

# Wilbraham United Church

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BAPTISM OF CHRIST

10:00A.M

## GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Deb Trimble

### CALL TO WORSHIP

#393 (red hymnal)

SUNG: *All: Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

SPOKEN: Leader: From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

**People: From the waters of a womb, God's blessed Son was given to us.**

SUNG: *All: Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

SPOKEN: Leader: From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's Children

**People: Praise be to God, whose Holy Spirit we have received in our baptism.**

SUNG: *All: Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*

SPOKEN: Leader: Let us renew our baptismal vows in joy and hope.

**People: Let us worship God with thanks and praise.**

SUNG *All: Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

### \*\*GATHERING HYMN

'When Jesus Came to Jordan'

#252 (red hymnal)

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Almighty God, we stand amazed at your power and glory. We are eager to worship you and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God. Renew us with the power of your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim your justice throughout the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray,

*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.*

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

#### PSALTER

Psalm 29

page 761 (red hymnal)

#### SUNG RESPONSE

#2040 (small black book)

*Our God is an awesome God;  
He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power and love.  
Our God is an awesome God. (repeat)  
Our God is an awesome God.  
Our God is an awesome God.*

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please remember to wear your name tags. If anyone would like a new one, please notify the office!*

## MOMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

### HYMN

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

#611 (red hymnal)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Sung Response

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.  
When I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer  
O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.*

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem

“Child of Our Dreams”

Haugen

\*\*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

Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

One: Our God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

## SERMON

Pastor Chip

### \*\*PARTING HYMN

“Spirit Song”

#347 (red hymnal)

### \*\*BENEDICTION

### \*\*SUNG RESPONSE

## FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

### MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH

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

*Welcome Visitors! Is this your first visit to United Church? Please sign our Guest Pad located in the Narthex. Immediately after the service, we invite you to continue down the central hallway and join us for Friendship and Refreshment in our Fellowship Hall.*

**MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY**

**Pastor/Preacher:** The Rev. Wallace A Hurd IV

**Director of Music:** Mark Jacobson

**Director of Family Ministries/Faith Formation:** Paul Nesbit

**Head Usher:** Tom Toman

**Ushers:** Ralph Ridgeway, Sherry Ridgeway, Jim Trimble, Ed Bernard

**Greeters:** Claire McCullough, Edna Colcord

**Nursery Care:** Cat Martin, Gail Lima

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**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 EMERGENCY, PLEASE FOLLOW USHER'S DIRECTIONS TO EXIT THE SANCTUARY**

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***Please Pray For:***

Nancy Schenk, Pam Burch, Gloria Russell, Patti Keiser, Sue Pereira, Phyllis Walsh and  
The McBride Family.

The victims of violence and their families in our country.

Our troops, our country and our world.

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***Wilbraham United Church, UCC & UMC***  
***"News for the Pews" for the January 13, 2019***

The Annual Meeting of the **Wilbraham United Church** will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> 12pm in Fellowship Hall to transact the following business:

- ~Adopt a budget
- ~Elect officers
- ~And act upon any other business properly brought before the meeting.

***The Annual Meeting will be preceded by a luncheon served by Women's Evening Fellowship.***

***Nan Shepard,***  
United Church Clerk

The Annual Meetings of the **Congregational Society and the Methodist Charge Conference** will be combined with the Annual Meeting at 12pm in Fellowship Hall. The business will be as follows:

- ~To receive reports
- ~Elect officers
- ~And act upon any other business properly brought before the meeting.

***Herb Vieira,***  
Congregational Society Clerk

***Alesia Peck,***  
Methodist Society Recording Secretary

**\*\*The Annual Meeting Agenda will include a recommendation to amend the By Laws\*\***

~There is a new flower sheet sign up in the Narthex for 2019. Please write your name and whether you would like a single or double arrangement next to the date you choose to provide the flowers. Thank you!

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### **This Week at Wilbraham United Church**

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

**[www.wilbrahamunitedchurch.org](http://www.wilbrahamunitedchurch.org)**

#### **Sunday 1/13/2019**

1PM WUP- FH  
6pm Al Anon

#### **Monday 1/14/2019**

9:15am yoga  
7PM WUP Board Mtg.

#### **Tuesday 1/15/2019**

5pm GS- HR  
7pm WUP- FH

#### **Wednesday 1/16/2019**

1pm Call to Care- library  
3:30 GS- HR  
6pm Al Anon- YR  
6:30pm CS- HR(+)  
7pm WUP- FH

#### **Thursday 1/17/2019**

4PM Prayer Study- library  
6:30 Al anon- YR  
7pm Handbells- choir room  
7:45 Adult Choir- choir room

#### **Friday 1/18/2019**

9:30AM-12:30PM Thrift Shop

#### **Saturday 1/19/2019**

9:30-12:30 Thrift Shop