



Welcome To Worship

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



First United Methodist Church of Palatine, Illinois

Easter Sunday

April 5, 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

A Glorious Easter Medley

Linda Camp and Kay Daugherty

Greeting:

Rev. Robert Sathuri

L: Christ is Risen!

P: Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome

Rev. Robert Sathuri

Passing the Peace

*Call to Worship: (responsively)

Neil McManus

Leader: Oh sing to God a new song.

People: For God has done marvelous things.

L: Because of God's steadfast love to Israel,

P: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

L: For now is Christ risen from the dead!

P: Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth.

L: Break forth into joyous song and praises.

P: For God will rule the earth with righteousness. Nothing in all

creation can separate us from the love of God in Jesus

our risen Christ.

ALL: Amen. Bread for the Journey Pg. 43 Ruth C. Duck. The Pilgrims Press. New York, NY, 1981

*Easter Day Prayer

Neil McManus

Gracious God, Power of Life, we praise You that You have not

abandoned us to the living death of sin and despair, but that, with

Jesus Christ, You have lifted us up from the grave. Grant that we

might live in newness of life, that we might ourselves know the

power of resurrection, now and in the world to come; for it is in the

name of the risen Christ that we pray.

Amen. Bread for the Journey Pg. 46 #1 Ruth C. Duck. The Pilgrims Press. New York, NY, 1981

Anthem

Alleluia, Jesus Lives D. Hannibal

Chancel Choir,

Diane Hannibal, Director

Leah DeLuca, Trumpet

*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

The Apostles Creed - Ecumenical Version

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was

conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again;

He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen. (**universal)

UMH Pg. 882

*Opening Hymn #302 *Christ The Lord is Risen Today* V 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Led By Chancel Choir

Presenting our Prayers to God

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Rev. Robert Sathuri

L: Lord in Your mercy.

P: Hear our prayer.

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People (unison)

Rev. Robert Sathuri

God of all ages and of all people, the shadows and gloom of Good

Friday have been dispersed by the light and color of Easter Sunday.

We rejoice in Your power that turns our sorrow into joy, our despair

into hope, our defeat into victory and evil into goodness. Help us on

this Easter morning, O God, to burst out of the tombs that have

trapped us: tombs of selfishness and sinfulness, greed and gluttony,

scandal and corruption, pride and prejudice. Let now a new life of

divine grace and human love burst forth from each of us this Easter

day, through the grace of Jesus Christ, the Risen One.

Amen.

Flames of the Spirit Pg. 41 #1 Robert H. Midgley. The Pilgrims Press, Cleveland, OH. 1985

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Rev. Robert Sathuri

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 will cast all my cares upon you.

Offertory Invitation

Ushers pass the offering plates in the pews and place them on the altar. Thank you to all who give online.

Please remember to sign the attendance pads.

Anthem

Alleluia! Christ is Risen Beethoven arr H. Hopson

Chancel Choir, Diane Hannibal, Director

Leah DeLuca, Trumpet, Ann Clark & John Foley, Handbells

*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.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Wonderful, amazing God, we thank You that You have raised Jesus

Christ from the dead, bringing us the promise of new life. With the

dawn of this new day, may we awake to new opportunities to love and

serve You and witness to Christ whom You have raised. Use us, and our

gifts, to Your glory.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Flames of the Spirit Pg. 43, 44 Ruth C. Duck. The Pilgrims Press, Cleveland, OH. 1985

Hearing The Word of God

*Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

Neil McManus

New Testament Reading

Colossians 3:14

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Homily:

"Is There Life in Christ?"

Rev. Robert Sathuri

Sending Forth

*Congregation and Choir *"Hallelujah"* George Frederic Handel

Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, Hallelujah.

The Kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his

Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever, Hallelujah!

King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and He shall reign for ever and ever.

Hallelujah.

*Benediction

Rev. Robert Sathuri

Postlude

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands Bach

Linda Camp

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 & Brian H. // Annette H. // Deb H.

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

James B. son-in-law of Cliff B.
Toots N. mother of Coleen R.
Patrick B. friend of Cindy D.

Prayers for God's Help & Blessings

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving to God

For God's Gifts

Prayers of comfort for those who are grieving

For those who have lost loved ones

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

The Legend of the Dogwood

The legend goes that in the days of Christ, the Dogwood tree was a much larger, strong-trunked tree, much different than the smaller understory tree we are so fond of now. The story continues that when Christ was crucified, His cross was made of the sturdy bark of the Dogwood tree, and (as the legend goes) God both cursed and blessed the Dogwood tree the day His Son died. He cursed it by making it much smaller than it was, and blessed it by having it bloom every year during the Easter season as an additional reminder to the world of Jesus' love. Each bloom on a Dogwood tree has four petals, symbolizing a cross (as the legend tells it). At the end of each petal, there is a small indentation to remind us of the nails that pierced Jesus' hands and feet. The center of each flower on the tree has a nubby look to it, reminding us of the crown of thorns placed on Christ's head at the time of His crucifixion. And many times on the Dogwood flower, there are colors of red dotted on the bloom when you look closely, reminding us of the blood Jesus poured out for us.



