UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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



Remembrance and Gratitude

All Saints Day
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
November 1, 2026

Union Church Welcoming Statement

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.

A Union Church Core Commitment:

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. Grant Glowiak

PRELUDE *Prelude in G Major* MENDELSSOHN

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather in gratitude, O God, for you have been our dwelling place in every generation.
All: We give thanks for your faithfulness, which has never failed us.
One: We remember those who walked this road before us, who loved us, taught us, and showed us the way of Christ.
All: We give thanks for their lives, their kindness, and their witness.
One: We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, so we do not grieve as those without hope.
All: For in life and in death, we belong to God.
One: So let us bring our thanks and our memories, our joy and our sorrow, into this holy place.
All: With grateful hearts, we come to worship the God of all the living. Amen.

***HYMN #11** *Bring Many Names*

***INVOCATION PRAYER**

Loving God, as we remember those who now rest in your eternal care, we seek your divine presence. Help us to dwell in the hope of life everlasting for those on earth and in heaven. Draw our hearts closer to you and to one another this day, so that we may know the comfort and strength in the everlasting bond between all your beloved children. We pray in the name of the one who conquered death itself, your son Jesus Christ, Amen.

***RESPONSE** *Gloria*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

PRAYER SONG *Hear Our Prayer* Whelpton

Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our Prayer, O Lord
Hear our prayer, O Lord, 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 *Sine Nomine* VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
Chancel Choir

OFFERING

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!
At this time, also please sign and pass the Attendance Sheets
they help us care for members & welcome visitors.
Thanks for giving to the life of Union Church!

MISSION MOMENT *Buildings & Grounds* Bill Berndt

***HYMN # 506** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

SCRIPTURE READING *Thessalonians 5:16-18* Diane Oostendorp

SERMON *Gratitude and Remembrance* Rev. Dr. Robb Knuepfer

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, OFFERING, AND A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

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!

As you come forward to the Communion table, you may light a candle in memory of a loved one.
Candles both represent the light that shines in the darkness of grief, as well as the rising of our prayers to God.

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 SONG #349 *I Come with Joy*
Verses 1-3

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE** *(in unison)*

We thank you, O God, for giving us your grace through the visible signs of this bread and "wine," 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 #573** *Lead On Eternal Sovereign*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Toccata and Fugue in D minor* J.S. BACH

Today's flowers are in memory of all those who have gone before us.

STAFF AND WORSHIP LEADERS

Bridge Minister – Timothy C. Rhodes
Associate Minister – Grant Glowiak
Associate Minister – Robb Knuepfer
Interim Music Director – Oliver Townsend
Bass – Ben Dillinger Trap Set – Kalyan Pathak
Organist – Michael Surratt

Dir. of Christian Education – Penny Johnson
Dir. of Audio & Visual Media – Adam Nakutis
Dir. of Handbells – Elizabeth Jung
Interim Choir Director – Mike Molloy
Guitar – Andrew Sudhibhasilp

Section Leaders:
Macy Danenhower
Manda Gervase
Jess Koehn
Haven Wallgren-Lemmerman

Ushers – Virgil Oostendorp, Gail Weber, Cindy Klima

Upcoming Events

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING AND SENIOR MINISTER CANDIDATE'S WEEKEND

Saturday, November 7 *Meet the Candidate Open House* **2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** in the Gathering Place. All members and friends of the congregation are invited.

Sunday, November 8 *10:00 a.m. Worship & Candidate sermon* In the Sanctuary & Online. Afterward, **a Special Business Meeting** will begin at 11:00 a.m. for the Search Committee Presentation and Congregational Vote. Follow the link in the weekly email to attend the meeting and vote via Zoom.

ELEANOR'S CHRISTMAS STOCKING-MAKING PARTY

Monday, November 9, 2:00 to 4:30 p.m., in the Dining Room

Please join us in helping make stockings for this year's Eleanor's Christmas Stocking project. We need help cutting out stockings from an easy pattern or you can help sew. Sewing experience is not necessary. Instruction will be provided. This year we're making about 150 stockings for Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st Grade students at Ann M. Jeans Elementary School in Willowbrook, which we'll stuff on December 6th after both services. Questions? Contact Jane Grimm jgrimm723@comast.net.

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY! - *Sunday, November 15, after 10:00 worship to 2 p.m.*

Come to worship in your work clothes! It's time for some dusting & some wiping & some moving! All ages are invited to polish & clean. Stay for or stop back in for as much/as little time you can share. Soup & salad to meet all dietary desires provided!

