



April 21, 2024 – 9:30am
Fourth Sunday of Easter



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

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

**We are 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 *I Will Arise and Go To Jesus* arr. Thompson **Bell Choir**

Welcome & Announcements

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Special Music *How Great Thou Art* arr. Hayes **Kay Daugherty**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)** **Ann Clark**

L: Praise the LORD. Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens.

P: Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness.

L: Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre.

P: Praise Him with timbrel and dancing, praise Him with the strings and pipe.

L: Praise Him with the clash of cymbals, praise Him with resounding cymbals.

P: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

All: Praise the LORD.

ALL: Amen.

***Opening Prayer (unison)** **Ann Clark**

Living God, whose love abides in us, You call us to love in truth and action. Give courage to our hearts so we may love your beloveds. Open our ears to the wisdom of those You send, who might otherwise be dismissed.

Transform our charity into justice over all the earth. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #419** *I am Thine, O Lord*

We Offer Our Prayers and Gifts to God

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Silent Prayers

Prayer of Intercession

Prayers of the People (unison) **John Schmelzel**

Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way of Your risen Son, and to care for those who are our companions, not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love. Seeking to be true friends of all, we offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world. Guide us in the path of discipleship, so that, as You have blessed us, we may be a blessing for others, bringing the promise of the kingdom near, by our words and deeds. 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.

Offertory Invitation

Ushers pass the offering plates in the pews and place them on the altar.

Anthem

Take My Life and Let It Be arr. Cota

Bell Choir John Foley, Director

***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 of Thanksgiving (unison)**

John Schmelzel

Gracious Provider, we gather with hearts filled with gratitude for the love and light You have shown us. Your Word reminds us that true love is seen in the self-sacrifice of Christ. As we offer our tithes and offerings, we are reminded of the importance of generosity and stewardship in every aspect of our lives. May these gifts be a reflection of the love we have experienced in Christ and our commitment to steward them faithfully for the work of Your kingdom. Use these offerings to bring justice, mercy, and hope to a world in need. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Hearing The Word of God

Scripture Reading

1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Ann Clark

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Message:

"Where Is God?"

John Schmelzel

***Closing Hymn #593**

Here I am Lord

***Benediction**

John Schmelzel

***Postlude**

Postlude – Magnificat – Guilman

Linda Camp



Christ Is Risen

Upcoming Events 2024

- April 23rd -May 3rd – General Conference, Charlotte NC.
- May 12th – Mother’s Day
- May 26th – Memorial Day Week
- June 2nd – Confirmation Sunday
- June 16th – Father’s Day
- June 16th - 18th – NIC UMC Annual Conference @ Renaissance Center, Schaumburg



All Week Long

Church Directories from 1987 - Present are missing from the Ushers' closet.

Attendance refill pads have also been removed
Please return them to
John Stires or the office.
Thank you.

Pastor Robert Sathuri will be on Renewal Leave from April 16 -- May 28, 2024.

Pulpit assignments for the upcoming Sundays are listed below.

- April 21 : John Schmelzel
- April 28: Choral Worship
- May 5: Lambert Habonimana
- May 12: United Women of Faith
- May 19: Mark Woods
- May 26: Lambert Habonimana



Please take a packet of notecards found in the commons area by the bulletin board, to write a welcoming and inspirational message to each of our 4 Confirmands:

Alyssa Pederson, Serena Palmer, Allison Hadcock and Violet Bachmann

Suggestions include a Bible verse, a prayer, or just a note of encouragement. These will be delivered at their final retreat. Please return them to the Church Office or to Gina Hubbard by Sunday, April 28th. Thank you!

Audio Visual Team



Volunteers Needed

Do you like to do techy things?
Are you open to learning something new?
Consider joining our A/V Team!
Be part of the back stage workings for a Worship Experience.
Training provided!

contact:

jsjae1@gmail.com

all are invited to the

Community Meal

Thursday, May 9 ❖ 5:00 - 6:30pm

A no-cost gathering to build community and provide a nutritious meal for all who attend. Dine indoors and enjoy live music OR park and pick up a meal to go.

You can also help make this event happen! See volunteer opportunities and sign up in The Commons

Questions?
email: umwpatatine@gmail.com

Wanted: Fellowship Hour Hosts

* **Set Up & Clean Up** United Women of Faith provide all the supplies. Sign up in The Commons.

* **Cookie Bakers also Needed**
No sign up necessary. Package for the freezer and drop off anytime.



Questions?

Contact Sandy at UMWPalatine@gmail.com

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.



YOUR PRAYERS

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



God's Healing Touch

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

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

- A celebration of Life service for Joe Underwood will be held on Saturday, June 8th from 12pm - 3pm at the Lexington Community Center, 207 W Main St, Lexington, IL 61753.
- Prayers for Patti, sister-in-law of Anne Jefferson, for chemo starting on April 1.
- Prayers of Thanksgiving. John Dawson had surgery, is home and doing well. The Dawson family thanks you for all your prayers.
- Prayers for the unspoken concerns for our members, friends and the world.
- Prayers for world peace.

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 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.

If you desire a Pastoral visit at the hospital, family members, please notify the church as chaplains at hospitals no longer inform churches per HIPPA Law.



**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>

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 next one will Meet again on May 4th, in the Commons area. The topic of discussion will be announced soon. Please come ready to share your opinions and your ideas.

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.

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