EASTER

CELEBRATE TOGETHER



Christ is Risen!



Sharing the Word and Work of God
A New Vision for The United Methodist Church

Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.

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 15 11a -1p, Gathering Place (lower level)
- **Teddy Bears Ministry** - Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 1:00p, Gathering Place (lower level)
- **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



CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONGREGATION

- **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

United Caring Ministries

FUMCP's United Caring Ministries (UCM) are ready to help. The caring ministries of this church have combined to better meet the needs of the congregation. The Congregational Care, Stephen Ministers, Meals Ministry, Prayer Blankets, First Friends and Life Events can be accessed through one central phone/text number and email. For caring support, prayer concerns, Home or Hospital Visits, Meals, Funerals or any other needs please contact:
unitedcaringministries@gmail.com or call/text 224-573-8401
Prayer requests will be forwarded to the church office.

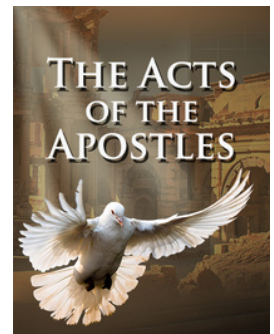
Spring Study

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



Giving Updates

The church has just completed conversion of its electronic giving system from Servant Keeper to Amplify. The names aren't important, but the process is. Those who have repetitively donated through the 'old' system recently were sent an email informing of the change this week. Periodic givers may access the new link through the church website: select "More" in the title bar, then scroll down to "Give". Or, access it directly via this URL:

<https://giving.myamplify.io/App/Form/a03e4c6c-c290-44c6-8186-31e01bc8c77a>

Any questions or concerns may be directed to Brian Huff -- 224-828-8802.

Thank you to all our faithful givers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, Apr 5 - Easter Sunday 9:30a

Sun, April 12 - Communion Sunday 9:30a

Sun, June 7 - Confirmation Sunday 9:30a

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- [Click Here for Online Giving](#)

Or visit fumcp.org or directly to

<https://giving.myamplify.io/App/Form/a03e4c6c-c290-44c6-8186-31e01bc8c77a>

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
unitedcaringministries@gmail.com

Office E-mail:

office@fumcpalatine.org

Phone Number: **847 359 1345**

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

Monday is Pastor's day off

Pastor's Email:

rsathuri@fumcpalatine.org



EASTER FLOWERS FROM OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Larry & Dawn Amos In Memory Of our parents

Marsh Bundt In Honor Of my granddaughters Maken and Cassandra

Nancy Cairns In Memory Of Jerry Cairns

Jacquelyn Carrier In Memory Of Stanley Carrier, beloved husband, and father.
In Thanks For Tegan and Lexi

Ann Clark In Memory of all of my family who walked before me.

Rick and Linda Craft

In Honor Of the risen Christ and his Beloved Community, here in Palatine and around the world.

Kay Daugherty In Memory Of Jerry Daugherty

Carla Goerge In Memory Of Carl and Coralie George

Jim Gieseler In Memory Of Meredith, In Honor Of FUMCP family

Bill and Linda Hadcock In Memory Of loved ones, In Honor Of loved ones

Marie Hall In Memory Of Bill Hall

Gina Hubbard In Memory Of Lew Hubbard

Mia Igyarto In Thanks For our dear family and friends

Bruce and Anne Jefferson In Memory Of our Parents

Kenneth A. Johnson In Memory Of Marion, Kenneth, Carol

Wayne Mackeben In Memory Of Mary

Amy Malambri In Memory Of Murray and Alice Kurland, Roger Malambri, Rosie White
In Thanks For my grandson, Theo

Sarah Maple In Memory Of my parents Don and Martha Reed

John and Willi Murphy In Memory Of those we lost this year
In Honor Of our family, In Thanks For our church and our church family

Sandy Neumann In Memory Of Don and Pat Lewis

Scott and Colleen Rohrbacher In Memory Of our grandparents

Teresa and Robert Sathuri In Memory Of parents Mr & Mrs Michael Sathuri, Rani Emmanuel

Larry and Peg Schroth

In Memory Of Ed & John Schroth, Howard & Jodie Furbee, In Thanks For church family

Sherrill and Keith Snyder

In Thanks For the many volunteers in our congregation who serve to spread God's love

Judy Starke In Memory Of Jack Starke and our parents

Charles Towner In Memory Of Ruth Towner - Loving Life Companion, Mother,
Grandmother and Great Grandmother

Gill & Donna Willmeumier In Memory Of Family

FLOWERS CAN BE TAKEN HOME AFTER THE EASTER SERVICE