



Welcome To Worship

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

First United Methodist Church of Palatine, Illinois

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026 • 9:30am

Before entering worship, please 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.**

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

Gathering in the Presence of God

Prelude *Elevation Benoit* **Linda Camp**

Welcome **Rev. Robert Sathuri**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Music of Preparation *And Can It Be arr Singley* **Linda Camp and Kay Daugherty**

***Call to Worship (responsively)** Psalm 16:1-4, 5-9 & 11 **Cindy Dingwall**

Leader: Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

People: My soul sings out: "You are my God; I have no good apart from you."

L: As for the saints in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

P: Those who follow another god multiply their sorrows;

the Holy One is my chosen portion and my cup: You hold my destiny.

The lot You have measured for me is pleasant; yes, I have a goodly heritage.

L: I bless You, for You give me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

P: I have set You always before me; because You are at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

L: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also dwells secure.

P: You show me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy,

in Your right hand are pleasures forever.

All: Amen. Bread for the Journey. Pg 78. William George Myers. Order of Saint Luke. Pilgrims Press, New York. NY 1988

***Opening Prayer** **Cindy Dingwall**

Our hearts exalt in You, O God. All knowledge has its origin in You. Our deepest hungers are satisfied as You give counsel and instruct our hearts. Be known to us now, that our covenant with You may be strengthened. Give confidence to all who enter this sanctuary, that our faith may grow, our love expand, and our hope find fulfillment. Show us the path of life, and grant us courage to walk in Your ways. We pray in Jesus' name,

Amen. Led by Love, Pg. 156 Lavon Baylor, United Church Press. Cleveland, OH 1996

***Opening Hymn #116** *The God of Abraham Praise* **Led by Chancel Choir**

Hearing The Word of God

Old Testament Reading Daniel 6:10-16 **Cindy Dingwall**

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Message: Daniel: Amid Growling Circumstances **Rev. Robert Sathuri**

Offering Our Prayers to God

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

L: Lord in Your mercy

P: Hear our prayers

Silent Prayers
Prayer of Intercession

Prayer of the People **Rev. Robert Sathuri**
Forgive us, O God, if we have taken the gifts of life for granted, without giving thanks,
without sharing. Forgive us, Holy One, if we have refused to hear Your voice within our hearts or
through the prophets of our day. Like Daniel, help us to put our lives in order, so that we will be
worthy to share in the bounty of Your realm; through Jesus Christ.
Amen. Flames of the Spirit, Pg 51 #6 Ruth C Duck. The Pilgrims Press. Cleveland, OH, 1985

The Lord's Prayer (unison)
**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 *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* *Hanson arr Hannibal* **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)** **Cindy Dingwall**
God of our daily lives, as we bring our tithes, gifts and offerings,
we pray for the people of our world working and without work,
homeless or well housed, fulfilled or frustrated,
confused and cluttered with material goods or scraping a living from others’ leavings,
angrily scrawling on walls or reading the writing on the wall,
lonely or living in community, finding their own space and respecting the space of others.
We pray for our sisters and brothers mourning and celebrating—
may we share their sufferings, joys and hopes.
Amen. Worship and Song Pg. 191 Paraphrased. Jan Pickard, Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes. UK Abingdon Press.
Nashville, TN 2011

***Closing Hymn #374** *Standing On The Promises (V 1,2,4)* **Led by Chancel Choir**
***Benediction** **Rev. Robert Sathuri**

Ministry Opportunities

***Postlude** *Concerto in A Minor Vivaldi/Bach* **Linda Camp**



PRAYER TIME



**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. // Annette H. // John S. // Leslie S. // Cliff B.

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

James B. son-in-law of Cliff B. // Joel, nephew of Robert & Teresa S. // Victoria, sister of Ann C.
Frank H. cousin of Ann C. // Patty & Joel K. friends of Scott R. // James S. friend of Mark W.
Will B. Friend of the family of Ann C. // Pam, cousin of Cathy M. // A friend of Denise H.

