



Get In The Loop

With the church building closed for the pandemic, UUI took the opportunity to make it easier for people with hearing difficulties to participate in our services. The UUI sanctuary area is now equipped with Telecoil technology—often called *T-Coil* or a *Loop*. You may have encountered T-Coil in some other public building, auditorium, or arena.

Trouble Hearing? As people age, hearing becomes more difficult. Higher pitched voices are more difficult to hear. Older folks also have difficulty sorting out just one voice when in a crowd. Lip reading can be a help for some, but when a head is turned or something blocks the view of the speaker, those with hearing difficulties miss out on whatever is being said.

The UUI Solution? Our T-Coil technology—the latest available—addresses all these problems in the center of the sanctuary, where chairs are normally placed for our services. Only in this area is hearing is enhanced.

How Does One Use It? Most newer hearing aids have T-Coil capability. On some, using T-Coil means flipping a switch on the hearing aid. Others, operated from a smartphone app, may need the T-Coil feature turned on from the hearing aid app. If you don't think your hearing aid has T-Coil capability or you don't know how to turn it on, ask your audiologist to show you how to operate it. Once your T-Coil is on, if you are in a T-Coil area, you should hear quite clearly any speaker using a microphone. Ambient crowd noise and those talking without a microphone are suppressed.

No T-Coil Enabled Hearing Aid?

The church has T-Coil-enabled listening devices available. Just ask an usher or the sound technician.

How Does T-Coil Work? A series of wire loops—essentially antennas—have been installed under the sanctuary carpet. The loops create a pattern of radio signals that essentially fill the entire sanctuary seating area and enable your hearing aid to pick up sound. Our T-Coil is not effective in the entry hall or outside the building.

Need Help? An usher or the sound technician should be able to assist you.