THE SPARROW COFFEE STORY - *Sunday, November 22, 11:15 to 12:30 p.m.*

Let's celebrate the opening of Sparrow Coffee in Clarendon Hills. Join church members & Sparrow owners, Chris (Suresh) & Liz Chacko in Rowell Hall as they share their story of starting Sparrow & opening its newest cafe, right here in Clarendon Hills. This month our focus is on Attention & Gratitude, and finding contentment in the unshared moments. The story of Sparrow finding its way to the place the Chacko family is proud to call home directly touches on this theme & we can't wait to learn more!

CELEBRATE THE MINISTRY OF ROBB KNUEPFER

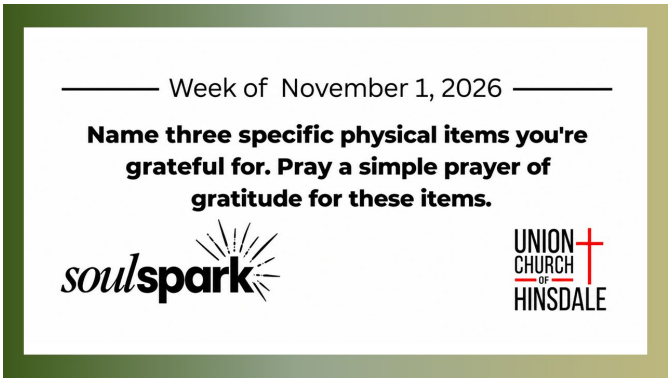
Sunday, December 6, 10:00 a.m. Worship
Reception to Follow in Rowell Hall

After decades of leadership at Union Church and 10 years of pastoral ministry, the Rev. Dr. Robert C. Knuepfer, Jr., is concluding his pastoral service to the congregation. Robb & Nancy will continue to call Union Church their home as members of the congregation. Please join us as we celebrate Robb's ministry and give thanks for his years of service. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Our Christmas Pageant is one of the sweetest traditions at Union Church. Children ages 4 - 5th grade each play a role in telling the Christmas story by learning a few short lines and traditional songs. Middle school youths narrate. **We have four weekday rehearsals beginning on November 18 and a dress rehearsal before sharing our pageant with the congregation on Sunday, December 20.** If you can't make all the rehearsals, that's ok! Email Penny Johnson, pjohnson@uchinsdale.org, with questions.

Every Soul Spark is built on a simple conviction: transformation happens in ordinary moments, not heroic ones.
We don't change simply by resolving to be different. We change by doing one small thing differently—repeatedly—until that practice begins to shape who we are.
A Soul Spark is one simple, doable action that connects Sunday's theme to daily life. It is not a challenge, a project, or a heroic commitment. It is a small, repeatable practice—something you can actually do amid an ordinary week.
And we'd love to hear what happens. Drop your pastors a note and tell us about your Soul Spark experience—what you noticed, what surprised you, or how the practice affected your week. Sometimes a small spark is all it takes to begin a transformation.





COLLECTIONS

DONATE TO RUDOLPH'S BOUTIQUE!

Help make holiday giving special! Rudolph's Boutique gives children the joy of shopping for gifts for family & friends. We're collecting gently used treasures & new or recycled gift items, such as books, toys, jewelry, mugs, ornaments, & holiday décor. Drop off donations in the collection bin in the Gathering Place. Thank you for helping our children experience the joy of giving!

ELEANOR'S CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Stuffing of Eleanor's Christmas stockings will take place this year on Sunday, December 6th after the 9:00 and 10 am services. Everyone, and especially families with young children, are welcome! The filled stockings will go to needy children. So please save your wrapped leftover Halloween candy and bring it to church!

Use this QR code to access the Amazon wish list for the stockings. Please send items directly to the church.

If you would rather purchase items on your own, we need small (no bigger than the size of your hand), new/clean stuffed animals. We love beanie babies, but any brand is great. And please ask your dentist for donations of individually wrapped children's toothbrushes and travel size toothpaste! Donation boxes will be in the Gathering Space by November 1st.

If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Jane Grimm at jgrimm723@comcast.net.

SOCKS AND SKIVVIES DRIVE FOR THE BOULEVARD

The Boulevard of Chicago provides high-quality cost-effective medical respite care, holistic support and housing services to help ill and injured and homeless adults break the cycle of homelessness, restore their health and rebuild their lives. Union Church has supported The Boulevard since its founding in 1994 by Nancy Hanson, a Union Church member, and others.

