

**“I AM” Series
Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026**

Welcome to our worship service! Please silence your cell phone; covered beverages are allowed in the Sanctuary. Congregational responses on the screen are in bold print. *Please stand if you are able.

8:45 Service

GREETING / PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *I Need Thee Every Hour* Dale Wood

*OPENING HYMN *More Love to Thee, O Christ (453)*

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer Jeff Seagle

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: UMCOR National Disaster Response

Music: *More Love to Thee* Van Denman Thompson

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (384)*

SCRIPTURE John 15:1-5 (p. 983) Bill MacDhubhain

MESSAGE "I AM the True Vine" Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *I Need Thee Every Hour (397, v 1-4)*

*SENDING RESPONSE

Blest Be the Tie that Binds (557 (vs.1), followed by Send Us into the World

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN No. 898

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in D* Arcangelo Corelli

11:00 Service

GREETING / PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING SONGS

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Abby Teunissen

Children ages 4 yrs to 5th grade leave for JAMS (Jesus and Me Sunday)†

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: UMCOR National Disaster Relief

SCRIPTURE John 15:1-5 (p. 983) Rose Kempf

MESSAGE "I AM the True Vine" Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING SONG

*SENDING RESPONSE

Blest Be the Tie that Binds (No. 557 vs. 1), Send Us into the World

*BENEDICTION

†**JAMS** geared toward children 4 yrs to 5th grade and is a time for them to learn about Jesus through activities, games, and crafts.

A Nursery for those birth - 3 years old is staffed with trained volunteers during our 11 am service. It is not staffed at the 8:45 service but feel free to use the space and the TV to watch the service with your child(ren).

THIS WEEK AT RUMC

TODAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service
10 am Lenten Study, kitchen end of Fellowship Hall
11 am Contemporary worship service
12 pm Johnston Family, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY

10 am Tai Chi, TWC
1 pm Staff Meeting, Conference Room
6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC
6:45 pm Garden Club, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY

10 am Worship Design Meeting, Rm 205
12:30 pm Early Release Program, TWC
5:30 pm Wednesday Dinner, Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm Easter Egg Stuffing, TWC
6:30 pm Lenten Study, Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC
7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

SATURDAY

10 am Easter Egg Hunt, Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY— Palm/Passion Sunday

8:45 am Traditional worship service
10 am Lenten Study, kitchen end of Fellowship Hall
11 am Contemporary worship service

Did You Know...RUMC has an Instagram page? Yes, we have both a Facebook and Instagram page. Follow us at rockfordumc on Instagram and Rockford United Methodist Church on Facebook. We also have a RUMC Family page on Facebook just for church attendees.

Today's Bread Pan: UMCOR – National Disaster Response, local United Methodist churches and trained disaster response workers provide immediate relief, assistance with cleanup and rebuilding, pastoral counseling, and support for children and youth who have been through trauma in the United States. The term "natural disaster" refers to floods, earthquakes, storms, tornadoes, cyclones, hurricanes, or other "acts of God," and under extraordinary circumstances could include an especially disastrous fire, explosion, transportation wreck, or other emergency in which persons are suddenly plunged into suffering and grief. Hundreds of natural disasters occur each year in the U.S. and leave in their wake destruction, suffering and despair. Some are of major proportions and require the utilization of tremendous resources provided by the United Methodist Church, as well as by governmental and other agencies.

Sermon Notes

Where to find

Church Information rockfordumc.org

Get church news, service times, fellowship, missions and more

Monthly Schedule rockfordumc.org/events

See what's going on at RUMC this month

Live Worship/Virtual Bulletin/Attendance rockfordumc.org/watch

View live worship; download the bulletin to your mobile device or home computer; or register your in-person or virtual attendance

Ministries for You rockfordumc.org/ministries

Find a ministry right for you and your family

Newsletter rockfordumc.org/connect-with-us

Sign up for prayer requests, weekly updates or the monthly newsletter



Announcements & Upcoming Events

Say Cheese! Wise Photography will be here on Sunday, March 29, to take group shots of the congregation at both worship services. The pictures will be used for advertising in *Rockford Living*, so bring your smile.