Prayers for God's Help & Blessings

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving to God For God's Gifts and Blessings

Prayers of comfort for those who are grieving

Family of Jarmela Speta, who passed on August 10, 2026 //

Scott, Sue and Norm Repplinger in the loss of their brother/son Mark //

Family of Barbara Kearns *Visitation will be Thursday September 24, 2026, from 4-8pm at
Lauterburg&Oehler Funeral Home, 2000 E Northwest Highway, Arlington Heights and Friday
September 25, 2026, at First United Methodist Church of Palatine, 123 N. Plum Grove Rd, Palatine
from 10am until time of Service at 10:30am. Interment Memory Gardens Cemetery.*

**Prayers of strength & courage for those who are suffering due to natural disasters around
the world**

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

- To make a submission for the All Week Long, please email or drop off in person by Wednesday at noon.
 - If you require a pastoral visitation or phone call or have a prayer request that you would like for the All Week Long, please contact office@fumcpalatine.org When requesting prayers for a friend or family member, please include an address so we can send them a note.
 - You may also send prayer requests and requests for a Stephen Minister and other care ministries to unitedcaringministries@gmail.com or call/text 224-573-8401
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Sermon Series

A few heroes and Heroines in the old

September 20 Daniel: Amid Growling Circumstances

Scripture: Daniel 6:10-16

September 27 Jonah: Running away and running to?

Scripture: Jonah 4:1-11

October 4 Esther: For what times?

Scripture: Esther 4:11-17

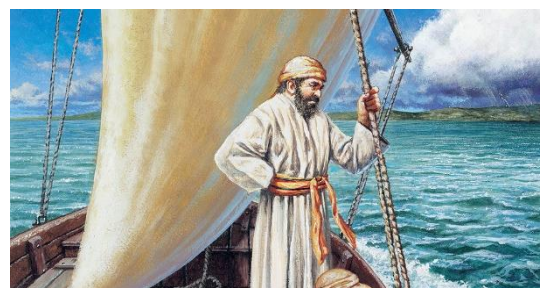
Bible Study: Journeying with Jonah

Wednesday, October 7, 14, 21, 28

Meeting in Conference Rm 1. At 7p

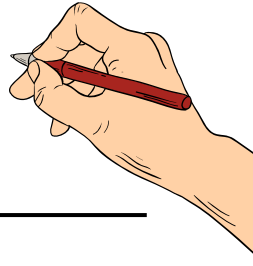
Led by Pastor Robert.

Sign up in commons.



PLEASE NOTE:

**THE CHURCH OFFICE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EDIT ALL SUBMISSIONS
FOR CLARITY AND SPACE LIMITATIONS.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, September 20: Sunday Worship 9:30a

Sun, September 20: FUMCP Every-Gen Event -

Lunch at Pilot Pete's at 11a and mini golf to follow at Congo River

Thurs, September 24: Barbara Kearns visitation from 4-8pm at Lauterburg&Oehler Funeral Home

Fri, September 25: Barbara Kearns visitation at FUMC Palatine 10a, service following at 10:30a

Sat, September 26: Churchwide Appreciation Dinner 6p

Sun, October 4: Communion Sunday Worship 9:30a Rev. Robert Sathuri

Churchwide Mission - Palatine Food Pantry Collection

Sun, October 11: Sunday Worship 9:30a

Sun, October 11: Patriotism & Peace Concert at FUMCP 123 N Plum Grove Rd. Palatine. 3p,
FUMC Palatine & Immanuel Lutheran Choirs, Free to attend. Refreshments following.

Fri, October 16th 10am-4pm and Sat, October 17th 9am-3pm: UWFaith & Foxglove Cottage Fall
and Christmas Charity Sale.

Sun, October 18: Sunday Worship 9:30a

Sun, October 25: Sunday Worship 9:30a

Sun, November 15: 2026 Annual Charge Conference @ 7p - *Save the date!*

Pastor's Corner – Faith & Reflection

Greetings Palatine First UM Church Family.

We have entered a new “Season of Hope” as prayerfully stated by our
Bishop Dan Schwerin at the 2026 Annual Conference.

Over the summer I have been prompted by God's Word to do a
sermon series about a few Heroines and Heros of our Faith from
The Old Testament Scriptures.

