



Welcome To Worship

We are so glad you have chosen to worship God with us today.

First United Methodist Church of Palatine, Illinois

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026 • 9:30am

Before entering worship, please ask for prayer cards from Ushers to make your request.

Kindly record your presence in the attendance pad in the pews.

Please silence all mobile communication devices

***Please rise in body and spirit as you are able.**

A New Vision for The United Methodist Church: Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.

Gathering in the Presence of God

Prelude

Voluntary IX Boyce

Linda Camp

Welcome

Rev. Robert Sathuri

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Music of Preparation

Softly and Tenderly

arr Mark Hayes

Linda Camp and Kay Daugherty

***Call to Worship (responsively)**

Psalm 62:5-12

Sherrill Snyder

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence,

**People: for my hope is from God, who alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
I shall not be shaken.**

L: On God, rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

P: Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God who is a refuge for us.

L: Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

**P: Put no confidence in extortion, set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

L: Once God has spoken, twice have I heard this: power belongs to God;

P: and to You, O Lord, belongs steadfast love, for you repay all according to their work.

All: Amen.

UM Hymnal, Pg 767 UM Publishing house, 1989

***Opening Prayer**

Sherrill Snyder

O God of all nations, You manifested Your love by sending Your only Son into the world that all might live through Him. Pour Your Spirit on Your church, that it may fulfill His command to preach the Gospel everywhere; send forth laborers into Your harvest, like Jonah; defend them in all dangers and temptations; give them grace to bear faithful witness to You; endue them with zeal and love, that they may turn many to righteousness; through the same Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Book of Worship, Pg 314, The Book of Worship 1965, ALT. um Publishing House, 2003.

***Opening Hymn #361**

Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me

Led by Chancel Choir

Hearing The Word of God

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 4:1-11

Sherrill Snyder

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God!

P: Thanks be to God!

Message:

Jonah: Running away and running to?

Rev. Robert Sathuri

Offering Our Prayers to God

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

L: Lord in Your mercy

P: Hear our prayers

Prayers for those in assisted living and nursing facilities or homebound

Annette H. // Bill Hoff. // Gary S. // Bill B.

Prayers for God’s healing touch-members

Donna H. // Gary S. // Annette H. // John S. // Leslie S. // Cliff B.

Prayers for family and friends of members seeking God’s healing and strength

James B. son-in-law of Cliff B. // Joel, nephew of Robert & Teresa S. // Victoria, sister of Ann C.
Frank H. cousin of Ann C. // Patty & Joel K. friends of Scott R. // James S. friend of Mark W.
Will B. Friend of the family of Ann C. // Pam, cousin of Cathy M. // A friend of Denise H. // Joe, family member of Sherrill and Keith S.

Prayers for God’s Help & Blessings

Lambert & wife, Symballine, in their prayerful efforts to return to the U.S.A.

Prayers of Thanksgiving to God For God’s Gifts and Blessings

Prayers of comfort for those who are grieving

Family of Jarmela Speta, who passed on August 10, 2026 // Family of Bill Baumann // Scott, Sue and Norm Repplinger in the loss of their brother/son Mark // Family of Barbara Kearns

Prayers of strength & courage for those who are suffering due to natural disasters around the world

Prayers of Peace, Tolerance and Acceptance throughout the church, community and world

Silent Prayers

Prayer of Intercession

Prayer of the People **Rev. Robert Sathuri**

Strong covenant God, save us from being self-centered in our prayers, and teach us to remember to pray for others. May we be so bound up in love with those for whom we pray that we may feel their needs as acutely as our own, and intercede for them with sensitiveness, with understanding and with imagination. This we ask in Christ’s name.

Amen. Book of Worship, Pg 518, based on words from John Calvin, Switzerland 16th Cent.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Cares Chorus (sung)

I cast all my cares upon You, I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet, and any time I don’t know what to do, I cast all my cares upon You.

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Invitation

*Ushers pass the offering plates in the pews and place them on the altar.
Please remember to sign attendance pads*

Anthem **Seek Ye First K. Lafferty arr Hannibal**
Chancel Choir
Diane Hannibal, Director

Presentation of Gifts

***Doxology (sung)**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

***Offertory Prayer** **Sherrill Snyder**

We confess, O God, that we are often overwhelmed by needs in the world—hunger, disease, strife, prejudice, and many other problem. Receive these offerings as signs that we will at to get something done instead of worrying about what we cannot do. Bless these gifts so that they will bring healing and love in Jesus’ name.

