

Wilbraham United Church

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10:00A.M

As disciples of Christ we are called to bring the light of Christ into the world. During the prelude of our church service, we welcome the light of Christ into our midst. During our postlude, we follow the light of Christ into the world. We will be asking members of our congregation to assist with bringing the Light of Christ in at the beginning of our service and then bringing the Light of Christ out at the end. The ushers will assist you so you will know the procedure. If you are asked, please feel free to say whether or not you are willing to participate.

Sharing in God's Light

The Worship Commission

GATHERING MUSIC

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: Arise and give thanks, for God's light has come!*
People: Let us receive God's light and share it with all the world!

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

SPOKEN: *Leader: And from the joy in our hearts let us lift our voices in praise!*
People: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

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:** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

206 red hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive our selfish concerns with earthly things and our failure to acknowledge your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, for that blindness to the wonder of your presence that causes us to live our lives from day to day without knowing you. Have mercy on us, give us grace to discern the suffering servant Lord in the midst of our lives, to worship and serve you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE WITH OUR LORD'S PRAYER

*We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us all how to pray 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.*

JUNIOR CHOIR: "All Around the World" Collins

MOMENTS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Paul Nesbit

PSALTER: Psalm 50:1-6 pg 783 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

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem:

Blessing the Gifts

Doxology:

"Praise God With Cymbals" Pote

*Thank you, Jesus amen! Thank you Jesus, amen!
Thank you, Jesus amen! Alleluia! Amen!*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Leader: Our God is still speaking.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

****HYMN:** "You Are Mine" stanzas 1,2,4 # 2218 FWS *small black book*

SERMON: "How Did They Know?"

****HYMN OF PARTING:** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" # 2173 FWS *small black book*

****BENEDICTION**

SUNG RESPONSE

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 Herb Vieira in fond remembrance of friends gone before.

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

Candidate for Settled Pastor

Director of Music: Mark Jacobson

Director of Christian Education: Paul Nesbit

Head Usher: Bob Law

Ushers: Jim Trimble, Skip Dearborn, Herb Vieira, Joyce Emerle

Greeters: Michelle McBride, Sharon McAbee, Shey McAbee

Nursery Care: Kim Driscoll and Amy Crocker

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

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

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IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE FOLLOW USHER'S/HEAD USHER'S DIRECTIONS TO EXIT THE SANCTUARY



Please Pray for:

Judy Hoffman, Pam Burch, Fred Sallade, Nancy Peck, Jim and Gloria Russell, Joan Hoffmann, Patti Keiser, Sue Pereira.

The people rebuilding after the hurricanes. The victims and their families of violence in our country. Our troops, our country and our world.



Prayers of thanks 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

Wilbraham United Church, UCC & UMC

“News for the Pews” for the week of January 28, 2018

SPECIAL MEETING TODAY, February 11, 2018

A Special Meeting of the Wilbraham United Church will be held in the Sanctuary directly following the 10:00am Sunday Service to transact the following business: vote to approve the call of the candidate selected by the Search Committee as the Senior Pastor for Wilbraham United Church. The meeting will be preceded by the 10:00AM Sunday Service at which the candidate will preach and by an 8:45AM informal coffee and light breakfast to give the congregation an opportunity to meet and get acquainted with the candidate.

Nan Shepard, Church Clerk

PieceMakers will be meeting tomorrow, February 12 in the Bliss Room at 10am. New members or visitors are welcome to join anytime.

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, February 11th

8:45 Coffee Meet and Greet with Pastoral Candidate
10:00am Worship & Candidate Sunday
11:15am Fellowship & Refreshments
6:00pm Al Anon-YR

Monday, February 12th

9:15am Yoga
4:00pm Woodland Dell Cemetery Annual Meeting

7:00pm Phys Ops- Lib

7:30pm WUP- FH

Tuesday, February 13th

No events scheduled

Wednesday February 14th

10:00am Staff Meeting- Lib

4:00pm Girl Scouts- SS

6:00pm Al Anon- YR

Thursday February 15th

11:00am Loaves and Fishes

4:00pm Prayer Study

4:00pm Girl Scouts- HR

6:00pm Al Anon- YR

7:00pm Bell Choir

7:45pm Sr. Choir

Friday, February 16th

9:30-12:30 pm Thrift Shop –8 & 10B

Saturday, February 17th

9:30-12:30 pm Thrift Shop –8 & 10B

10:00am Jr. Choir

Sunday, February 18th

10:00am Worship

11:15am Fellowship and Refreshments

6:00pm Al Anon- YR

6:30pm United Mothers- FH & Nursery