



Welcome To Worship

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

First United Methodist Church of Palatine, Illinois

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 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 *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Words* Wilson Linda Camp

Welcome Rev. Robert Sathuri

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Music of Preparation *The Love of God* arr Mark Hayes Kay Daugherty

***Call to Worship (responsively)** Cindy Dingwall

Leader: O God of Abraham and Sarah, You have led Your people in the past; lead us now.

People: Grant us the courage of Ruth to leave behind the old and familiar, the courage of Noah to risk laughter and scorn, the hope of Jeremiah to invest in the future, and the unselfishness of Esther to take risks on behalf of others.

L: O God of Moses and Miriam, You delivered Your people and led them through the wilderness, giving them food, protection, and guidance.

P: In the words of Miriam, we praise You: "I will sing to Yahweh, who has triumphed gloriously!"

L: O God of Deborah and Gideon, You have given us leaders to bring us back when we wander from You, and deliverers to lead us against oppression.

P: Give us leaders and deliverers, and grant us the wisdom to follow them.

L: From the words of Your prophets we have learned justice and mercy.

P: Help us to say, with Isaiah. "Here I am. Send me."

L: O God of James and John and Mary Magdalene, You have called us to follow Jesus.

P: Teach us how to work together in mutual responsibility, side-by-side, neither tagging behind nor shoving to the front.

L: O God of Paul and Priscilla and Aquila, who risked their lives for the sake of spreading Your church, fill us with enthusiasm for Your church.

P: Use us in the spreading of the church, in the building up of its parts, in the joining together of its various congregations, and in ministry to the whole world.

L: O God of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself in love for the whole world, teach us so to love.

P: Grant us the spirit of Christ, Who came not to be served but to serve.

All: Amen.

Bread for the Journey. Pg. 72, 73. Marilee Scroggs, The Pilgrims Press, New York, NY 1981

***Opening Prayer (unison)** Cindy Dingwall

God, the more we know You, the more it is that joy dances in our souls. So, as we open the pages of our family's history, show yourself in its words. Holy Spirit God, whisper Your love in our ears. Draw us into the embrace of Your arms. Let our hearts beat a little faster, as we hear the sound of Your voice so near. In Jesus Christ Name we pray,

Amen.

Worship & Song, #74. Robert D. Ingram. Abingdon Press, Nashville, TN 2011.

***Opening Hymn #545** *The Church's One Foundation* (stanzas 1,3,5)

Offering Our Prayers to God

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

L: Lord in Your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

Silent Prayers

Prayer of Intercession

Prayer of the People (unison)

Rev. Robert Sathuri

O God, You have built Your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone. Save the community of Your people from cowardly surrender to the world, from rendering unto Caesar what belongs to You, and from forgetting the Eternal Gospel, amid the temporal pressures of our troubled days. For the unity of the Church we pray, and for fellowship across the embittered lines of race and nation; to growth in grace, building in love, enlargement in service, increase in wisdom, faith, charity, and power, we dedicate our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Book of Worship Pg. 506 Harry Emerson Fosdick, U.S.A., 20th Cent. Alt.

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.*

"Children are excused to attend Sunday School. Please meet with the teacher in the Lobby"

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

Offertory Music

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service arr Cherwien

Linda Camp

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 (unison)

Rev. Robert Sathuri

Our Spiritual ancestors offered sacrifices to glorify You, O God; so would we honor You by these gifts. May they express the depth of our love for You. As Your church, we put them to work on Your behalf in programs of outreach toward those who long for the meaning as well for life's other necessities. Grant Your joy to all who give and all who receive.

Amen.

Flames of the Spirit Pg. 90 #4 Lavon Bayler, The Pilgrims Press, Cleveland OH, 1985

Hearing The Word of God

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

Cindy Dingwall

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:9-11

Cindy Dingwall

*Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Rev. Victor O Melad, Jr.

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Message:

"The Good Soil"

Rev. Victor O Melad, Jr.

*Closing Hymn #577

God of Grace and God of Glory (stanzas 1, 4)

*Benediction

Rev. Victor O Melad, Jr.

Ministry Opportunities

*Postlude

Prelude in G-minor Bach

Linda Camp



PRAYER TIME

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



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. // Denise & Brian H. // Annette H. // John S. // Phyllis P. // Leslie S.

Prayers for family and friends of members seeking God's healing

James B. son-in-law of Cliff B. // Joel, nephew of Robert & Teresa S. Victoria, sister of Ann C.
Colleen & Scott R. Daughter and Son in law. Earline B. Family friend of Ann C.

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 for Travel Mercies

Safety for all who are travelling

Prayers of comfort for those who are grieving at home and around the world

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

Prayers for earthquake victims, rescue and medical personnel in Venezuela.

- 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

Upcoming Events

Sun, July 12: Church wide meeting with D.S Rev. Victor O Melad Jr. Fellowship Hall
(lower level) following worship

Sun, July 19: Sunday Worship 9:30a and Baptism

Sun, July 26: Sunday Worship 9:30a

Sun, August 2: Sunday Worship & Communion 9:30a

Churchwide Palatine Food Pantry collection.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization whose mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies to reach children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The UWF will again be sponsoring this summer's giving mission. Last year, many of our shoeboxes went to Malawi and the Central African Republic.

Pick up a shoebox and guidelines for filling it in the Commons beginning Sunday, July 5.

Return filled shoeboxes through July. We will also accept monetary donations to help the committee purchase items for shoeboxes. Contact Marsha B. if you have questions.

Thank you for your generosity!