Amen. Worship and Song, #100 Herb Mather. Abingdon Press. Nashville, TN. 2011

***Closing Hymn #396**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Led by Chancel Choir

***Benediction**

Rev. Robert Sathuri

Ministry Opportunities

***Postlude**

At the Name of Jesus *Vaughan Williams*

Linda Camp



PRAYER TIME



To request prayers before or during Worship Service, please ask for cards from the Ushers.

- To make a submission for the All Week Long, please email or drop off in person by Wednesday at noon.
 - If you require a pastoral visitation or phone call or have a prayer request that you would like for the All Week Long, please contact office@fumcpalatine.org When requesting prayers for a friend or family member, please include an address so we can send them a note.
 - You may also send prayer requests and requests for a Stephen Minister and other care ministries to unitedcaringministries@gmail.com or call/text 224-573-8401
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Sermon Series

A few heroes and Heroines in the old

September 27 Jonah: Running away and running to?

Scripture: Jonah 4:1-11

October 4 Esther: For what times?

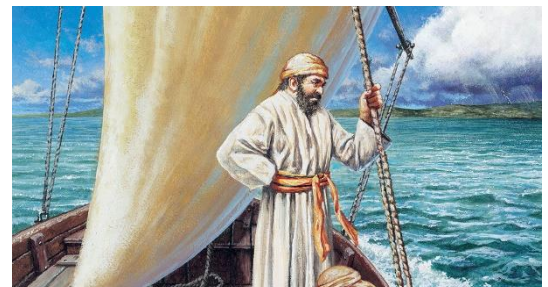
Scripture: Esther 4:11-17

Bible Study: Journeying with Jonah

Wednesday, October 7, 14, 21, 28

Meeting in Conference Rm 1. At 7p

Led by Pastor Robert.



Sign up in commons.

Upcoming Events

Sun, October 4: Worldwide Communion Sunday Worship 9:30a Rev. Robert Sathuri
Churchwide Mission - Palatine Food Pantry Collection

Sun, October 11: Sunday Worship 9:30a

Sun, October 11: Patriotism & Peace Concert at FUMCP 123 N Plum Grove Rd. Palatine. 3p,
FUMC Palatine & Immanuel Lutheran Choirs, Free to attend. Refreshments following.

Tues, October 13: Church Council meeting @ 7:00 p – Open meeting

Fri, October 16th 10am-4pm and Sat, October 17th 9am-3pm: UWFaith & Foxglove Cottage
Fall and Christmas Charity Sale.

Sun, October 18: Laity Sunday Worship 9:30a

Tues, October 20: Teddy Bears @ 1pm

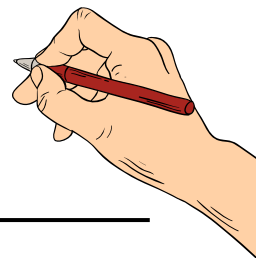
Wed, October 21: Adaptive books @ 11a-1p

Sun, October 25: Sunday Worship 9:30a

Sun, November 15: 2026 Annual Charge Conference @ 7p - *Save the date!*

PLEASE NOTE:

**THE CHURCH OFFICE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EDIT ALL SUBMISSIONS
FOR CLARITY AND SPACE LIMITATIONS.**



A New Vision for The United Methodist Church

Love Boldly: We passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender, and walk of life.

(Matthew 22:37-39 | John 13:34-35)

Serve Joyfully: With the heart of Christ, we journey alongside the most vulnerable among us, offering care and compassion with joy.

(Psalm 100:1 | Nehemiah 8:10 | John 13:14-15 | 1 Peter 4:10)

Lead Courageously: Following Jesus' example, we resist and dismantle all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice, and reconciliation.