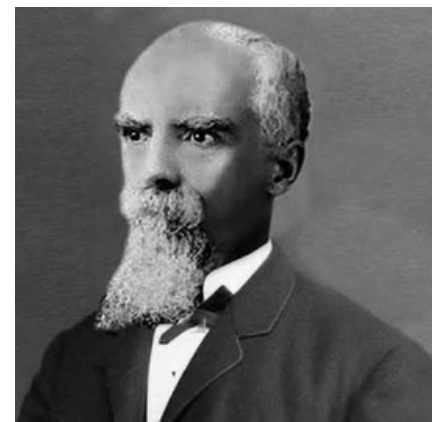
I will be forever grateful that I read ‘Preacher and Prayer’ by Edward
McKendree Bounds (1835-1913) early in my ministry. Though named
after a prominent American Methodist Bishop, he is known to history
as E.M. Bounds. He was a Methodist preacher, born in Missouri,
served as the associate editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate,
and died in Georgia. He was a chaplain during the Civil War.

‘Preacher and Prayer’ was a short book published by the Publishing
House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1907.

I try to re-read this short book regularly. I can never read it too often. Some colleagues say it is an
antidote to burn-out. I am glad that early in my ministry I encountered these words, “The sermon
cannot rise in its life-giving forces above the man. Dead men give out dead sermons, and dead
sermons kill... The preaching man or woman is to be the praying person... The real sermon is made in
the closet. The man – God's man or woman – is made in the closet... A prepared heart is much better
than a prepared sermon. A prepared heart will make a prepared sermon” (Preacher and Prayer).
A sermon is God's truth coming through human personality. God must fashion the personality of the
preacher. This is holiness of heart and life for the preacher. Working for God is never a substitute for
spending time with God. The preacher must have a prayer closet, know how to enter the secret place,
underneath the wings of the Almighty, spend time alone with God. The question is: How much time
have you been in prayer to listen to today's sermon? As we journey along, may we open our hearts,
minds and lives to the working of The Holy Spirit. Will “Hope” shape our faith?

Sincerely in Christ,

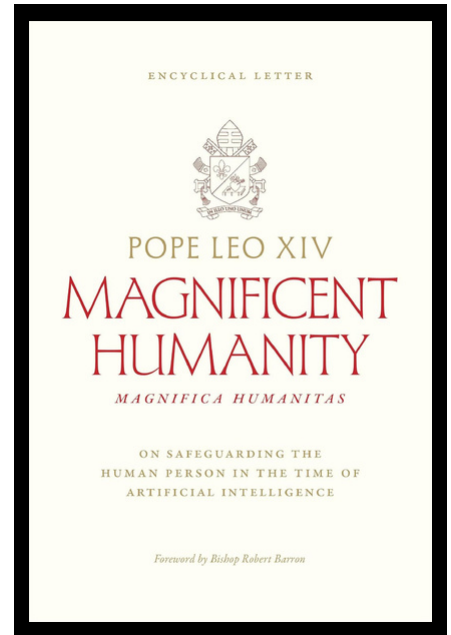
Robert N. Sathuri



Edward McKendree Bounds

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **"In AI We Trust?"** The Higher Grounds (Current Issues) Adult Sunday school class has chosen as our opening text, Pope Leo XIV's encyclical, *Magnificent Humanity: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence* (2026). The topic of AI is currently the focus of a nationwide conversation, and we as the church need to be part of it! We'll begin discussion of the Foreword and Introduction at our first class on **Sunday, September 13, 11am**, Adult Conference Room. Class is in person or via Zoom. Included is a photo of the cover of the edition the class coordinators will be using. Feel free to order your copy through your favorite bookseller. There are many editions of this book, and it probably doesn't matter too much which one you buy. Pagination is important for class discussion; but the chapters are divided into short, numbered sections, which should help us navigate our way through it. We'll spend about 6 weeks on the pope's study, following that with the United Methodist report on AI that is being prepared for General Conference 2028. Come join us for stimulating discussion and warm fellowship, as we begin our 33rd year learning together! Bring your coffee and goodies.
Coordinators, Linda & Rick Craft 847-702-8163 or ljcraft@att.net.



