

WILBRAHAM UNITED CHURCH

SUMMER WORSHIP



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Wilbraham United Church
Summer Worship

August 13, 2017

9:30AM

Gathering Music

Sir C. H. H. Parry

“Upon the Hymn “New Every Morning Is the Love”

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

****Hymn:** “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” # 152

Call to Worship

Gloria Russell

Leader: Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

People: *We need this kind of hope.*

Leader: Come; worship the Holy One who meets you where you are. Come; open yourselves to the God who lifts us up.

People: *We are here to worship; we are here to surrender to God.*

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Leader: God is here, Christ is present, and the Holy Spirit surrounds you.

People: *But we have turned our eyes to the challenges of this life, lost our focus on God and are sinking in sin.*

Leader: You can begin again. Imagine a new way of being.

People: *We have cast aside our dreams to maintain the familiar. We have cast aside the dreams of others, fearful of what they might mean.*

Leader: God loves you, Christ will lift you from the waves of doubt and the Holy Spirit will rescue you from currents of insecurity and alienation. In these moments of quiet reflection confess to God all that separates you from God and one another.

Words of Assurance

Leader: Feel the power of God's mercy in your life. Go into God's world knowing you are forgiven and blessed, and be a blessing to others.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

Sung Response Gloria Patri

*Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in one;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

Scripture Psalm 18: 1-19 Pew Bible Pg. 472
Matthew 14: 22-33 Pew Bible Pg. 849

Sermon: "When the Storm Comes" Pastor Susan

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Musical Offering Voluntary Upon the Hymn Tune "Evan"
John M. Rasley

****Doxology** *Praise God, Creator of the earth;
Praise God made flesh with Jesus' birth;
Praise God within each living soul;
Praise God in whom we are made whole.*

Blessing the Gifts

****Hymn:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" # 474

Benediction

Postlude "God the Father, Be Our Stay" Samuel Scheidt

***All who feel comfortable may stand.*

The *altar flowers* this morning are given to the Glory of God in honor and celebration of the marriage of Aurora Pierangelo and Ruben Frias, from the parents of the bride, Dr. David and Joyce Pierangelo.

Attention Visitors, Members and Friends! We bid you a very warm welcome and invite you to sign our Friendship Pad located in each pew. *Immediately after the service, please join us for Fellowship and Refreshment in Fellowship Hall.*

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Interim Minister: Rev. Susan L. Gibson

Music Director: Mark Jacobson

Dir. Of Christian Education: Paul Nesbit

Head Usher: Bob Law

Ushers: Bill Sanderson, Skip Dearborn

Nursery Care: Jo Miner, Cindy Koziol



Our services are also available on Wilbraham Public Access, Ch.191,
8 PM on Mondays and 8 AM on Tuesdays.

Services are also available on-line.

Go to www.wilbraham-ma.gov.

On the left click Public Access Schedules - Channel 191.
Find the service you'd like to watch by selecting a date on the calendar and a time, ie 8pm Mondays or 8am on Tuesdays.

Click Watch Now.

Summer Office hours: Tuesday – Friday 8am – Noon

The Church Office is **closed on Mondays** thru Sept. 4th.

*“News for the Pews”
for the week of August 13, 2017*

Please Pray for:

Joe Gubala, Sue Pereira, Norma Hill, Mark Vachon,
Patty Keiser & Dick Brown, Linda & Dave Bennett.

Our troops, our country and our world.

Our Congregation, along with

Christ the King-Epiphany, as we discern our future.



Please pray for the members of our Senior
Minister Search Committee and their diligent work.

Members are: Tom Toman, Deb Trimble, Kim
Neelans, Phyllis Walsh, Steve Niederfringer and
Tina Bazarian.

OPEN HOUSE – OLD MEETING HOUSE, *TODAY*

2 – 4pm, Talk at 2:15pm next door at the Academy Stone Chapel.

“The Gravestone Girls – Putting the “Rave back in Grave!” the subject
is art, history and symbolism of gravestones, focusing on Adams
Cemetery. The event is free and open to the public.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS:

The shop will be closed Sept. 1 & 2 for the Labor Day weekend.
Also, one **change** that the ladies would like us all to start: If you are
donating items to the shop, please bring them into the building by
way of the **Fellowship Hall end entrance**. Bring them down the
stairs to the table against the wall. This is so much more helpful to
them, as well as more manageable stairs for you!!

**Thanks to all who have donated in the past, and for
your continued support of the shop!!**

Tag Sale, Sat. Aug. 26th, 9am – 3pm Spec Pond Rec. Area,
enter at 2540 Boston Rd., Post Office Park. Free admission. Vendor
space available – first come, first served. Reserve space @ 426-7680
Sale for the benefit of Friends of Wilbraham Public Access, Inc.

The Worship Commission is looking for one or two volunteers for
flower delivery on the second Sunday of every month. Sometimes
the flowers go to someone in the congregation. Sometimes they will
be needed to deliver to a shut in from our church family. This is such
an important outreach mission to our church community. If you are
interested, please contact our church office at 596-2511 x100 or Patti
Colkos 596-5152.

This Week at Wilbraham United

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TODAY, Aug. 13: 9:30am Worship

10:45am Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

2-4pm Old Meeting House Museum –

2:15pm Talk at WMA Stone Chapel

6:00pm Al Anon – Howard Room

Mon. 08/14: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

10:00am PieceMakers – Bliss Room

7:00pm WUP – Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Finance Comm. - Library

Tues. 08/15: 7:00pm WUP – Fellowship Hall

Wed. 08/16: 6:00pm AlAnon – Youth Room

7:00pm Governing Board –Zeck. Rm.

Thu. 08/17: 11:00am Loaves & Fishes to serve in Spfld.

1:30pm HRC – Zeckhausen Room

4:00pm Prayer Study Group – @ Burch Home

6:00pm Al Anon/Al-a-Teen –Youth Room +

Fri. 08/18: 9:30am-12:30pm Thrift Shop

Sat. 08/19: 9:30am-12:30pm Thrift Shop

Sun. 08/20: 9:30am Worship

10:45am Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm Al Anon –Youth Room