



Welcome To Worship

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

First United Methodist Church of Palatine, Illinois

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 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

How Great Thou Art arr Landon

Linda Camp

Welcome

Rev. Robert Sathuri

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Music of Preparation

The Solid Rock Wolaver

Kay Daugherty

***Call to Worship (responsively)**

Psalm 105:1-11

Brian Huff

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to the Lord, sing praises! Tell of all God's wonderful works!

L: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

P: Seek the Lord and His strength; seek the Lord's presence continually!

L: Remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles and judgments God has uttered.

P: O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

L: The Lord is our God, whose judgments are in all the earth.

P: The Lord is mindful of His everlasting covenant, of the word commanded for a thousand generations,

L: the covenant made with Abraham, His promise sworn to Isaac and confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying,

P: "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."

They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

All: Amen.

UM Hymnal, Pg. 828

***Opening Prayer (unison)**

Brian Huff

Loving God, Whose realm is like treasure hidden in a field, like a pearl of great value, like a tree with many branches that emerges from a tiny seed, focus our attention on Your will for us, for our community, for our world, that we might experience Your reign among us, yearn for its fulfillment, and give our best efforts toward full realization of the Kingdom of faith on earth as it in heaven.

Amen.

Taught by love, Pg. 127, Lavon Baylor, United Church Press, Cleveland, OH 1998

***Opening Hymn #405**

Seek Ye First

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

Hearing The Word of God

***Gospel**

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Brian Huff

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Message:

"Perception and Reality"

Rev. Robert Sathuri

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**
Almighty God, You have called us into Your church to be Your servants in the service of others. Forgive us for falling short of Your call. We have loved our buildings more than our brothers and sisters. We have been more concerned with budgets than with justice and peace. We have been more ready to talk about Christ than to live in Christ’s image. Cut through our evasions, increase our courage, renew our vision. Make us and the whole Church more nearly what You would have us be; God’s Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, Whose Body we are.
Amen.

Bread of the Journey, Pg. 58, #7 Paul J. Flucke The Pilgrims Press. New York, NY 1981

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*

Offertory Music *Jesus Take My Hand Hannibal/Nix* **Diane & Wes Hannibal
Kay Daugherty, Piano**

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**
The gift of Your realm is precious to us, O God. It is worth our greatest efforts and our caring sacrifice. As we search for the best in life, we also want to share our faith discoveries with friends and neighbors. We do that personally and with our giving. May our outreach proclaim to all that nothing can separate us from Your love. We give You thanks that You have entrusted to us all that we are privileged to share.
In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

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***Closing Hymn #178** *Hope of The World (stanzas 1,3,5 only)*

***Benediction** **Rev. Robert Sathuri**

Ministry Opportunities

***Postlude** *Fughetta Rembt* **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. // Annette H. // John S. // Leslie S. // Cliff B.

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.

// Colleen R. mom, Toots.

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

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.

Prayers for the people fighting and escaping the wildfires in US & Canada

- 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

Rev. Robert Sathuri Receives Recognition at U.S. Capitol

Rev. Robert N. Sathuri of First United Methodist Church in Palatine was recognized by Global Eye Magazine as one of 20 distinguished Asian Americans honored during a May 19, ceremony at the US Capitol in Washington, D.C. Nominated by Congressman Jonathan L. Jackson, Sathuri was recognized during Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month for his leadership, service, and contributions to the community. Read more at <https://southasianherald.com/top-asian-americans-honored-on-capitol-hill-during-aapi-heritage-month/>





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House of Representatives

HONORING THE LEGACY OF REVEREND ROBERT N. SATHURI

THE HONORABLE

JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 19th, 2026

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Robert N. Sathuri, a man of faith, compassion, and service, whose life has been shaped by the sacred work of building bridges across cultures, religions, races, and communities.

Robert Sathuri was born and raised in Hyderabad, India, in a rich and vibrant society marked by multicultural, multireligious, and pluralistic traditions. From his earliest years, he was formed in a community where Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, and Christian neighbors lived side by side, sharing the rhythms of daily life, friendship, and mutual respect. Those formative experiences became the foundation of his lifelong commitment to interfaith dialogue, peaceful coexistence, and human understanding.

Raised by hardworking middle-class parents, Robert learned the values of humility, discipline, family, and service. He is deeply blessed by his beloved wife, Teresa, and by a loving family that includes his brother Ben, sister-in-law Esther, nephews Paul and Joel, daughter-in-law Phoeba, grandniece Cassia, and many relatives and friends who remain part of the beautiful fabric of his life.

Even as a young man, Robert demonstrated gifts of communication, leadership, and public engagement. During his college years, he served as a radio jockey on All India Radio and as a sports broadcaster on Doordarshan, India. Through these roles, he learned the power of words to inform, inspire, and bring people together.

A scholar as well as a servant, Robert earned his Master of Arts and Master of Philosophy degrees and was later awarded the Junior Research Fellowship by the Indian Council of

Philosophical Research. His academic work deepened his understanding of faith traditions, comparative religion, and interfaith dialogue, preparing him for a ministry that would reach far beyond any one pulpit.

