



# Welcome to Barrington United Methodist Church!

We are glad that you joined us for worship this morning! At Barrington United Methodist Church we believe that worship is the place where we receive the comfort, hope and strength to sustain us along our journey of faith. You are always welcome and always invited.

Rise in body or in spirit where designated by. \* Please join in speaking the words in bold.

**Sunday, April 26th | 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE

Randy Lawrence

WELCOME

Pastor David

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Gwen Bennett

Shepherd us, O God.

**Open our ears to hear your calling.**

Shepherd us, O God.

**Open our eyes to see you care.**

Shepherd us, O God..

**Shear our fascination with the ways of the world.**

Shepherd us, O God..

**Prepare us to worship and follow you. Amen.**

\* OPENING HYMN #138 (UMH)

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
(Please be seated after hymn.)

(Verses 1, 3 and 6)

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor David

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor David

CALL TO CONFESSION

Gwen Bennett

When we offer God our confession, we begin the work of restoration, which begins with our reconciliation with God. Trusting in God's goodness toward us, let us make our confession....

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gwen Bennett

**Loving God, we confess that we know all too well where the wrong paths to foolish lives are.**

**We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. Forgive us, Lord. Shepherd us, O Lord, and help us live this week as those who are truly reconciled and recommissioned. Amen.**

*(A time of silent prayer.)*

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor David

Our Comforter provides abundant forgiveness and grace to us. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives. God forgives our failures and calls us back into the flock.

Know this day that in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor David

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

The Peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

\* HYMN #2068 (TFWS) *I Love You, Lord* (2x's through)

\* THE GOSPEL READING John 10: 1-10 (NRSV) Gwen Bennett

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\* RESPONSE TO THE WORD #70 (UMH) *Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*(Please be seated.)*

SERMON

*“Who Do You Follow?”*

Pastor David Lagos-Fonseca

ANTHEM (9:00 AM)

*Wood and Nails*

Watts/Wardell/Cunningham

Jenna Hessel, solo; Bill Williams, drums; Jennifer Whiting, piano

(10:30 AM)

*Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring*

J.S. Bach, arr. Hal Hopson

Chancel Choir; Stephanie Preucil, violin; Walt Preucil, cello; Jennifer Whiting, conductor

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

Gwen Bennett

**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.**

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Fred Kocian

CALL TO OFFERING

Pastor David

OFFERTORY (9:00 AM)

*Improvised Meditation*

Randy Lawrence, piano

(10:30 AM)

*In His Presence*

T. Collins/arr. S. Preucil

Walter and Stephanie Preucil, string duet

\* DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND GRATITUDE

Pastor David

**Great Shepherd of the sheep, we give thanks because you supply our every need. In return, receive our gifts, material and spiritual, to bring sustenance and courage wherever your flock is in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\* HYMN #381 (UMH)

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

(Verses 1 and 4)

\* BENEDICTION

Pastor David

POSTLUDE

Randy Lawrence

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NOTE OF APPRECIATION:

We are thankful for our Lay Liturgists who faithfully prepare and lead the Prayers of the People each week. Your thoughtful words and voices enrich our worship. To learn more about this team and ways to get involved, please contact Dennis Rossow at [DennisRossow@comcast.net](mailto:DennisRossow@comcast.net)

## **PLEASE CONTINUE TO OFFER PRAYERS OF HOPE AND HEALING FOR:**

**THOSE IN A CARE/REHAB FACILITY:** Paul Bergetz, husband of Jane (New Summit Rehab and Healthcare of Arlington Heights)  
Suzane Bible (Moorings), Sherry Schairer (Chapters Living Barrington)

**THOSE HOSPITALIZED:** Keith Leoni (Good Shepherd)

**THOSE UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT:** Barbara Finn, Valentina Grandon (surgery; neice of Pastor Fabiola), Tina Vega  
George Nikolaou (cousin of Walter VanPuyenbroeck), Theresa and Charlie Brady and their granddaughter (friends of the Grads)  
Brian Kotila, Al Sauer, Alton Parker (brother of Sydney Whitley), Ken Rossow, Marge Marlowe (sister of Nancy Jensen)  
Scott Wilk (brother of Pam Kocian), Tim Ryan (brother of Sean Ryan), Gerry Deneen (friend of Kenneth Slack), Michele Evans

**THOSE RECOVERING AT HOME:** Del Haagen (knee replacement), Mike Black (brother of Steve Black)  
Roger Mahr of St. Charles (Deanna Baker's dad)

**THOSE TO HOLD IN PRAYER:** Terrie McComb, Dustin VanPuyenbroeck (son of Walter VanPuyenbroeck)  
Pastor David's mother and his family, Priscilla Akins, Ted and Pat Gradt, Paulette Todd, Rev. Duk Kwon, Anne Courter (hospice care)  
Lawrence Huff (son of John Todd), Brian Koltia, Ray Maxwell, Pastor Luis Vega

### **Prayer Requests:**

We believe in the power of prayer and have a dedicated prayer team committed to praying your requests.

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office, (847) 836-5540,  
Paula Gordon (pgordon@barringtonumc.com), or Linda Snyder (jamesmom5082@sbcglobal.net).

You can also visit the church website or use your church app to submit a request.

Please be sure to indicate if you would like your request to be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

### **Flowers for the Altar**

Each Sunday there is an opportunity to provide flowers on the altar. If you are interested in providing an arrangement on a Sunday, please contact Paula Gordon either by email - (pgordon@barringtonumc.com), phoning the office - 847-836-5540, ext. 105, scanning the QR Code or by visiting our website barringtonumc.com



**“Jesus and Me” Sunday School** | Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to JAM, “Jesus and Me,” Sunday School after children’s time during both services. Our theme is “Disciple Me.”