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Summer Sunday School is now in session!** School Age kids will focus on the Parables! Kids will come to worship and be excused at the offering time to meet with their Sunday School teachers in the Lobby. They will spend the summer hearing the “Stories of Jesus” focusing on The Parables.
- **An exciting, new Youth Ministry** is starting this summer too. Teens, Youth, College Age and Young Adults are invited to a new Bible Study titled: “Faith and Evidence: From Genesis to the Empty Tomb” led by Bob Hadcock. This class will encourage Bible students to answer questions about the authenticity of the Bible. The class will meet at 11:00 on Sundays down in the Youth Room. Snacks, beverages and Bibles will be provided. The changes in Summer allow an opportunity for kids and youth who haven’t participated in the past to get in on a class that is brand new!
- **Higher Grounds (current issues) Currently on Summer Break until September.**

NEW MEMBER CLASS

If interested in joining the church, please contact Pastor Robert via email rsathuri@fumcpalatine.org.

MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- **Palatine Food Pantry** Our next church wide collection will be on **Communion Sunday, July 5, 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
- **Adaptive Books Workshop** - Will not meet in July
- **Teddy Bears Ministry** - Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 1:00p, 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.

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** Consider donating theological, religious, or other spiritually-themed books to our rejuvenated Resource Center. Resources can be dropped off to the church office.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONGREGATION

- **Christian Fiction Book Club** Our upcoming book is "Under The Tulip Tree" by Michelle Shocklee, award winning historical Christian fiction writer. July 16, 7:00 p.m. in the adult meeting room. Please contact Teri Schmelzel at aschmelzel@yahoo.com

MUSIC

- **Summer Music** We are looking for musicians and vocalists to share their talent during the summer. Contact camp-townerl@elmhurst.edu or sign up in the commons area by the bulletin board. Chancel choir is on hiatus for the summer.
- **Bell Choir** If interested in joining, contact John Foley, jsjae1@gmail.com



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June 3, 2026

Subject: Call for Special Charge Conference – July 12, 2026

Dear Rev. Robert Sathuri and FUMC Members

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

In response to your request, I am officially calling a Special Charge/Church Conference for Palatine First United Methodist Church to be held on Sunday, July 12, 2026, immediately after the worship service located at 123 N. Plum Grove Road, Palatine, IL 60067.

The sole purpose of this special conference is to vote on the sale of two portions of the property.

I will be presiding over this meeting.

Please ensure the conference is announced to all professing members in accordance with the Book of Discipline, providing at least ten days' notice through all available communication platforms.

Kindly submit a copy of the conference minutes to the district office within five days of the meeting. The minutes should be addressed to our District Administrative Assistant, Debbie Rogers, at drogers@umcnic.org.

Thank you for your faithful ministry.

Blessings,

Rev. Victor O. Melad, Jr.

Lake North District Superintendent

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RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the First United Methodist Church of Palatine Charge Conference authorizes the Board of Trustees to sell the real property commonly known as: 50 North Hale Street, Palatine IL (PRIN 02-14-323-006) and Lot North of and Adjacent to 50 North Hale Street, Palatine IL (PRIN 02-14-323-005) on terms not less favorable than market value established by certified real estate appraisal; and to execute all documents necessary to effect the transaction. This action is conditioned upon the written consents of the pastor and district superintendent, and compliance with the DBCLB review and any first-offer requirements by United Methodist Institutions.

The resolution will be voted on at the Church Conference scheduled for July 12th.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

Dear Church Family,

I am writing to you today as the church's Chair of Finance to make you aware of the possibility that the church may need to sell the vacant lots currently hosting the church's community garden. I have spoken previously in church about potential asset sales. It is not our wish to sell any of the church's assets, but the fact is that our pledges have not met our finance goals for the last few years. As good stewards, we must be prepared to do what is necessary. The Church Council has asked that the Trustees look into such a sale. This will not happen immediately, as the process for doing so is lengthy, but we have begun to take necessary steps to be prepared if needed. We've all done a great job at reducing church debt, but the mortgage is still a huge drain on our budget. Reducing it would enable us to better serve you and the community. If a sale becomes necessary, all due diligence of appraisals and such will be done, following all prescribed UMC processes. We would list the properties for sale and would strive to sell to an entity whose principles and values align with the church's. We want everyone to be aware of this situation so there are no surprises. If you would like further information or might be interested in buying these lots, don't hesitate to let me know.

There will be an all Church Conference on Sunday, July 12 at the conclusion of the worship service to discuss and vote on this issue.

Yours in Christ, Sam Ferguson.

Above & Beyond

The Above & Beyond program has re-opened! The poster board in the Commons is filled again with many new needs the church has which our current budget isn't able to support. This program allows members to sponsor specific items above and beyond our regular, annual pledges of support. New chairs, tables, coffee maker, library make-over, and back-up power generator are just a few of the things accomplished through your generous sponsorships through this program. Simply look over the needed items, fill out a card, and drop it in the box. We'll contact you with next steps.

For questions, contact Brian Huff @ 224-828-8802 or bg.huff80@gmail.com. Thank you all for giving above and beyond!

- [Click Here for Online Giving](#)

Or visit fumcp.org or directly to

<https://giving.myamplify.io/App/Form/a03e4c6c-c290-44c6-8186-31e01bc8c77a>

Building Use forms & Applications
can be downloaded at

<https://www.fumcp.org/office-forms>

Submit to Bharrington@fumcpalatine.org

Prayer Requests can be sent to
unitedcaringministries@gmail.com
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