



BARRINGTON
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 15, 2026

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.

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Minor
Alexander Zintchenko, Organist

by P. Fey

WELCOME

Pastor David

INTROIT (10:30 AM)

Celtic Grace
Exaltation Ringers, directed by Laura Olsen

by Susan E. Geschke

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Dennis Rossow

Following God's ways: **creates guidance for our lives**

Understanding God's ways: **imparts goodness to our lives**

Being led in God's ways: **grants delight in our lives.**

Turning hearts to God's ways: **adds integrity to our lives.**

Turning eyes to God's ways: **provides direction for our lives.**

Singing and praising God's ways: **puts a new song in our mouths and in our hearts. Amen**

* OPENING HYMN #2025 (TFWS)

As the Deer (sung twice)
Terrie McComb - Song Leader
(Please be seated after hymn.)

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor David

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor David

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dennis Rossow

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just. He will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8,9)
In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dennis Rossow

Save us, O God, from callousness, a sin that occurs so often we have ceased to care; from self-will, which sees nothing but its own way; from a heart so hardened, that we cannot repent.

Give us at all times, eyes which are open to our faults; a conscience which is moved to regret and remorse; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(A time of silent prayer.)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor David

Our hope is in God whose steadfast love surrounds us and in whom "is great power to redeem". (Psalm 130: 7) This power is revealed in Jesus Christ who promises us life where there is death, and forgiveness where there is sin.

The good news therefore is this: 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 #2150 (TFWS)

Lord, Be Glorified (verses 1 and 3)
(Please be seated after hymn.)

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4: 4-7 (NIV)

Dennis Rossow

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD #269 (UMH)

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (verse 4)

And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide,
yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.

SERMON

"Ask Not, Receive Not"

Pastor David Lagos-Fonseca

ANTHEM (9:00 AM)

Celtic Grace

by Susan E. Geschke

Exaltation Ringers, directed by Laura Olsen

HYMN #2193 (TFWS) (10:30 AM)

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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

Dennis Rossow

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 and ever. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Dennis Rossow

CALL TO OFFERING

Pastor David

OFFERTORY

Improvised Meditation

* LENTEN DOXOLOGY

(Old 100th)

Praise God throughout these 40 days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND GRATITUDE

Pastor David

Accept these offerings, O Lord, and bless both those who give and those who receive, that all may share the vision of your bounteous kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* HYMN #534 (UMH)

Be Still, My Soul

* BENEDICTION

Pastor David

POSTLUDE

Arietta in E Flat Major Op.12, No. 1
Alexander Zintchenko, Organist

by E. Grieg

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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

PLEASE CONTINUE TO OFFER PRAYERS OF HOPE AND HEALING FOR:

THOSE IN SORROW: George Gill and family on the passing of George's brother, John P. Gill
The family of former member, Mary Ann Lyle who passed March 6th

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

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), Christine Oettinger, Mike Black, brother of Steve Black

THOSE TO HOLD IN PRAYER: Dustin VanPuyenbroeck (son of Walter VanPuyenbroeck), Pastor David's mother and his family
Marilyn Helberg (surgery), 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



Northern Illinois Food Bank | Today, in the BUMC Dining Room following the 10:30 a.m. service NIFB representative Chris Easley will join us for worship. Following the service, everyone is warmly invited to the Dining Room for a light luncheon and conversation. Chris will share how Northern Illinois Food Bank is responding to recent changes in funding and federal support—and how the organization continues to meet the growing needs of our neighbors. Come learn, ask questions, and discover ways to be part of the response.

Today is UMCOR Sunday

On the fourth Sunday of Lent, United Methodist churches receive a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the disaster relief and humanitarian arm of the United Methodist Church. Often described as “first in and last out,” UMCOR holds an A+ rating from CharityWatch and directs 97% of its funds to relief programs. Gifts given on UMCOR Sunday cover the organization’s administrative costs, making it possible for 100% of all other donations to go directly to disaster relief and humanitarian assistance in the U.S. and around the world.

A Wesleyan Journey of Prayer | Wednesdays through March 18

Classes are at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., in person or online. Use the QR codes to join by Zoom.



This Lent, explore the many forms of prayer—adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication—through scripture, conversation, and meaningful prayer practices. This study connects with the Lenten sermon series and offers space to reflect, learn, and grow in faith together. All are welcome.



Morning Class

Evening Class

“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. Throughout Lent, our theme is “Jelly Beans.”

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.

March Madness – Movie & Game Night! Today, 5-8:30 p.m. | Open to kids 3rd grade and up
Get ready for a night of fun, food, and friendly competition! Vote for your favorite movie and game, then sit back (or jump in!) and enjoy the action. We’ll have plenty of food and snacks included. It’s going to be a slam dunk of a night—you won’t want to miss it!

Fellowship Event - Taste Around the World | Sunday, March 22 at noon in Fellowship Hall
Share your international or regional heritage by bringing a taste of your favorite foods and traditions! Whether your roots are from another country or elsewhere in the U.S., we’d love to learn and celebrate with you. Individual stations can feature food, decorations, music, or anything that shows what you enjoy and are proud of. This is a fun opportunity for fellowship—and everyone is welcome to taste, whether or not you set up a station! To participate or share your special food, sign up via the QR code, online, or on the sheet near the Kitchenette. For questions, contact Elizabeth Patterson at robliznick@gmail.com or 860-942-1780.



