

Wilbraham United Church

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May 6, 2018

10:00A.M

GATHERING MUSIC

The Handbell Choir

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Register
(found at the center aisle end of each pew) and pass it to your neighbor.

PASSING OF PEACE: Please greet each other with the Peace of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Deb Trimble

SUNG Leader: *This Is the day*
People: *This is the day that the Lord has made*

SPOKEN Leader: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song!
People: **Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song!**

SUNG: Leader: *This Is the day*
People: *This is the day that the Lord has made*

SPOKEN: Leader: Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song.
People: **United in love of one another and God, let our worship make a joyful noise!**

SUNG: Leader: *This is the day*
People: *This is the day*
Leader: *That the Lord has made*
People: *That the Lord has made*
Leader: *Let us rejoice*
People: *Let us rejoice*
Leader: *and be glad in it*
People: *and be glad in it*
This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Leader: *This is the day*
People: *This is the day that the Lord has made*

****GATHERING HYMN:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" stanzas 1,4,5 # 139 red hymnal

GATHERING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Almighty and Loving God, all the ends of the earth marvel at your deeds of power. We feel your presence as growth returns to your creation. We rejoice as we remember your faithfulness and steadfast love revealed in the risen Christ. Surround us with that faithfulness and steadfast love. Fill us with generosity and courage so that we may be called your friends and go forth to befriend your world.

In Jesus' name we pray together saying:

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.

PSALTER:

Psalm 98

pg. 818 *red hymnal*

SUNG RESPONSE:

Glorify Thy Name

2016 (FWS small black book)

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you

Glorify thy name in all the earth, Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you... Spirit, we love you...

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Sung Response

Breath of God, Breath of Peace, Breath of love, Breath of life,

Breath of justice, Breath of passion,

Breath creating, Breath of healing, Breath of singing, Breath of praying,

Come upon us, come restore us, come inspire us, Breath of God.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem:

“Sing to the Lord a New Song”

Perry

Blessing the Gifts

Doxology :

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts. Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Leader: Our God is still speaking.

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

COMMUNION HYMN:

“Become to Us the Living Bread

630 *red hymnal*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Communion

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Bountiful God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

****HYMN OF PARTING:**

“Blessed Assurance”

369 red hymnal

****BENEDICTION**

SUNG RESPONSE

FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH

****All who are able to do so, may stand.**

The altar flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God by Norma Hill in loving memory of Loren Hill on his May 1st birthday.

Attention Visitors! Is this your first visit to United Church? We bid you a very warm welcome and invite you to sign our Guest Pad located in the Narthex. • Immediately after the service, please continue down the central hallway and join us for Fellowship and Refreshment in our Fellowship Hall.

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Wallace A. Hurd IV

Director of Music: Mark Jacobson

Director of Christian Education: Paul Nesbit

Head Usher: John Tarbell

Ushers: Deacons

Greeters: The Marosits Family

Nursery Care: Amy Crocker and Carrie Keating

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CELL PHONE OFF BEFORE THE SERVICE.

FIRST 6 PEWS, DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT, ARE A “SCENT FREE ZONE”

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE FOLLOW USHER’S DIRECTIONS TO EXIT THE SANCTUARY



Please Pray for:

Shey McAbee, Nancy Schenk, Pam Burch, Fred Sallade, Nancy Peck, Jim and Gloria Russell, Joan Hoffmann, Patti Keiser, Sue Pereira.

The victims of violence and their families in our country.

Our troops, our country and our world.

Wilbraham United Church, UCC & UMC

“News for the Pews” for the week of May 6, 2018

Brush up on local history! The Old Meeting House Museum, 450 Main Street, on Sunday, May 20, will host a talk at 2:15 by Dennis Picard, former Dir. Of Storowton Village Museum. Subject: From Wigwam Hill to Indian Leap, a look at Native American Indians in Wilbraham (Door open at 2:00).

Office Hours: Starting on May 8th, office hours will be Tuesday through Friday from 9:30am to 1:30pm.

This Week at Wilbraham United

To find the most up to date schedule throughout the week, go to our church's website and click on "EVENTS"

www.wilbrahamunitedchurch.org

Today 5/6

10:00am Worship

11:15am Fellowship & Refreshment- FH

1:00pm WUP- FH

5:00pm Al Anon- FH

Monday 5/7

9:15am Yoga

2:30 WEF- ZR

7:00pm Worship- ZR

7:00pm WUP- FH

Tuesday 5/8

5:00pm Girl Scouts- HR

7:00pm WUP- FH

7:00PM Yoga

Wednesday 5/9

1:30pm HRC- Lib

4:00pm Girl Scouts- SS

6:00pm Cub Scouts- HR

6:00pm Al Anon- YR

7:00pm Governing Board- ZR

7:00pm WUP- FH

7:30pm Band

Thursday 5/10

4:00pm Girl Scouts- HR

4:00pm Prayer Study

6:00pm Al Anon- YR

7:00pm Bells

7:45pm Sr. Choir

Friday 5/11

9:30-12:30 pm Thrift Shop –8 & 10B

Saturday 5/12

9:30-12:30 pm Thrift Shop –8 & 10B

10:00am Jr. Choir

Sunday 5/13

10:00am Worship

11:15am Fellowship & Refreshments

1:00pm WUP- FH

6:00pm Al Anon- YR