Have you tried the Church Center app? The app allows people to manage their profile information, donations, and register for events. Church Center is available on the web at churchcenter.com or as a mobile app which can be downloaded for free from the App Store or Google Play.

Wednesday Dinner will be this Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our hosts, the Men's Group, will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, salad, chips, cole slaw, baked beans, dessert and beverage. Baskets for a freewill offering will be available.

Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers Needed, contact Abby if interested at childrenandyouth@rockfordumc.org.

- **Stuffing Easter Eggs** with candy on March 25 after the Wednesday Dinner.
- **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, March 28, at 10 am. Help to hide the eggs, provide refreshments, and hang out with the kiddos on the day of the event. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/EGGHUNTRUMC>. Please note: EGGHUNTRUMC must be capitalized when typing into your computer.

Holy Week Schedule

Saturday, March 28: Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am

Sunday, March 29: Palm/Passion Sunday, 8:45 am & 11 am

Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm

Friday, April 3: Good Friday Services, 1 pm & 7 pm

Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday, 8:45 am & 11 am

Women's Retreat 2026 *Praises and Prayers* Women's Retreat on Saturday, April 18, from 8:45 am-noon. The cost is \$30 per person, registration is required to attend. Register at rockfordumc.org/womens-retreat or pick up a paper registration form in the worship entrance. Over a 100 have registered and the cap is set at 140, so register soon!

Finance Update through March 15

You are encouraged to give either through US mail or via the website rockfordumc.org/give/. Thank you for your continued support!

Gifts & Offerings	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Building Needs</u>
Year to Date Needed:	\$98,769.00	has received
Year to Date Received:	\$104,511.37	\$100,164.34 so far.

Bread Pan: UMCOR Sunday: \$356.79

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
Mar. 8	86/9	41/7
Mar. 15	85/9	42/7

At RUMC, we know prayer works. Please contact the church office with prayer concerns. Thank you for your commitment to prayer.

PRAYER CONCERNS – March 22, 2026

Praises and Celebrations

Denny Atwood, who broke his left foot and crushed his right heel in a tree stand fall last November, is now able to wear regular shoes, walk without aid and can drive short distances. The family thanks everyone for their good thoughts and prayers. God is good! Pat Tefft's son-in-law.

New Prayer Concerns

Laura Matheis, hospitalized with an infection in her finger.

Betty Zeilinger had a kidney stone removed on Thursday.

Tim Hinton was hospitalized with a virus in Florida. He is now back home and feeling better. Son of Nancy Hinton.

Pam Lindemer & family, death of her father, Jim Wilson. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Judy Sullivan, hospitalized last week with a blood clot in the artery to her kidney, in AFib, and was given blood thinner and medication to calm her heart. Sister of Barb Crowder.

Bonnie Pistole, her health is declining; prayers for her daughters, Julie Roach and her sister.

Prayer Updates

Leona Murphy was diagnosed with hard to detect ovarian cancer and is now in her final days. Mother of Scott Murphy.

Nathan, had surgery Tuesday; cousin of Jim Bird

Continuing Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers: Michael & Justin, Rockford student, Berry/Schultz families, Resa Szokowski, Wendy Martin, job loss, Jim Larson, Don deBaptiste, Kristi Kulhanek, Judy King, Rob Miller, and Doug DeVries.

Serving Next Week, March 29, Palm Sunday

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Judy Mayhak - Prayer/Scripture

11 am: Julie Wendtland - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45 am: Jill Mackie & Marilyn Palmer

11 am: Kathy Jorgensen

Ushers:

8:45 am: Dave & Becky Fox

11 am: Jason & Julie Wendtland Family



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