In the mid-1990s, Robert came to the United States to pursue a Master of Divinity degree at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary on the campus of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Upon completing his degree, he was invited to serve with the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church in a variety of communities and ministry settings. Through that calling, Robert came to know the American landscape not only through books or institutions, but through people, relationships, struggles, hopes, and shared acts of faith.

For more than 25 years, Robert and Teresa have served rural, suburban, urban, and inner-city communities, carrying with them a message of God's love, Christ's peace, and enduring hope. Their ministry has not been confined to sanctuary walls. It has lived in conversations with the grieving, prayers with the sick, meals served to the hungry, counsel offered to the troubled, and quiet acts of presence for those who needed someone simply to listen.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Sathuri possesses a rare and beautiful gift: the ability to reach children, youth, adults, and elders alike. He has mentored, counseled, prayed, advocated, and listened across generations. He has served among Caucasian, African American, Hispanic, Asian, and multiracial communities, always seeing in each person the image of God and the dignity of a neighbor.

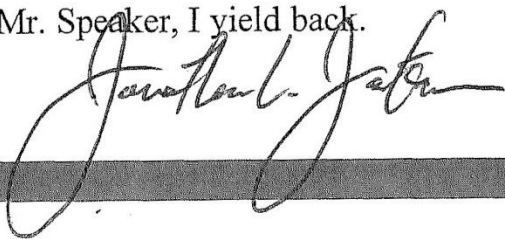
His ministry has been especially devoted to the poor, the needy, and the homeless. Working in partnership with city mayors, public officials, community organizations, and faith leaders, Robert has helped organize community meals, soup kitchens, winter warming shelters, rehabilitation efforts, and programs dedicated to restoring human life, value, and dignity. In every place he has served, he has sought to turn compassion into action and faith into service.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Robert N. Sathuri is humbled to receive the Asian Pacific Islander Award, an honor that recognizes his years of service, sacrifice, and spiritual leadership. Yet those who know him understand that awards are not what drive him. He is moved by a higher calling: to share God's amazing love, to serve his neighbors, and to follow the teachings of his master and teacher, Jesus Christ, in service to all.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Reverend Robert N. Sathuri for his extraordinary ministry, his commitment to interfaith understanding, his service to the poor and vulnerable, and his enduring pursuit of peace, hope, and justice.

Mr. Speaker, may his example continue to remind us that the work of healing communities begins with love, grows through service, and endures through faith.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jonathan J. J. J.", written over the text "Mr. Speaker, I yield back."

Sharing the Word and Work of God
A New Vision for The United Methodist Church
Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.

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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)

PLEASE NOTE:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, July 26: Sunday Worship 9:30a

Sun, August 2: Sunday Worship & Communion 9:30a, Guest Pastor, Rev. Scott Mclellen
Churchwide Palatine Food Pantry collection.

Sun, August 9: Sunday Worship 9:30a Guest Pastor, Rev. Romir Esquerra

Sun, August 16: Sunday Worship 9:30a Mark Woods, Lay Leader

Sun, August 23: Sunday Worship 9:30a Rev. Robert Sathuri

Sun, August 30: Sunday Worship 9:30a Rev. Robert Sathuri

NEW MEMBER CLASS

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Summer Sunday School** 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.
- **Youth Ministry** 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.

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** - Do you have any theological, religious, or other spiritually-themed books that you've enjoyed and may no longer read? Consider donating them to our rejuvenated Resource Center. We'd love to consider adding them to our collection for the enjoyment of all. You may leave them in the bin under the clock in the library.

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

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONGREGATION

- **Christian Fiction Book Club**, We are having a BBQ in August, Contact Teri for more information. Our upcoming book is "There are Rivers In the Sky" by Elif Shafak on October 8, 2026 @ 7pm.
- **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 be assisting with 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!
- **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!

MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- **Palatine Food Pantry** Our next church wide collection will be on **Communion Sunday, August 2, 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** - Wednesday, August 19, 11a-1p, Gathering Place (lower level)
- **Teddy Bears Ministry** - Tuesday, August 18, 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.

Sale of lots update

July 26, 2026

Dear Church Family,

On July 12th the church held its all church meeting lead by District Superintendent Melad. The meeting was held so that any attending professing members could cast their vote to approve or not approve the selling of the church's two vacant lots. The meeting was held and the 59 attending members overwhelmingly voted 48 to 9 to approve the sale. There were 2 abstaining votes. This means, once the conference approves the vote then the church has one year to decide whether to execute on the approved sale. Church leadership will continue to keep all members aware of future proceedings. If there are any questions please feel free to contact Sam Ferguson Finance Chair. Email: sferg82@aol.com or by phone at 847-732-1558.

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

	June	June YTD
Revenue (Receipts)	\$45,318.47	\$261,883.69
Expenses (Payments)	\$24,677.96	\$175,489.80
Revenue vs. Expense +/-	+\$20,640.51	+\$ 86,393.89
Mortgage	\$16,831.00	\$100,986.00
BALANCE +/-	+\$ 3,809.51	-\$ 14,592.11

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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

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