



Welcome To Worship

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



First United Methodist Church of Palatine, Illinois

123 N. Plum Grove Rd, Illinois, 60067

Fourth Sunday of Lent • March 15, 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 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Maker Linda Camp

Welcome

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Music Of Preparation *Precious Lord, Take My Hand.* Dorsey Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship (responsively) (Isaiah 1:18, 2:5, 30-15) Judy Starke

L: Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:

though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;

P: though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

L: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,

P: that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths.

L: In returning and rest you shall be saved;

P: in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

All: Amen.

Book of worship, #325, 326, 327

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Judy Starke

Our Heavenly Father, we Your humble children invoke Your blessing on us. We adore You, Whose name is love, Whose nature is compassion, Whose presence is joy, Whose Word is truth, Whose Spirit is goodness, Whose holiness is beauty, Whose will is peace, Whose service is perfect freedom, and in knowledge of Whom stands our eternal life. Unto You be all honor and all glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Worship Pg 462, 1944, ALT.

*Opening Hymn #454

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Led by Chancel Choir

Presenting Our Prayers to God

Sharing of Prayer Concerns and Response

L: Lord in Your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

Silent Prayers

Prayers of Confession (unison)

Rev. Robert Sathuri

Wise and powerful God, You have given us Your light and truth to guide us through confusion, yet we have relied on our human wisdom and have lost our way. You offer to share our burdens and give us Your strength, yet we trust in our own efforts and find ourselves exhausted.

Bring us back into Your presence, O God; overcome our separation from one another and from You. By Your Word and Spirit, fill us with the gifts that equip us to meet life's demands, that we may be Your people in the world and live in the confidence and joy of Jesus Christ, in Whose name we pray.

Amen.

Bread for the Journey, Pg. 37 #5 Paul J Flucke. Pilgrims Press, NY, 1981.

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.

Offering Our Gifts To God



YOUR PRAYERS

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 H. // Annette H. // Deb H.

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

Sharon O'K. friend of Cindy D.

Patrick B. friend of Cindy D.

David, friend of John & Nancy S.

James B. son-in-law of Cliff B.

Prayers for God's Help & Blessings

Lambert & wife, Symballine, in their efforts to return to the
U.S.A.

Prayers of Thanksgiving to God

Safe return of Pastor Robert and Teresa

Prayers of comfort for those who are grieving:

The Gieseler Family on the passing of Meredith

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

*A New Vision for The United Methodist Church:
Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.*

To make a submission for the All Week Long
please email or drop off in person by Wednesday at noon.

SEND YOUR PRAYER REQUEST TO

office@fumcpalatine.org

**When requesting prayers for a friend or family member,
please include an address so we can send them a
note. Thank you.**

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LENT



Fast, Pray, Repent, Give, Serve.



Sharing the Word and Work of God
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Children's Sunday School, 9:30a-10:30a March 15** *With His Friends*
 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, March 18. 11a -1p, Gathering Place (lower level)
- **Teddy Bears Ministry** - Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 1:00p, Gathering Place (lower level)
- **United Caring Ministries:** Prayers, Meals, Home/Hospital Visits, Stephen Ministers or other needs. **Call or Text 224-578-8401 or email unitedcaringministries@gmail.com**
- **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.

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.

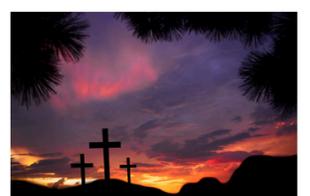
MUSIC

- **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-townerl@elmhurst.edu
- **Bell Choir** plays in church 4 times a year. If interested in joining, contact John Foley, jsjae1@gmail.com



Good Friday Tenebrae Service - April 3, 2026

We are looking for readers to be a part of this sacred Tenebrae service, if you feel called to participate, please sign up. Sign up sheets are by the bulletin board outside the church office.



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 15!**
- **Garden Update:** Thank you to all who graciously made a donation to the community garden and took a sunflower head for your backyard feathered friends. Those monies will buy the seeds we'll need to get going again in a few short weeks. If you're interested in participating in this great community outreach -- feeding our neighbors -- reach out to Brian Huff anytime at 224-828-8802. We'd love to have you join us!
- **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

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

Pre-Memorial Service Planning

This form is to help you and your loved ones in planning a celebration of life service in your honor. Please fill out as much or as little as you wish or attach extra pages. Please leave a copy of the form in the church office for reference by the pastor and service coordinator. You are welcome to make extra copies to share with your family or keep with your personal papers. If you wish to make changes, please stop by the church office. There are two forms available. A long form for people who want to plan out all of the details for their service and a short form for others who just want to give a few preferences of favorite hymns and scriptures to assist the pastor and family, but want the family to do most of the planning. Forms are available at the bulletin board and on the website, fumcp.org/office-forms. For additional information, contact Teri Schmelzel aschmelzel@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues, March 17 - Teddy Bears 1p

Wed, March 18 - Adaptive Books 11a - 1p

Sun, March 22 - Scouting Sunday 9:30a

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

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- [Click Here for Online Giving](#)

Or visit

<https://giving.servantkeeper.com/fumcp>

Office E-mail:

office@fumcpalatine.org

Phone Number: **847 359 1345**

Office Hours: Tues-Fri 9a-1:30p

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
office@fumcpalatine.org

Monday is Pastor's day off

Pastor's Email:

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