(Joshua 1:9 | Ephesians 6:10)

MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

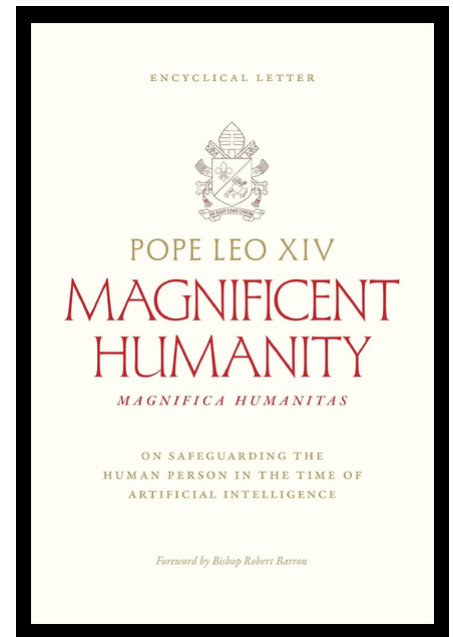
- **Palatine Food Pantry** Our next church wide collection will be on **Communion Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026**. Please consider regular donations. **No Expired Foods Please**. Thank you.
- **Meals on Wheels** If you are interested in delivering meals, contact Gil W. Ph: 847-209-8603
- **Teddy Bears Ministry** - Tues, October 20, 2026, 1:00p, Gathering Place (lower level)
- **Adaptive Books Workshop** - Wed, October 21, 11a-1p, Gathering Place (lower level)
- **Prayer Blankets** Gayla Swansen (847-705-8659) to receive kits or for more information.
- **Love Packages** drop off Bibles and other Christian materials outside the church office.
- **FUMCP's Community Garden** All are welcome, bring your friends! No gardening experience is necessary. See/call Brian Huff @ 224-828-8802 for more information.
- **Bless Local Families in Need with a Thanksgiving Dinner**
The Palatine Township Thanksgiving Basket Program assists under-resourced families in our community by providing them with the ingredients to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal. They are seeking donations in the form of non-perishable food items and/or \$25 grocery store gift cards. Sign-up sheets & food basket shopping lists are in the Commons. Last day to sign up is October 25, a little earlier this year. Baskets & gift cards are to be dropped at church on Sunday, November 1, 2026 Questions? Contact Teri or John Schmelzel at aschmelzel@yahoo.com.

MUSIC

- **Chancel Choir** rehearses on Thursday, 7:30p. New members are welcome! Come join us for inspiration, fun and song.
Guest musicians and vocalist are always welcome to share their talents.
Contact Diane Hannibal for more information at music lady16@comcast.net.
- **Bell Choir** If interested in joining, contact John Foley, jsjae1@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **"In AI We Trust?"** The Higher Grounds (Current Issues) Adult Sunday school class has chosen as our opening text, Pope Leo XIV's encyclical, *Magnificent Humanity: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence* (2026). The topic of AI is currently the focus of a nationwide conversation, and we as the church need to be part of it! We'll begin discussion of the Foreword and Introduction at our first class on **Sunday, September 13, 11am**, Adult Conference Room. Class is in person or via Zoom. Included is a photo of the cover of the edition the class coordinators will be using. Feel free to order your copy through your favorite bookseller. There are many editions of this book, and it probably doesn't matter too much which one you buy. Pagination is important for class discussion; but the chapters are divided into short, numbered sections, which should help us navigate our way through it. We'll spend about 6 weeks on the pope's study, following that with the United Methodist report on AI that is being prepared for General Conference 2028. Come join us for stimulating discussion and warm fellowship, as we begin our 33rd year learning together! Bring your coffee and goodies.
Coordinators, Linda & Rick Craft 847-702-8163 or ljcraft@att.net.



- **Sunday School** The combined Children and Youth Sunday School class for 1st through 12th grades will meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. Pre-K care is available upon request. Confirmation preparation will be offered for students 11 years and up starting October 4th. Please contact nextgen.fumcp@gmail.com for more information"
- **Confirmation Students and All Youth** are invited to a half day Retreat on Sunday October 18th, leaving from church at 11 and returning at 5. Activities include lunch, hiking/games, a service project, prayer and reflection. The retreat will be at the IL Turner Camp. Transportation provided, parents welcome. More info: NextGen.fumcp@gmail.com

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONGREGATION

- **Christian Fiction Book Club**, Our upcoming book is "There are Rivers In the Sky" by Elif Shafak on October 1, 2026 @ 7pm.
- **Above & Beyond Program:** a collection of projects for our church which need your support are posted in the Commons area. Questions, contact Brian Huff @ 224-828-8802 or bg.huff80@gmail.com. Thank you all for giving above and beyond!
- **Save the Date for the UW Faith & Foxglove Cottage Fall and Christmas Charity Sale.** Hundreds of brand new home decorations and lovely gifts will be sold "by the bag"! All proceeds will go to local and international Christian charities. Mark your calendars for October 16th 10am-4pm and October 17th 9am-3pm