- **Sunday School** The combined Children and Youth Sunday School class for 1st through 12th grades will meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. Pre-K care is available upon request. Confirmation preparation will be offered for students 11 years and up starting October 4th. Please contact nextgen.fumcp@gmail.com for more information"
- **Confirmation Students and All Youth** are invited to a half day Retreat on Sunday October 18th, leaving from church at 11 and returning at 5. Activities include lunch, hiking/games, a service project, prayer and reflection. The retreat will be at the IL Turner Camp. Transportation provided, parents welcome. More info: NextGen.fumcp@gmail.com

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONGREGATION

- **Christian Fiction Book Club**, Our upcoming book is "There are Rivers In the Sky" by Elif Shafak on October 1, 2026 @ 7pm.
- **Every-Gen Event** Sunday, September 20, 2026. Lunch at Pilot Pete's, 905 W Irving Park Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60193 at 11a and mini golf to follow at Congo River, 1325 Barrington Rd, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. All ages are welcome to join. Expenses for children and youth will be covered. *RSVP & additional Information. Bob H. roberthadcock@gmail.com Gina H. lewginah@comcast.net Sandy N. sandy.neumann21@gmail.com*
- **Appreciation Dinner** Saturday, September 26, 2026 at 6p. Please join your church family for a fully-catered dinner in recognition, appreciation, and gratitude for all the prayers, presence, gifts, witness, and service you give to keep the word of our Lord alive and in action in our community. There is no cost to attend. A brief message, a short video, a delicious meal, and the warm fellowship of the church family awaits you. Sign up sheet available in the commons or email the office with your attendance.
Please RSVP no later than September 20.
- **Above & Beyond Program:** a collection of projects for our church which need your support are posted in the Commons area. Questions, contact Brian Huff @ 224-828-8802 or bg.huff80@gmail.com. Thank you all for giving above and beyond!
- **Save the Date for the UWFaith & Foxglove Cottage Fall and Christmas Charity Sale.** Hundreds of brand new home decorations and lovely gifts will be sold "by the bag"! All proceeds will go to local and international Christian charities. Mark your calendars for October 16th 10am-4pm and October 17th 9am-3pm

MUSIC

- **Chancel Choir** rehearses on Thursday, 7:30p. New members are welcome! Come join us for inspiration, fun and song. Guest musicians and vocalist are always welcome to share their talents. Contact Diane Hannibal for more information at musiclady16@comcast.net.
- **Bell Choir** If interested in joining, contact John Foley, jsjae1@gmail.com

MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- **Palatine Food Pantry** Our next church wide collection will be on **Communion Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026**. Please consider regular donations. **No Expired Foods Please**. Thank you.
- **Meals on Wheels** If you are interested in delivering meals, contact Gil W. Ph: 847-209-8603
- **Teddy Bears Ministry** - Tues, October 20, 2026, 1:00p, Gathering Place (lower level)
- **Adaptive Books Workshop** - Wed, October 21, 11a-1p, Gathering Place (lower level)
- **Prayer Blankets** Gayla Swansen (847-705-8659) to receive kits or for more information.
- **Love Packages** drop off Bibles and other Christian materials outside the church office.
- **FUMCP's Community Garden** All are welcome, bring your friends! No gardening experience is necessary. See/call Brian Huff @ 224-828-8802 for more information.

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.
- **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.
- **Church Library is open for meditation, prayer and study.**
- **A Message from the Trustees:** We are preparing to Welcome Sala Evangelica de la Doctrina, a Chicago congregation, who will be sharing our building spaces on September 30-October 6. This Spanish speaking Church, largely from Guatemala, will be hosting a Regional Conference involving many congregations from across the region as well as visitors from Guatemala. We can expect they will be using the Sanctuary, Basement rooms including the kitchen and other spaces in the building Wednesday through Saturday. On Sunday they will be utilizing our green space to worship in a large tent. The tent will be on the property Friday through Sunday. We have arranged for them to park off site on Sunday, however weekday parking in our lot may be impacted. To manage this large conference, across multiple days, requires many hands. The Trustees would welcome volunteers to man the "Information Desk" in the lobby, help keep bathrooms clean or generally facilitating this event. The ability to communicate in Spanish is a big plus (although they have several English speaking members as well). Please sign up for a "shift" on the sheet in the lobby.

Building Use forms are **REQUIRED** for **ALL** activities within the church.

If you are raising money for internal or external causes/events, please fill out a fundraising form.

Applications can be downloaded at FUMCP.org under the "home" tab

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

Submit to **Bharrington@fumcpalatine.org**

Prayer Requests can be sent to
unitedcaringministries@gmail.com
or call/text 224-573-8401

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

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Or visit fumcp.org or go directly to

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