



FIRST UMC OF WEST DUNDEE

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

Welcome!

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

Sunday, April 6, 2025

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; in your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.

**Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress. Rescue me from the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and the cruel.**

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust. You have been my savior since
the time of my youth.

**Upon you I have learned from my birth, from the time you took me from
my mother's womb I have given praise to you.**

from Psalm 71

*HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH #139

*OPENING PRAYER

**God of wisdom and truth, speak to us clearly so that we might leave our ailments behind and be healed.
On this Sabbath Day we rejoice in your presence and give thanks for the power of your Spirit. We pray
in the name of Christ Jesus the healer. Amen.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

TFWS #2051

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LESSON

Luke 13:10-17

RESPONSE

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"In the Embrace"

Pastor Rick Carlson

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We have been called to speak and to live Christ's love wherever we are. We do so by offering who we are, what we have, and what we do, trusting that God will use these gifts to bring the unshakeable realm of love and justice to our world.

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God ye creatures here below

Alleluiah! Alleluiah!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit!

Alleluiah! Alleluiah! Alleluiah!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN**

Take My Life and Let It Be

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***SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

Please join us for a time of sharing in the Fireside Room.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeters	Tom and Sherry Miller, Sonja Hunter
Liturgist	Sue Gould
Media	Dane Granholm, Laura Suskin
Pastor	Pastor Rick Carlson

For pastoral care, please contact Pastor Rick at 630-564-0413

United Women in Faith (UWF) membership Lenten Brown Bag Mission

This Lent, we invite you to participate in our Brown Bag Mission by collecting 40 essential items—one for each day of Lent. Suggested donations include toothpaste, toothbrushes, non-perishable food, paper cups, plates, toilet paper, baby wipes, diapers, lotion, and other necessities. Please drop off your items in the bins in the church office by Palm Sunday. For more information, contact Marcia at 331-276-7979 (call or text). Thank you for your generosity!

UMCOR donation

During Lent, we invite everyone to contribute to our UMCOR donation goal of \$20 per person—just 50 cents a day for 40 days. Please bring your offering on Palm Sunday for a special blessing. Thank you for your support!

Easter Breakfast – Sunday, April 20

Join us for a delicious Easter Breakfast on April 20 from 8:15 to 9:45 a.m.! Enjoy pancakes with toppings, egg casseroles, potatoes, and fruit as we celebrate together. Sign up to donate items or help out! For more information, contact Marcia at 331-276-7979 (call or text).

Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday, April 20

Children ages infant to 12 are invited to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 20, at 11:15 a.m. Meet in the nursery after worship to join the fun! We are also accepting candy donations until April 6 to help fill the eggs. For more information, please see Matt or Marcia. Thank you for your support!

Fellowship Sundays – Share Your Favorite Treats!

Pick a Sunday to bring some of your favorite snacks or treats to share! Fellowship time is a wonderful opportunity for the congregation to gather, catch up, and welcome new friends. Sign up to host and help make our time together even more special!

Need Help with Shopping?

We have church members available to shop for mission donations, Easter candy, or fellowship treats on your behalf! Simply mark your donation, and we'll take care of the shopping for you.

Special Music

Do you or someone you know have a musical talent to share? We're coordinating music for our worship services and would love for you to be a part of it! Please reach out to Marcia or call/text 331-276-7979.

Adult Education Forum

You're invited to join our weekly Adult Education Forum, where we explore meaningful questions about our faith, values, and beliefs. This forum is a welcoming space for open dialogue, reflection, and a deeper understanding of how our faith shapes our lives. We meet in the library from 8:45 to 9:45 on Sunday mornings prior to worship.

Teen Girl Mission Group

Our United Women of Faith is organizing a group of teen girls to work on local service/mission projects in our community. Teens will earn community service volunteer hours and do not need to be members of FUMC or attend regularly. Any teen girl would be welcome to join this service group.

First meeting/project: Sunday, April 27, 4 – 6 p.m.

Location: Youth Room on the lower level at First United Methodist Church West Dundee

Project: We will be assembling oral hygiene kits (toothbrush, toothpaste, flossers, lip balm) for donation to a Shoebox Christmas gift ministry assembled for children and Teens who live in the Spirit Lake Native American Reservation in South Dakota. We will discuss ideas for future projects.

Donations are welcome: Toothpaste, lip balm, Toothbrushes (single or multipack), quart-size zip lock bags.

Please contact us if you are interested in attending this meeting or future meetings:

Jennifer Schaffer schaffek@sbcglobal.net 847-287-7185 or
Marcia Buchs mkbuchs@sbcglobal.net 331-276-7979

**Our services are livestreamed on
YouTube each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

Visit [youtube.com/@fumcdundee](https://www.youtube.com/@fumcdundee) or our website, fumc wd.org, to view our past services.



318 West Main St., West Dundee, IL 60118

Palm Sunday Worship, April 13 at 10 a.m.

Easter Sunday Worship, April 20 at 10 a.m.

Easter Breakfast, 8:15-9:45 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt beginning at 11:15 a.m.