



Welcome To Worship

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



First United Methodist Church of Palatine, Illinois

Scouting Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent • March 22, 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 *St Thomas Lasky* Linda Camp

Welcome Rev. Robert Sathuri

Mission Moment Erik Hildebrandt

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Flag Ceremony, Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath & Scout Laws

Music of Preparation Linda Camp & Kay Daugherty

*Call to Worship (responsively) Adapted from 1 Timothy Scouts

L: We have gathered in the presence of the God in whom every family in heaven and on earth receives its name.

P: We come, in the prayer that the peace of Christ might dwell in our family relationships.

L: We come, in the prayer that the peace of God might permeate the life of the human family.

All: May the love of Christ fill our hearts, our lives, and our world, to the glory of God. Amen

Flames of the Spirit Pg. 44 #2 Ruth C. Duck, The Pilgrims Press, Cleveland OH, 1985

*Opening Prayer (unison) Scouts

O God, Your will is that all Your children should grow into fullness of life.

We lift to You the ministry of Scouting.

We offer You thanks for camping, to teach us that the world is our great home; for study and work, to build character;

for service, to see our responsibility to those in need;

for encouragement in genuine patriotism and vital faith.

Bless the work of Scouting, in this place and around the world, that, through its efforts, the young may, like our Lord, increase in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with You and all people.

Amen.

Book of Worship Pg 437 Mark Trotter, U.S.A., 20th Cent.

*Opening Hymn #467 Trust and Obey 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

God of Peace and Justice, we long for the peace within, and without. We long to find serenity of spirit in the midst of life's struggles. We long for harmony in our families and in all our relationships. We long for the day when each family everywhere might live in peace without fear, enjoying the fruit of vine and tree. Yet we confess that there is much anxiety, fear, distrust, and even violence within us. We are not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices which peace requires. Look upon us with kindness and mercy; rule in our hearts and our world; and show us how to walk in Your paths; through the grace of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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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

Offertory Invitation

Ushers pass the offering plates in the pews and place them on the altar.
Please remember to sign attendance pads

Anthem *In This Very Room* Ron & Carol Harris Chancel Choir,
Diane Hannibal, Director

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

Thank you, God, for all the ways we have benefited from the labor of others. We here offer our best for the sake of brothers and sisters who need the love and encouragement You are eager to share through us. Keep us from being ungrateful as we continue to receive so much more than we stop to realize. When life is difficult, help us to endure and to hope because Your love is sure and certain, ours to receive and to give, in Christ's name.

Amen.

Taught By Love, Pg. 61 Lavon Baylor, United Church Press, Cleveland OH, 1998

Hearing The Word of God

Scripture Readings Psalm 119:9-16 & 2 Timothy 3:1-5 Scouts

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Message: "Be Aware" Rev. Robert Sathuri

*Closing Hymn TFWS #2279 *The Trees of the Field* Led by Chancel Choir
(see overhead, sing twice)

*Retiring the Colors Scouts

*Benediction Rev. Robert Sathuri

Announcements

*Postlude *Lift High the Cross* Nicholson Linda Camp



Fifth Sunday in Lent

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How can young people keep their way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.

Psalm 119:9



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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)
- **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.**
- **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-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 22!**
- **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

Helping Hands

The Trustees invite you all to our spring Helping Hands morning, on Saturday, March 28th, from 8:30-11:30. We have something for everyone - whether you want to climb ladders or just sit and sort papers!
Come and join us to help spiff things up for the spring!

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

A big THANK YOU to those who opened the church building on Saturday for our parade-watching neighbors needing a restroom break.
That service is always so much appreciated by the community.

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](https://www.fumcp.org/office-forms). For additional information, contact Teri Schmelzel aschmelzel@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, March 22 - Scouting Sunday 9:30a

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

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- [Click Here for Online Giving](#)

Or visit

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Building Use forms & Applications can be downloaded at

<https://www.fumcp.org/office-forms>

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Monday is Pastor's day off

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