**Youth Gatherings** | Middle and High School students are invited each Sunday for a time of fun, connection, and growing in faith together. Bring your friends, bring your questions, and come ready for games, conversation, and community.

Middle School Youth – Meet in the Youth Room, at 9:00 a.m.

High School Youth – Meet in the Youth Room, at 10:30 a.m.

**May the 4th be with you!** | *Sunday, May 3 in the Youth Room following the 10:30 a.m. service*  
Calling all youth (tweens and up)! Head to the Youth Room for a fun hangout filled with snacks, fellowship, and a Star Wars–themed movie. Come ready for a little adventure in a galaxy not so far away! Use the QR code to let us know you’re coming, or contact the church office to sign up.

**April Showers Bring.....May Book Clubs!** Do you love to read ? Are you looking for a way to connect with others in a small group? Need a little bibliotherapy in your life? Are you a booktrovert? Come to an information session on the new BUMC Reads Well With Others book club. Gwen Bennett will be facilitating the group. **When:** Wednesday, May 6th at 7pm **Where:** BUMC - meet in The Well

- We will select our first book from a small curated list (Options will be provided)
- Confirm logistics - how frequently we will meet, time, place.....
- Set our next date & then start reading!!!

We would love to know you’re interested; please contact the church office or scan the QR code to sign up. Looking forward to sharing thoughts, a love of reading and getting to know one another.



### **Prairie Central Training: Culture Shift Part 2**

*Sunday, May 3, 2-5:30 p.m. at Barrington UMC | Free event – no cost to attend*

This follow-up session will build on our January 31 gathering, offering space for deeper reflection, discussion, and shared learning as we work toward creating healthier, more outward-focused congregations together. If you’d like to revisit the January session, the recording and resources are available through the QR code. We hope you’ll join us as we continue this important work together. Praying for each of you as you lead and serve in the name of the hope we know in Christ! –The Prairie Central District Shepherding Team. Scan the QR code or contact the church office.



### **Just Geraniums Sale**

Our United Women in Faith are selling gorgeous Geraniums from Hager’s Country Market on Mother’s Day. Each 4.5” potted plant is \$6.75. Orders are due April 26th, and flowers will be available on Sunday, May 10th. Your purchase will also support United Women in Faith’s work on behalf of women, children, and youth. For more information, contact Linda Osikowicz at Lmosikowicz@comcast.net or (630) 569-2763. If you do not receive an email confirmation, please contact Linda by email or phone to confirm that your order was received. You may email Linda directly to place an order and pay by check or cash at pickup. Checks should be made payable to BUMW (Barrington United Methodist Women). Order online using the QR code or contact the church office.



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*Blessing of the Gate, John 10:1-10* by Jan Richardson, from Jan’s blog *The Painted Prayerbook*



### **Help build a float for the Fourth of July!**

The Village of Barrington is celebrating 250 years since the Declaration of Independence and has invited Barrington UMC to join the July 4th parade! If you'd like to march, help decorate, or be part of the fun, we'd love to hear from you. Scan the QR code or contact the church office to get involved and help us share our welcoming community.



### **Fall Festival is Expanding in 2026!**

Noah's Ark Christian Academy hosts a beloved mid-October event each year featuring trunk-or-treat, a petting zoo, touch-a-truck, Kona Ice, and more. We're excited to grow this event and invite the wider community to join in the fun! Help is needed to connect with community partners, plan activities, and support publicity and organization—if you'd like to be part of it, we'd love to have you involved. Scan the QR code or contact the church office.



### **Healing Conversations for Those Experiencing Grief**

*First Sundays, 12:00–1:00 p.m., in the Dining Room*

All are welcome to join this supportive, Christ-centered gathering led by Mike Pearson, LCSW. This open group offers a safe and welcoming space to share your experience or simply listen. All who are navigating grief are invited. Conversations are confidential and held with care within the group. Our next gathering is Sunday, May 3.

### **Support VBS & JAM – Visit the Helping Hands Tree**

Creating fun, meaningful spaces for our children to learn about God takes supplies, decorations, and equipment—and you can help! The Helping Hands Tree is now in the narthex by the nametags and large bulletin boards. Pick a hand to help cover the costs of our VBS “True North” adventure and JAM Sunday School. Thank you for supporting our kids' faith journey!”

### **Share your musical gifts this summer!**

As we head into the summer months, I'm reminded what a gift it is to have such a musically rich and generous congregation. Summer worship offers a wonderful opportunity for musicians to share their gifts—whether that's singing, playing an instrument, offering a solo, or gathering a small ensemble. All musical styles are welcome.

If you've ever thought about participating, this could be the perfect time to step forward. Your offering can be a meaningful act of worship and a real encouragement to others. I would especially encourage our students and young people to consider sharing their gifts! If you're interested, please don't hesitate to reach out. I would be delighted to connect with you and help find a place for your gift this summer.

*Sing to the Lord a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. ~ Psalm 33:3*

Contact Lynn Grant, Worship Coordinator, [lgrant@barringtonumc.com](mailto:lgrant@barringtonumc.com)



**True North VBS 2026:** Finding Your Way in a World Gone Wild!

June 15-19, 9 a.m. to noon | Use the QR codes to register or contact the church office.

Join an unforgettable VBS adventure where kids discover that Jesus is our true north.

Through music, games, stories, and hands-on fun, children will build a rock-solid foundation as they learn to trust Jesus—their steady guide and unshakeable friend in every season of life.



*Register a child*

**We'd love your help with this year's "True North" VBS!**

Whether you enjoy working with kids, helping behind the scenes, or being part of a fun and meaningful ministry, there's a place for you! If you would like to learn more about ways you can help, please email Susan Acosta at [sacosta@barringtonumc.com](mailto:sacosta@barringtonumc.com).



*Volunteer to help*



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