UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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# My Resources, God's Power

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
October 18, 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 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**

**PRELUDE** *Send the Light* Gabriel

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Dr. Robb Knuepfer

One: Jesus invites us to notice what the world often overlooks: the quiet gifts of ordinary people.

**All: Teach us to see with generous hearts.**

One: Not the size of the gift, but the power behind it matters.

**All: Help us give freely, faithfully, and with joy.**

One: Let us worship the God who sees every offering and knows every heart.

**All: We come ready to give ourselves more fully to God and to one another.**

***HYMN #273** *Praise with Joy the World's Creator* LAUDA ANIMA

***INVOCATION PRAYER**

**Powerful and loving God, you see what we cannot see, and you measure what the world overlooks. Remind us that your power is found in love freely given and lives faithfully lived. Give us courage to trust you, generosity to give what we have, and faith to believe that you can use even our smallest offerings to your greater purposes. Open our hearts to your power and presence as we worship you today. Amen.**

***RESPONSE** *Gloria*

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

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Noah Ryan Ramsey Rev. Grant Glowiak

**INTRODUCTION AND WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE**

**CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**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**

**Noah Ryan, 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.**

**THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

**ACT OF BAPTISM**

**PRESENTATION TO THE CONGREGATION**

**BAPTISMAL HYMN** #351 *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* BORNING CRY

**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 THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** *Take My Life and Let It Be* Hanson
Chancel Choir with Anne Langguth, Violin

**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** The Power of Generosity

***SONG** *Take My Life* Tommy Walker

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 21.1-4 Anne Glaser

**SERMON** My Resources, God's Power Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

***SONG** *Great Things* Wickham

***BENEDICTION**

***REPRISE**

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Today's flowers are given by Kim and Mike Kiyosaki in loving memory of Kim's dad, Don Johnson, and Mike's mom, Jean Kiyosaki.

**BAPTISM**

Today, Union Church of Hinsdale celebrates the sacrament of baptism with Noah Ryan Ramsey. Noah's parents are Jake and Kelsey Ramsey and Noah's Godparents are Claire Ramsey and Drew Garden.
We give thanks for this beloved child and pray that he may always know the love of God and the love of his family, godparents, and church community.

Week of October 18, 2026

**Give something away this week (money, time, or skill) that costs you something real.**

*"Give until it makes a difference."*

soulspark

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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.

## UNION CHURCH 160 YEAR CELEBRATION!

Our Congregation was officially recognized as the Congregational Union Church of Hinsdale on October 16, 1866.

The rest is "history" and YOU are part of it!

Join in the Celebration of Union Church's 160 Years!

**Sunday, October 25**

**9:30 Worship**

Special time to combine 9:00 and 10:00 Services

**10:30-12:00 Celebration Brunch**

**Be part of the brunch team!**
**Saturday prep, serve, provide pastries, fruit, clean-up**
**Contact Penny Davey for details**

## STAFF AND WORSHIP LEADERS

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

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 – Anne Glaser, Scott Glaser, Barbara Herber, Joel Pundmann

**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.**



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**LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE**

All worshipers are asked to let us know you're here. Please locate and sign in on the black friendship pads found at the end of each row. You may 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 and concerns on the card and place it in the offering plate. Your pastors are privileged to pray with you.

**SOUND**

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

**DEVELOPING A GIVING PHILOSOPHY**

Today, 11:15 to 12:30, in Room JK

Join us for a conversation with UCH financial advisors on planning, strategizing, and ways to support the causes in which you believe.

**UNION CHURCH INFORMATION**

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

**SANDWICH MAKING FOR THE NIGHT MINISTRY**

Today, 11:15 to 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. Sandwich lunches bless unhoused people in Chicago.

**UCH CELEBRATIONS AND MEMORIES**

I celebrate Union Church because it's a place you can always come home to. I was raised in this church, and I am always reminded that there's a place I belong here. –Mike Kucera

**THE POWER OF GENEROSITY**

God gives, we receive, we give, God multiplies and lives are changed! You have the power to make this happen!

Emails and letters were sent out last week asking for your annual pledge/contribution. Please thoughtfully consider how you can help us continue to live out these words.

**CAMERATA CHICAGO ORCHESTRA**

Join us today, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, for a stunning 2026 / 2027 Camerata Chicago season opening concert and enjoy Mendelssohn's A Midsummer Night's Dream with excerpts from Shakespeare. Watch the magical tale unfold as Maestro Drostan Hall conducts and narrates. This is a family-friendly event by Union Church's Ensemble-in-Residence.

Camerata Chicago is thrilled to present the World Premiere of Fantasy on English Folk Tunes by our Composer-in-Residence Dr. Tony Payne.

UCH church members use coupon code UCOH for a 15% discount.

**CHAPEL PIANO REPAIRS**

The chapel piano is receiving much-needed TLC and maintenance. While you will see the piano remaining in place, for roughly 4 weeks the actual black-and-white keyboard will be gone while our technician gives it the love and attention it deserves! Thank you for supporting our music ministry at Union and understanding how important it is to maintain our beautiful instruments!

**PRAYER IS**

Prayer is sitting in the silence until it silences us, choosing gratitude until we are grateful, and praising God until we ourselves are an act of praise.—Richard Rohr

**MINISTRY FOR CHANGE**
**ELEANOR'S CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS**

Stuffing of Eleanor's Christmas stockings will take place this year on Sunday, December 6th after the 9 and 10 am services. Everyone, and especially families with young children, are welcome! The filled stockings will go to needy children.

Please save your wrapped leftover Halloween candy and bring it to church.

Use this QR code to link to the Amazon wish list for the stockings. Items should be sent 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.

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.

**SUPPORT UCECP**

Celebrate! Whether you're getting a head start on holiday cards, making birth or moving announcements or personalized stationery, this is a fundraiser that works for you….and for the school!

Order your cards through Minted using the code "FUNDRAISEUCHINSDALE" and you'll save 20% while 10% goes back to the UCECP. Go to Minted.com

That's a win-win for all the fun events, announcements and well wishes we share with the ones we love!

**NEED A MEETING SPACE?**

Union Church is bustling, and we LOVE IT! Rooms are not as readily available as they once were. If a committee, ministry, or group needs to use one of our rooms please contact Adriana Kieffer in the church office to book space for a specific date and time.