



BARRINGTON  
UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

Palm Sunday, March 29, 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

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna in A Flat Major*  
Alexander Zintchenko, organist/pianist

by R. Bojor

\* THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21: 1-10 (NRSV pg 21, Lrg print pg 27)

Pam Kocian

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'the Lord needs them' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

Tell the daughter of Zion,

"Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #280 (UMH)

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

David Rush, timpani

*(Please be seated after hymn.)*

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO JAM

Pastor David

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Pastor David

**O Lord Jesus Christ, who on this day received the worship of those who hailed you as their King: Accept our praise and adoration, our worship and love; grant that we, who now confess you with our lips, may never fail to give you the service of our lives. May your Spirit guide us through this Holiest of Weeks, beside us, around us, before us, behind us, and within us. All this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

HYMN #2113 (TFWS)

*Lamb of God*

SERMON

*“Stay with Him”*  
Pastor David Lagos-Fonseca

ANTHEM (9:00 AM) *And Can It Be?* text, C. Wesley; D. Forrest  
Chancel Choir, directed by Jennifer Whiting, Interim Director of Music  
Alexander Zintchenko, piano

(10:30 AM) *Wood and Nails* Watts/Wardell/Cuningham  
Jenna Hesseln, soloist; Bill Williams, drums; Jennifer Whiting, piano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pam Kocian

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE Pam Kocian

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  
**Great God of Heaven and Earth, may this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness to follow where you lead. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Pam Kocian  
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON CONFESSION AND PARDON Pam Kocian  
**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(A time of silent prayer.)*

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Pastor David  
Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

\* THE PASSING OF 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 #628 (UMH)

*Eat This Bread*

\* GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pam Kocian

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*(Please be seated.)*

Pastor David

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said; "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

Pam Kocian

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895 (UMH)

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Pastor David

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ. These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

A LITANY AS HOLY WEEK BEGINS

Pam Kocian

Today we have cheered you on as our champion and hailed you as our hero.

**Forgive us tomorrow when our enthusiasm wanes.**

Today we have entrusted you to rescue us from our pitiful circumstances.

**Forgive us on Tuesday when we decide we can take care of ourselves.**

Today we have made you the centerpiece of our very existence.

**Forgive us on Wednesday when we forget to remember who you are.**

Today we have called out to you loudly by name.

**Forgive us on Thursday when we pretend that we've never met you.**

Today we have stared at you with the star struck eyes of fans and groupies.

**Forgive us on Friday when we avert our eyes because it's too painful to see you on the cross.**

Today we have expressed our unsuppressed hopefulness in the future you have in store for us.

**Forgive us on Saturday when we believe all is lost.**

Today we have been boldly certain of the earthly ways you will redeem us.

**Restore us on Sunday when we are startled and awed by your rising. Amen.**

\* HYMN #297 (UMH)

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

(Verses 1, 3)

\* BENEDICTION

Pastor David

No Postlude is played on Palm Sunday. Worship does not end today, but continues throughout the drama of Holy Week. May you feel compelled to participate in our Holy Week worship experiences and more fully know the power of Christ.

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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)  
Sherry Schairer (Chapters Living Barrington)

**THOSE UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT:** Barbara Finn, Valentina Grandon (surgery; niece 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  
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](mailto:pgordon@barringtonumc.com)), or Linda Snyder ([jamesmom5082@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto:pgordon@barringtonumc.com)), phoning the office - 847-836-5540, ext. 105, scanning the QR Code or by visiting our website [barringtonumc.com](http://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. 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.

### **Forté Handbell Quartet Concert**

Thursday, April 16, at 7 p.m. in the Barrington UMC Sanctuary

This special concert is the only Illinois stop on their cross-country tour! Known for their energetic performances and remarkable skill, Forté will share a diverse program featuring original handbell compositions, beloved movie themes from How to Train Your Dragon and Titanic, Christian music, and classical favorites. The result is an engaging and inspiring concert for all ages. A free-will offering will be received. Come enjoy a memorable evening of music and let the sound of the bells resonate long after the final note.



### **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



## WOMEN’S ONE DAY RETREAT

# The Prayer Palette

*Exploring the hues of Who, What, When, Where and Why of Prayer*

Saturday, April 25 at Barrington United Methodist Church

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$40.00 (includes light breakfast and lunch)

Guest Speakers

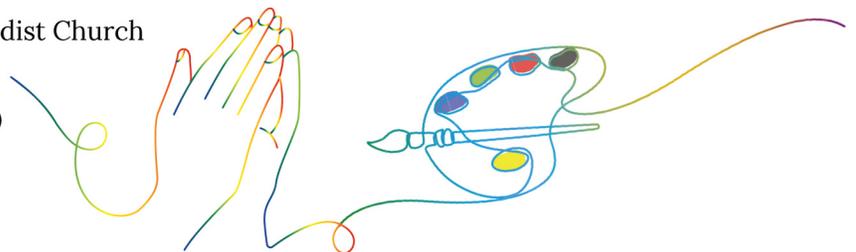
Pastor Shirley Pulgar-Hughes

Chris Streed

Elizabeth Penick



Scan the QR code to register



## UMM Pancake Breakfast

*This morning, 8 a.m.-noon in BUMC Fellowship Hall*

You are invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, bacon, juice, fruit, and coffee, all while connecting with others and supporting a great cause—Meals for Millions, providing fresh, nutritious produce to those in need.

Breakfast is free; donations in support of Meals for Missions are welcome.

Gluten-free pancakes are available.



## Stations of the Cross, on display in the Chapel through Good Friday

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

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

# Easter

## Sunday, April 5

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

*Celebrate Easter morning with uplifting songs of resurrection, led by the Chancel Choir, the Exaltation Handbell Choir, and Stonegate Brass.*

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