



Welcome To Worship

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



First United Methodist Church of Palatine, Illinois

Palm Sunday • March 29, 2026 • 9:30am

Before entering worship, kindly 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.

Gathering in the Presence of God

Prelude *Pie Jesu Faure* Linda Camp

Welcome Rev. Robert Sathuri

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Music of Preparation *Get All Excited* arr Marilyn Ham
Linda Camp & Kay Daugherty

*Call to Worship (responsively) Phyllis Philbrick

L: Come! From the city streets.

P: Join the happy throng that gathers to honor Jesus!

L: Come! From Your busy homes and places of business.

P: Put down your work in joyful celebration!

L: Come! Lay down your sorrows and worries,

P: Turn your eyes toward the Savior whom God has sent!

L: Let all join in joyful song.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus Christ, who comes in God's name. Amen.

Bread for the Journey Pg. 39 Ruth C. Duck, The Pilgrims Press, New York, NY, 1981

*Opening Prayer (unison) Phyllis Philbrick

God of infinite power, we praise You for Jesus Christ, Who came riding into the city of Jerusalem on a lowly beast, victorious through love and not through violence. Help us to learn the meaning of power and of glory through Jesus Christ, Who, though being one with You took on the form of a servant and shared our human life and sufferings. May we truly participate in the life and struggles of the world's peoples, to our joy and Your glory. Amen.

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Procession of Palms

*Opening Hymn #480 All Glory, Laud, and Honor Led by Chancel Choir

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, we confess that we are reluctant to move into this Lenten journey to Jerusalem. The past appears pleasant in comparison with the future unknown. We meet pressing human need with fear and pain and inaction. In a chorus with worshipers everywhere, we say, "We have fallen short, we live in a state of brokenness and alienation. We have sinned." O God, our Sustainer and Redeemer, help us to discover the gifts of power, talent, and energy which You give us, that we might bring healing into a broken world. Forgive our sin, strengthen our resolve, and renew us in Your ever-vibrant Spirit.

Amen. Bread for the Journey Pg. 36 Wheadon UMC Worship Commission, Evanston, IL.

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



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Children's Sunday School, 9:30a-10:30a**
Allen Austin, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries
- **Youth Group** - Youth group will meet weekly on Sundays in the downstairs Youth Rooms at 11am - 1pm. Excavating the evidence for Jesus. Details will be updated in the Whatsapp group. Next-Gen Ministries Youth Group **Teacher:** Allen Austin; **Volunteers:** Gina Hubbard
- **Higher Grounds (current issues)** meets in the Adult Conference Room @ 11a, In-person or via Zoom. Join for fellowship and thoughtful discussion as we consider the moral challenges of our time.

MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- **Palatine Food Pantry** Your generous giving makes a big difference in the lives of the needy in our community during this difficult economic time. They especially need canned fruit, paper towels and toilet paper. Our next church wide collection will be on **Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026**. Please consider regular donations. **No Expired Foods Please.** Thank you.
- **Meals on Wheels** The United Methodist Men coordinate the delivery of Meals on Wheels for the Palatine township on Tuesdays. If you are interested in participating, contact Gil W. Ph: 847-209-8603
- **Adaptive Books Workshop** - Wednesday, April 22 11a -1p, Gathering Place (lower level)
- **Teddy Bears Ministry** - Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 1:00p, Gathering Place (lower level)
- **Diaper Drive** - For 'Kids Above All'. Help babies and moms in need from April 1 - May 10 (Mother's Day). Drop off in the Lobby. Any size or brand, gift cards also accepted.
For more info contact UMWPalatine@gmail.com.
- **Prayer Blankets** Since 2002, we have shared prayers of healing and comfort through the Prayer Blanket Ministry. The blankets are lovingly sewn and then prayed over before a message tag is added. The blankets are offered as an expression of care and concern for those suffering emotionally or physically and the love of God is given with each one. Contact: Carla George (224-401-9755) or Gayla Swansen (847-705-8659) to receive kits or for more information.
- **Love Packages** FUMC Palatine now participates in the Love Packages Ministry by collecting new or used donations of bibles, Christian reference, study and prayer books as well as devotionals for adults and children. The materials are sent overseas to missionaries greatly in need of resources. This important ministry in spreading the word and love of God has sent more than 30,000 tons since 1975.

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. Thank you to the groups and individuals who have already hosted.
- **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.

MUSIC

- **Choir** meets on Thursdays from 7:30p - 9p. All are welcome to join!
- **Special Music** Do you play a musical instrument or enjoy singing? Consider sharing your special talent during worship. Contact camp-towne1@elmhurst.edu
- **Bell Choir** plays in church 4 times a year. If interested in joining, contact John Foley, jsjae1@gmail.com



CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONGREGATION

- **Prayer Circle** Join us by the fireplace during Lent. Sunday mornings 8:30-9a beginning Feb 22 through April 5, 2026 - **Next Meeting, March 29!**
- **The Higher Grounds (Current Issues)** adult Sunday school class will begin a new book, America's Best Idea: The Separation of Church and State by Randall Balmer, on Sunday, March 22. The study will last approximately 8 weeks. Balmer is a professor of religion at Dartmouth College, a prolific author, and an ordained Episcopal priest. You can find this book at your favorite bookseller. Our class meets at 11am after worship in the Adult Conference Room. Enjoy friendly faces and stimulating discussion! All are welcome. Linda & Rick Craft, Coordinators ljcraft@att.net

United Caring Ministries

FUMCP's United Caring Ministries (UCM) are ready to help. The caring ministries of this church have combined to better meet the needs of the congregation. The Congregational Care, Stephen Ministers, Meals Ministry, Prayer Blankets, First Friends and Life Events can be accessed through one central phone/text number and email. For caring support, prayer concerns, Home or Hospital Visits, Meals, Funerals or any other needs please contact:

unitedcaringministries@gmail.com or call/text 224-573-8401

Prayer requests will be forwarded to the church office.

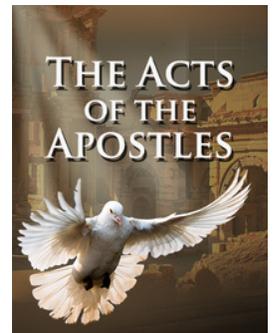
Spring Study

Join us for a reading through the Acts of the Apostles,
led by Pastor Robert Sathuri.

This 4 week study will begin on Wednesday, April 8 through April 29 @ 7p.

Study Outline:

April 8 Acts 1-7 **April 15** Acts 8-14 **April 22** Acts 15-21 **April 29** Acts 22-28



Giving Updates

The church has just completed conversion of its electronic giving system from Servant Keeper to Amplify. The names aren't important, but the process is. Those who have repetitively donated through the 'old' system recently were sent an email informing of the change this week. Periodic givers may access the new link through the church website: select "More" in the title bar, then scroll down to "Give". Or, access it directly via this URL:

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

Any questions or concerns may be directed to Brian Huff -- 224-828-8802.

Thank you to all our faithful givers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat, March 28 - Helping Hands 8:30a -11:30a

Sun, Mar 29 - Palm Sunday 9:30a

Thurs, Apr 2 - Maundy Thursday 7p

Fri, Apr 3 - Good Friday 7p

Sun, Apr 5 - Easter Sunday 9:30a

Sun, April 12 - Communion Sunday 9:30a

- [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

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



YOUR PRAYERS

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

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How To Make A Palm Cross

You will need one palm leaf strip about 60-65cm long and 1cm wide, tapering to the end.

