



January 21, 2024

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

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

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

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

Gathering in the Presence of God

Prelude

Voluntary IX - Boyce

Linda Camp

Welcome & Announcements

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Special Music

When the Morning Comes arr. McDonald

Kay Daugherty

In our Hymnal, p. 525, the song is under the title "We'll Understand it Better By and By")

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Denise Harrison

L: We have gathered together in the presence of God to offer our praise and our prayers.

P: We come before God with confidence, knowing that even when we cannot find the words, God's own Spirit is right here with us, praying in us and for us, giving shape to our wordless hopes and longings, and pleading for us before the throne of grace. So, let us come with joy to offer our worship to God who knows and loves us all.

ALL: Amen

***Opening Prayer (unison)**

Denise Harrison

Life-giving God, we gather in Your presence to offer You thanksgiving and praise for all that You have done for us. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we have been set free, free from the power of sin that leads to death, free to follow the leading of Your Holy Spirit, free to love You with all our heart and soul and strength, free to worship! May Your Holy Spirit inspire our praise and our prayers. Open our hearts and minds to Your presence among us and within us, and to the Word You have for us today. To You alone, life-giving God, belongs all praise and honor and glory and blessing, now and to the end of time. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #603**

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire

Led by Chancel Choir

We Offer Our Prayers and Gifts to God

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Silent Prayers

Prayer of Intercession

Prayers of the People (unison)

Lambert Habonimana

Come, Holy Spirit, take and transform our societies - that broken people can find healing; that lonely people can find love; that bitter can people find peace; that fearful can people find hope. Come, Holy Spirit, take our world's leaders and governments and bring renewal. Open communication so that hostile relationships between people and nations will evaporate; that a hunger for justice will address the hunger for food felt by so many. Come, Holy Spirit, fill Your church - that our worship will be ever more pleasing to You; that prayers will change our minds instead of trying to get You to change Yours; that our lives will make a real difference to real people in the real world. Come, Holy Spirit, fill our lives with your presence - so that more and more every day, all that we do and say and hope will be an act of worship to You and an expression of love to others. To the glory of Your name, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.*

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| Offertory Invitation | | |
| <i>Ushers pass the offering plates in the pews and place them on the altar.</i> | | |
| Anthem | <i>Home by Another Road – Mark A. Miller</i> | Chancel Choir |
| *Doxology (sung) <i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;</i> <i>Praise Him, all creatures here below;</i> <i>Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;</i> <i>Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i> | | |
| *Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving | | Lambert Habonimana |
| O Lord our God, the author and giver of all things, we thank You for all your mercies, and for Your loving care over all Your creatures. We bless You for the gift of life, for Your protection around us, for Your guiding hand over us, and for the tokens of Your love within us. We thank You for friendship and duty, for good hopes and precious memories, for the joys that cheer us, and the trials that teach us to trust in You. Most of all we thank You for the saving knowledge of Your Son our Savior, for the living presence of Your Spirit, the Comforter, for Your Church, the body of Christ, for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and all the means of grace. In all these things, O heavenly God, help us use Your benefits wisely to serve others, that we may render an acceptable thanksgiving unto You all the days of our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen | | |
| <i>Hearing The Word of God</i> | | |
| Scripture Reading | Romans 8:1-14, 26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:6-14 | Denise Harrison |
| L: This is the Word of God for the people of God! | | |
| P: Thanks be to God! | | |
| Message: | “Spirit-led or Towed” | Lambert Habonimana |
| *Closing Hymn #539 | <i>O Spirit of the Living God</i> | Led by Chancel Choir |
| *Benediction | | |
| *Postlude | <i>God of Grace and God of Glory- Cherwien</i> | Linda Camp |

Upcoming Events 2024

Lenten Events

- Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday @ 7 pm
- 6 Week Devotions Discussion Group offered by UW Faith @ 9:30am – 10:30am on the following dates 2/14 – 2/21 – 2/28 – 3/6 – 3/13 - 3/20
- 6 Week Prayer Breakfast offered by UW Faith @ 9:30am – 10:30am on the following dates 2/17 – 2/24 – 3/2 – 3/9 – 3/16 - 3/23
- 4 Week Lenten Study with Pastor Robert on Wednesdays @ 7pm on the following dates 2/28 - 3/6 - 3/13 - 3/20

Holy Week Mar. 24 – 31 2024

- Mar. 24 - Palm Sunday @ 9:30 am
- Mar. 28 - Maundy Thursday @ 7 pm, Communion Service
- Mar. 29 - Good Friday @ 7 pm
- Mar. 31 - Easter Sunday @ 9:30 am

The Listening Post

Come join us on the first Saturday of each month at 9 am for a one-hour open discussion of topics that will help inform the priorities and the direction of our church. These discussions will be co-hosted by Lay Leader Mark Woods and Pastor Robert Sathuri. The first Listening Post will take place on Saturday, February 3 in the Commons area. The topic of discussion will be our church debt - what it is, what it costs us monthly, how it holds us back, and what we might do about it. Please come ready to share your opinions and your ideas.



YOUR PRAYERS

Before or during Worship Service, to request prayers, please ask for cards from the Ushers.



God's Healing Touch

**Gary Sprandel | Howard Gibson |
Meredith Gieseler | Hal Greene**

Prayers for all the elderly who are in nursing homes and assisted living during this time.