We are collecting NEW WHITE SOCKS AND SKIVVIES in men's sizes XL, XXL, and 3XL and women's sizes M, L, XL, and XXL. Some smaller men's sizes, M and L, are also needed. Men are 75% of the population, so we need more men's sizes. Please place the new socks and skivvies in the bin in the Gathering Place. For questions email Dan Woodle dewisu73@sbcglobal.net.

See the link in the weekly email to order on Amazon with direct delivery to the church.

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. And please 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.

LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE

All worshipers are asked to please let us know you're here. Please locate and sign in on the black friendship pads found at the end of each row. Please use the pads to update the church with your information. As you pass the pad along the row, please greet those who are worshiping with you today.

PRAYER CARDS

In the black friendship pads you will find blue prayer cards. Please write your prayer joys & concerns on the card and place it in the offering plate. Your pastors are privileged to pray with you.

UNION CHURCH INFORMATION

For all the info on Union Church ministries and programs check out the website: Hinsdale.church

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 off The Gathering Place-complete with changing tables on the lower & main levels.

SOUND - Worship can be heard through "T" or "T-coil" settings of hearing aids. You may also ask an usher for a headset.

Welcome



Whether this is your first time worshiping with Union Church of Hinsdale or you have been here for many years, we are grateful you are here. We believe every person is created in the image of God and worthy of love, dignity, and belonging. Inspired by the open and generous hospitality of Jesus, we welcome everyone, without exception. Union is a community where faith is something we practice. We ask questions about what matters, grow in kindness and generosity, love and nurture our children and youth, and put our faith into action through service, community, and the pursuit of justice. Together, we seek to love God and one another, following the way of Jesus with curiosity, courage, grace, and hope.
You are welcome at Union. You belong here.

WHAT'S YOUR SUPERPOWER? PUT IT TO WORK AT UNION CHURCH!

Do you love organizing, decorating, welcoming people, lending a helping hand—or making a difference behind the scenes? There's a ministry for YOU! You don't have to be a theologian, a professional party planner, or a superhero to get involved. You just need a little time, a willing heart, and whatever talents you bring to the table!

Worship Ministry — The Holiday Decorating Dream Team

Love decorating for the holidays? Enjoy arranging flowers, creating a welcoming space, or greeting people with a smile? If you can hang a banner, light a candle, or make someone feel at home, we need you!

Christian Education — The Creative Idea People

Love working with kids, planning events, hosting an adult ed discussion, or coming up with fun ways to bring people together? From Vacation Bible School to the Christmas Pageant, there's room for your creativity!

Ministry for Change — The Heart-of-Gold Helpers

Passionate about helping others? Love connecting people with causes, organizing volunteers, or finding ways to make a difference locally and around the world? Put your compassion into action!

Parish Life — The Party Planners & Heavy Lifters

Do you love hosting, organizing, or making a party happen? Can you carry boxes of Christmas decorations, set up tables, scoop ice cream, hide Easter eggs, or pour a great cup of coffee? We have your name written all over this ministry!

Music Ministry — The Music Lovers

Can you carry a tune, ring a bell, appreciate beautiful music, or help keep a music program running smoothly? You don't have to be on stage to play a part in making our worship music special!

Membership Development — The People People

Are you the person who remembers names, makes newcomers feel included, or naturally brings people together? Love making connections and helping others feel like they belong? This is your ministry!

Endowment Fund — The Numbers & Big-Picture Thinkers

Enjoy numbers, investments, financial planning, or helping ensure a strong future? If you appreciate a short meeting and making resources go further, this team may be just right for you!

Trustees — The Fixers, Planners & Problem-Solvers

Are you handy, organized, good with budgets, or the person everyone calls when something needs fixing? From maintaining our building to managing finances and supplies, your practical skills can help keep Union Church running!

Care Team — The Compassionate Connectors

Are you a great listener? Do you enjoy checking in on friends, making a phone call, or simply reminding someone they're not alone? Sometimes the smallest gesture makes the biggest difference.

No cape required. Just YOU! Whether you have an hour to spare, a knack for organizing, a love of music, a strong back for hauling decorations, or simply a heart for helping others, there's a place for you at Union Church. **Curious? Want to learn more? Contact Danielle Tuck (danielletuck@att.net or 630-607-4844) and she can connect you with the right ministry. You might even make a few new friends along the way!** ***Many hands make light work—and a stronger church community***