8

Praise to the Living God

DIAEMATA

* INVOCATION PRAYER

God of journeys and dreams, we are people on the move, carrying our questions, our joys, our wounds, and our hopes. Often, we find ourselves between what has been and what will be, searching for direction and longing for belonging. Open our eyes to your presence in places we least expect and when we forget that you are near, whisper again your promise: "I am with you." With grateful hearts and expectant spirits, we gather in worship, trusting that you are near. 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

How Great Thou Art
Oliver Townsend

Boberg

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!*



* Please rise in body and spirit

MISSION MOMENT

Buckets of Hope

* HYMN #500

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

JACOB'S LADDER

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28.1-22

Julie Moser

SERMON

Stone Pillow

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

* HYMN

God Will Take Care of You

MARTIN

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Lasst Uns Erfruen

Broughton

Today's flowers are given by Bill and Janet Wilson in memory of their parents.

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)

Associate Pastor – Grant Glowiak (h/t)

Dir. of Audio & Visual Media – Adam Nakutis (h)

Associate Pastor – Robb Knuepfer (h)

Dir. of Handbells – Elizabeth Jung (s)

Interim Dir. of Music & Worship, Organist – Oliver Townsend (h)

Ushers – Maria Coyne, Christy and Randy Weimer

* 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.

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!

ONGOING MONTHLY EVENTS

SANDWICH MAKING FOR THE NIGHT MINISTRY

Today, 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.

BEGINNER'S MAHJONG MEETUP

Thursday, July 23, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in Rowell Hall

Join us every first and third Thursday during the summer months and first Thursday of each month starting in September. Registration is highly recommended. Please scan the QR code to register on a date that works 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.



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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.

AUGUST EVENTS

"HANG IN THERE" CURRENT EVENTS GROUP (MONTHLY GROUP)

Sunday, August 2, after 10:00 worship service, in the Kitchen Classroom

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUNDAY (9:00 AND 10:00) AND BACKPACK BLESSING (10:00)

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.

ROOT BEER FLOAT SUNDAY

Sunday, August 23, after both 9:00 and 10:00 services, in the Gathering Place

Cool down with a root beer float after whichever service you choose to attend! Parish Life Ministry will be in the Gathering Place to serve you a delicious float to enjoy.

UCECP KICKOFF SUNDAY

Sunday, August 30, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel and ending at 10:30 a.m. in the Playground

Bring your backpack to be blessed in a special 9:00 a.m. worship service where we'll share special prayers for our students and teachers, then head to the playground to get to know other UCECP students, families, parents, and caregivers before their first day of school. Our weekly 9:00 a.m. worship service is geared towards young children with movement, music and messaging – all with kids and their joyful energy in mind.

MINISTRY FOR CHANGE: SANDWICH MAKING FOR THE NIGHT MINISTRY

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

Join us in the Dining Room every third Sunday of the month to make sandwiches and pack paper bag lunches to support The Night Ministry.