- It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Pam Ferguson's Mother, Phyllis Batson, on January 9, 2024. Funeral arrangements are being made. Please keep Pam and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for my new grandson, 4th child for my son Ben & his wife Kallie: Isaiah John Hubbard was born on January 10th, 6lbs 14oz after a high risk pregnancy & delivery. Mom & baby are now home and doing well. - Gina Hubbard
- Helen Haring, has developed COVID. She lives at Westbrook Senior Living in Streamwood in assisted care and she cannot have visitors at this time. Please contact UWF for Helen's address.
- We are sad to announce the passing of Barbara Bowman at the age of 93 on December 20, 2023. Funeral arrangements are being made for February 2024. Please keep Bill and his family in your prayers during this difficult time.
- We are sad to announce the passing of Bill Hall at the age of 86 on December 21, 2023. Funeral arrangements are being made for February 2024. Please keep Marie and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.
- Prayers of comfort for Diane Boxleitner and her family. Her cousin Francis passed away in Madison, WI.
- Deb Hayley requests prayer for her sister, Kathryn, who has an enlarged heart and is under doctor's care.
- Prayers for the Sathuri Family, Robert, Teresa & Rani who are all down with a severe flu.
- Prayers for Agnes Sathuri, cousin sister of Pastor Robert. Prayers for Agnes in the passing of her husband due to cardiac failure. Prayers for their children in India.

Kindly Note: Due to HIPAA and Privacy, last names will not be mentioned during prayer time. Thank you for your cooperation as we are on www.fumcp.org i.e, World Wide Web.

Please let the church know of any updates to prayers so we can continue to keep them current. Prayers will automatically be removed after 3 weeks if not updated.
Thank you.

**SEND YOUR PRAYER REQUEST TO
office@fumcpalatine.org**

- [Click Here for Online Giving](#)

Building Use forms & Applications
can be downloaded at
<https://www.fumcp.org/office-forms>

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours:

Tues & Thurs 9am-1pm

Phone: 847-359-1345

Virtual Office:

Church staff will continue to be available by email.

E-mail: office@fumcpalatine.org

Pastor Robert is also available on Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:30am to Noon for appointments.

Contact him via email
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Monday is Pastors day off



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All Week Long

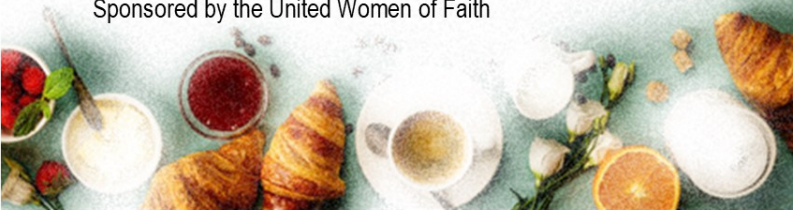
Prayer Breakfasts

Saturdays during Lent ❖ Feb 17-Mar 23 ❖ 9:30 -10:30 am

We'll lift up personal prayer concerns, pray for our church, country and world, enjoy food, fellowship, music, and a devotion.

All are invited—women, men, families, couples!

Sponsored by the United Women of Faith



Take a weekly pause during the Lenten season at a series of "Fireside Chats" in the Commons, centered on devotions from the book, **To Seek and To Save - Daily Reflections on the Road to the Cross** by Sinclair B. Ferguson.

Wednesdays 9:30 - 10:30 am
February 14 thru March 20

United Women of Faith are providing the books, which will be distributed at the first meeting. **Please sign-up in the Commons.** Questions? Email UMWpalatine@gmail.com

Women, men, couples ... ALL are invited!



**A DAY
IN THE LIFE
OF ABED
SALAMA**
— Anatomy of a —
Jerusalem Tragedy
**NATHAN
THRALL**



The Higher Grounds (Current Issues) Adult class.

Join us for an 8-week study of

A Day in the Life of Amed Salama, Anatomy of a Jerusalem Tragedy by Nathan Thrall, beginning Sunday, January 14.

We meet in the Adult Meeting Room at 11am in person or via Zoom. Contact Rick and Linda Craft at ljcraft@att.net for a Zoom link.

[Amazon.com: A Day in the Life of Abed Salama: Anatomy of a Jerusalem Tragedy eBook : Thrall, Nathan: Kindle Store](#)

**JOIN US
FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

FAITH, FRIENDS & FUN

SUNDAYS @ 9:30AM - 10:30AM

Children ages 2-12 welcome!



**4 Week Lenten Study with
Pastor Robert
on Wednesdays at 7pm
2/28 - 3/6 - 3/13 - 3/20**

Sign up in the commons



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**If you lit candles during
the Holidays, put their
remnants to good use!** ★



Drop off previously burned, broken, or even unused candles in the collection canister near the sign-up table in the Commons. They'll be melted down & used in the Candle Booth at Bethlehem Marketplace 2024.

All colors, shapes & sizes welcome! ★

We are a historic and communal church that is dedicated to life-changing faith, building Christian community, and serving our neighborhood. Because of this commitment, all are included at our table: all ages, all races, all genders and gender identities, all sexual orientations, all socioeconomic statuses, all nationalities, all ethnicities, all citizenships, and all ability levels. We specifically welcome fully those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning into our church community.