Treats for Troops Packing event on Sunday, March 22 after both worship services

Help assemble care packages for a marine unit working out of Bahrain. We will provide them with some hygiene items, appropriate food items, and other gifts from home. Donations toward this effort will offset the cost of shipping as well as the items we purchase to send. Mark your gifts ‘Treats for Troops’ or give online. To learn more or help with preparations, contact George Gill at gkgill.sr@gmail.com or (847) 778-5475.

Women's Spring One Day Retreat: The Prayer Palette

Exploring the hues of Who, What, When, Where and Why of Prayer | Saturday, April 25, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Together we'll explore the rich hues of prayer through inspiring teaching, meaningful conversation, and time for personal reflection. Guest speakers Pastor Shirley Pulgar-Hughes, Chris Streed, and Elizabeth Penick will guide us as we deepen our understanding of prayer and grow in faith alongside one another. The cost is \$40 and includes a light breakfast and lunch.



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

June 15-19, 9 a.m. to noon

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

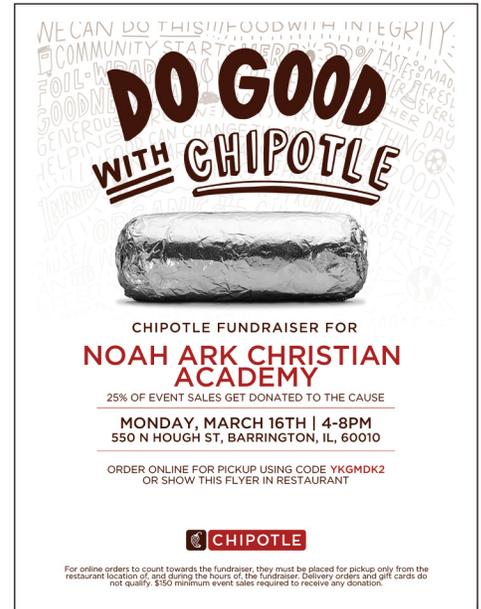


Volunteer to help

Chipotle Fundraiser for Noah's Ark Christian Academy

Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting Noah's Ark!

Stop by Chipotle Mexican Grill on Monday, March 16, from 4–8 p.m. at 550 N. Hough Street in Barrington. Order online for pickup using the code YKGMDK2, or show the fundraiser flyer when you order, and a portion of your purchase will support Noah's Ark Christian Academy. Bring a friend and enjoy a great meal for a great cause!



Fellowship Small Group Gathering – Mindful Creativity

Join us for our kick-off gathering on Wednesday, March 25, at 11 a.m. in The Well.

Creative activities can reduce stress, encourage mindfulness, and bring joy, and this group offers a relaxed space to slow down and create together. Each gathering will include a simple creative activity—such as painting, writing, or crafting—with no experience needed. Come enjoy some stress-free, creative time with others; sign up using the QR code.



Easter Flowers

Help us fill our sanctuary with the beauty of Easter by ordering blooming plants by March 16.

The flowers will decorate the church for our Easter services. After the second service, you are invited to take your plant home to enjoy. Flowers are \$15 each. Please indicate the variety of flower and the number of plants you would like.

_____ Easter Lilies

_____ Tulips

_____ Daffodils

_____ Hyacinths

Your name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

These flowers are giving in memory of: _____

These flowers are giving in honor of: _____

I will pay by check.

I will pay online.

Please state how you would like to be listed in the Easter bulletin:

Palm Sunday | *March 29 at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*

Celebrate the beginning of Holy Week and experience the joy of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem as we wave palm branches and sing praises. Communion will be served.

UMM Pancake Breakfast, 8:00-noon in BUMC Fellowship Hall

The United Methodist Men's Group is back with their Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday. It's the first time this beloved event has returned since the pandemic—don't miss it! Everyone is welcome to enjoy pancakes, bacon, juice, and coffee while sharing in fellowship and supporting a great cause. Breakfast is free, and donations support Meals for Millions, helping provide fresh, nutritious produce to those in need. Volunteers are needed for various roles, including flipping pancakes, grilling, serving, and cleaning up. Volunteers can sign up for a shift: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. or 10 a.m. to noon. Interested individuals can contact Phil Pardun at ppardun@sbcglobal.net or (847) 239-2397.

Holy Thursday | *April 2 at 7 p.m.*

Everyone is invited to remember and celebrate the last supper that Jesus shared with his disciples in the Upper Room. Communion will be served.

Good Friday | *April 3 at 7 p.m.*

Come and share for a solemn and profound reflection on Good Friday, remembering the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross.

Stations of the Cross, on display Palm Sunday through Good Friday

Visit our Stations of the Cross displayed in the Chapel throughout Holy Week.

We encourage everyone to come early or stay after worship to meditate on these artistic portrayals of Christ's passion.

Easter

Sunday, April 5

Services at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

New hope and new life burst forth on Easter morning, with songs of resurrection led by the Chancel Choir, the Exaltation Handbell Choir and Stonegate Brass.