



BARRINGTON  
UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

JANUARY 4, 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

*Last Christmas in D Major*  
Alexander Zintchenko, organist

by G. Michael (arr. E. Muirhead)

WELCOME

Pastor David

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Dennis Rossow

A new year stretches before us. We step into it with anticipation and open hearts.

**We come listening for God's voice, ready to be called forward.**

The world is full of plans, hopes, and dreams for what might be.

**We choose God's way, trusting the path Christ sets before us.**

**We remember that we do not walk alone; God goes with us.**

Come, people of God, lift your eyes and open your lives.

**We look to you, O Lord. Lead us, guide us, and receive our worship. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor David

\* OPENING HYMN #383 (UMH)

*This Is a Day of New Beginnings*  
(Please be seated after hymn.)

(Verses 1, 3 and 5)

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO JAM

Pastor David

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dennis Rossow

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Dennis Rossow

CALL TO OFFERING

Pastor David

Let us offer our gifts, given with gratitude and faith, so God's love may be shared, and God's work may continue in our communities and beyond.

OFFERTORY

Alexander Zintchenko

\* DOXOLOGY #95 (UMH)

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND GRATITUDE

Pastor David

**Loving God, take what we bring, our money, our time, our talents, and our lives, and guide them in your ways. May these offerings share hope, bring healing, and help others know your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**  
(Please be seated.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Joan Dehnert

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

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

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

SERMON

*"Rethinking Time"*

Pastor David Lagos-Fonseca

A COVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION #607 (UMH)

(See Screen)

ANTHEM (9:00 AM)

*The Covenant Prayer*

arr. by Dan Forest

Chancel Choir, directed by Laura Olsen

(10:30 AM)

Crossroads Band, Alexander Zintchenko, piano

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Dennis Rossow

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

Dennis Rossow

**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.**

\* GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dennis Rossow

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, Almighty God, 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:

Dennis Rossow

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**



## SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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

## UNISON PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Sustaining God, may this meal we have shared renew us and inspire us to join more joyfully with you as you work for peace and justice in the world. Amen.**

\* HYMN #707 (UMH) *Hymn of Promise*

\* BENEDICTION Pastor David

POSTLUDE *O Tannenbaum in C Major* by M. Tomas

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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 FACILITY:** Sherry Schairer (Chapters Living Barrington)

Sharyn Kersey, sister-in-law of Lynn Pampalone (Rehab facility - Indianapolis)

**THOSE HOSPITALIZED:** Paul Bergetz, husband of Jane (ICU)

**THOSE UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT:** Theresa and Charlie Brady and their granddaughter (friends of the Gradts), Brian Kotila

Al Sauer, Alton Parker (brother of Sydney Whitley), Paul Semanic, 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:** Christine Oettinger, Phil Pardun, Chris Winkler (back surgery)

**THOSE TO HOLD IN PRAYER:** George Nikolaou (cousin of Walter VanPuyenbroeck), Vaughn Simon, Marilyn Helberg (surgery), Priscilla Akins, Ted and Pat Gradt, Paulette Todd, Rev. Duk Kwon, Barbara Taylor (friend of Lynn Pampalone), Anne Courter (hospice care) Lawrence Huff, son of John Todd, Adam (friend of Ashley P.), Matthew Jachim (son of Mike and Kathy), 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 Julia Hooper ([2juliahooper@gmail.com](mailto:2juliahooper@gmail.com)). 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.

## 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.

**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.

## Starlight Talent Showcase

*Sunday, January 11, from noon to 3 p.m.*

Come be amazed by the shining stars in our midst! Congregation members and friends are invited to share their gifts at the God's Squad's Starlight Showcase—a joyful celebration featuring a talent show, great entertainment, and a delicious meal. If you'd like to participate or learn how you can help, please contact Fred Kocian at [fkocian@comcast.net](mailto:fkocian@comcast.net).

Sign up today to say you can come!



## Rescheduled! Board Games/Card Games Fellowship Event

*New date, Sunday, February 1, noon-2:30 p.m.!*

All are invited to an afternoon of fun and games! We will gather in Fellowship Hall for a light lunch of sandwiches and snacks, then have a time of fellowship and friendly competition. The games will be quick and easy (most rated for ages 8+) so we can rotate folks around the tables to experience a variety of games and groups. Come ready for laughter, connection, and a little friendly competition!







## Family Luau Night

Friday, January 23, at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Escape the winter chill and join us for a tropical evening of family fun! Put on your brightest Hawaiian shirt, grab your flip-flops, and get ready for games, music, food, island vibes—and a sweet treat from Kona Ice—at our Family Luau Night! There is no cost and all are invited. Sign up through the QR code.



## Northern Illinois Food Bank

BUMC is committed to fighting food insecurity. Our teams serve monthly at the Northern Illinois Food Bank's Geneva warehouse on the first Tuesday from 1:00–3:30 p.m. and the third Tuesday from 9:00–11:30 a.m.—helping provide food to those in need. Join a team by scanning the QR code or contacting Pat Zeibart at [psziebart@gmail.com](mailto:psziebart@gmail.com).



## United Women in Faith Gatherings

United Women in Faith will start 2026 by gathering on Wednesday, January 14 and February 11 in Room 111 and via Zoom at 10 a.m. Stay tuned for program details. A light lunch will follow. All are welcome!

## United Women in Faith Assembly

Every four years thousands of women gather for United Women in Faith Assembly. This year it is in Indianapolis May 15-17. The weekend will uplift your soul and strengthen your faith. There are workshops to inspire, to share how women are making an impact and to gain tools to create meaningful change in your life and community. Speakers who will spark your passion and energize your purpose include Stacey Abrams and her mother, Rev. Carolyn Abrams and Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis, director of Poor People's Campaign. Worship provides a time to experience deep reflection, renewal, and connection in faith. You can learn more at [uwfaith.org/assembly](http://uwfaith.org/assembly) or contact Linda Osikowicz, [Lmosikowicz@comcast.net](mailto:Lmosikowicz@comcast.net) or Janeen Hamack, [jhamack@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jhamack@sbcglobal.net).

## **Introduction to Loss & Mourning: Grief Within Family Systems**

A workshop led by Michael J. Pearson, LCSW

Sunday, February 1 | Noon–1:00 p.m., a light lunch will be provided

Grief touches each person—and each family—differently. This workshop offers an introduction to the experience and process of grieving, with attention to how family systems shape mourning.



Learn how healthy mourning can support adjustment and healing. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet Mike Pearson and learn about a small support group he is offering for those who are experiencing grief.

Scan the QR code to express your interest.



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## **A Wesleyan Journey of Prayer**

Wednesdays, February 18–March 18 | In person or online, 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.

This Lent, explore the many forms of prayer—confession, lament, petition, fasting, examen, and more—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. Please register and indicate which time works best using the QR code.