SERVING OUR CHURCH

- **Liturgists** are needed for Sunday Service. Please sign up in the commons.
- **Seeking hosts** for refreshment time after the 9:30a service. Sign up form can be found on the table outside the kitchenette door in the commons.
- **A/V Support** on Sundays 9:15a - 10:45a please contact John Foley, jsjae1@gmail.com if you would like to join the A/V support team.
- **Church Library is open for meditation, prayer and study.**
- **A Message from the Trustees:** We are preparing to Welcome Sala Evangelica de la Doctrina, a Chicago congregation, who will be sharing our building spaces on September 30-October 6. This Spanish speaking Church, largely from Guatemala, will be hosting a Regional Conference involving many congregations from across the region as well as visitors from Guatemala. We can expect they will be using the Sanctuary, Basement rooms including the kitchen and other spaces in the building Wednesday through Saturday. On Sunday they will be utilizing our green space to worship in a large tent. The tent will be on the property Friday through Sunday. We have arranged for them to park off site on Sunday, however weekday parking in our lot may be impacted. To manage this large conference, across multiple days, requires many hands. The Trustees would welcome volunteers to man the “Information Desk” in the lobby, help keep bathrooms clean or generally facilitating this event. The ability to communicate in Spanish is a big plus (although they have several English speaking members as well). Please sign up for a “shift” on the sheet in the lobby.

First United Methodist Church of Palatine Financials
August 2026 – Operations – Budgeted Financial Statement

	August	August YTD
Revenue (Receipts)	\$34,489.12	\$335,654.05
Expenses (Payments)	\$27,152.49	\$231,046.02
Revenue vs. Expense +/-	+\$ 7,336.63	+\$104,608.03
Mortgage	\$16,831.00	\$134,648.00
BALANCE +/-	-\$ 9,494.37	-\$ 30,039.97

Thank you for your gifts to the church!

Building Use forms are **REQUIRED** for **ALL** activities within the church.

If you are raising money for internal or external causes/events, please fill out a fundraising form. Applications can be downloaded at FUMCP.org under the “home” tab <https://www.fumcp.org/office-forms> Submit to **Bharrington@fumcpalatine.org**

Prayer Requests can be sent to **unitedcaringministries@gmail.com** or call/text **224-573-8401**

Office E-mail: **office@fumcpalatine.org**
Phone Number: **847 359 1345**
Office Hours: Tues-Fri 9a-1:30p
Monday is Pastor’s day off
Pastor’s Email: **rsathuri@fumcpalatine.org**

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Introduction of Growth & Outreach Task Force

Church leadership recognizes the importance of continuing to grow and strengthen our local church community. Growing our membership will strengthen our church community, support our financial well-being, and, most importantly, welcome more people into our church family and create more opportunities for people to experience and grow in their relationship with Christ. Together, we can build on our strong foundation and look forward to a vibrant and growing future for FUMCP.

So the FUMCP Church Council recently commissioned a Growth & Outreach Task Force to identify and evaluate opportunities to improve the overall FUMCP experience for all constituents including members, building users and visitors. This Task Force will examine the worship experience, general administration, church communications, community engagements and mission opportunities, as well as other aspects of the church. The Task Force will research best practices at other churches. Their findings and ideas for updates or course corrections will be overseen by the Church Council and appropriately authorized for implementation. Some initiatives will bear fruit and some may not. Bishop Dan Schwerin has encouraged all churches in the Northern Illinois Conference to try small experiments in all these areas.

This means you may see changes in the church which we hope improve the FUMCP experience for all. Be ready to share how you feel about various aspects of our church. Be ready to answer the call to serve as able in some of the future initiatives coming in the weeks and months ahead. Improvements and increased appeal of our church can only succeed if we all pitch in with our gifts of mindfulness, energy, presence, resources and prayers. We believe that with God all things are possible!

Growth & Outreach Task Force: Marsha Bundt, John Foley, Robert Hadcock, Brian Huff, Sandy Neumann, Mark Woods, and Pastor Robert Sathuri.

Thank you,

Bruce Jefferson

Chair, FUMCP Church Council