



Wilbraham United Church

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"I am the vine, you are the branches."

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January 17, 2021 2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 10:00A.M

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Paul

GATHERING HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison) Pastor Chip

Still-speaking God:

**We give thanks to you for the prophets of the past,
but we confess:**

your modern-day messengers make us uncomfortable.

Forgive us, God, and disturb us.

Send your Spirit among us, that we may hear your Word for us,

in the words of our scripture,

in the whispers of our hearts

in the warnings of your prophets,

and in the weeping of the world.

Fill the hearts of your faithful as we pray in the words that Jesus taught us:

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

Psalms 139: 1-6, 13-18

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down,

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O LORD, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

SONG OF PRAISE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!"^[a] and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to

him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

GOSPEL

John 1:43-52

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you,^[a] you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

One: Our God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Paul

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Chip

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

PARTING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

BENEDICTION

Rev. Paul

MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH

*Go now in peace, Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go.*

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Senior Pastor: The Rev. Wallace A Hurd IV

Associate Pastor: The Rev. Paul Nesbit

Director of Music Ministries: Mark Jacobson

Technical and Artistic Director: Deb Trimble



Please Pray For:

Members of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Presbyterian Church in Springfield, the family of Ellie Engle, Theresa Munn, Herb Vieira, Catherine, Emily, Darcey, Terry, Denise, Ray, Theresa, Jane Godfrey, Shey McAbee, Sharon McAbee, Nancy Schenk, Pam Burch, Patti Keiser, Sue Pereira, Natalie True, Bev Sawyer, Kathie Birkhaeuser,.
The victims of violence and their families.
Our troops, our country and our world



“News for the Pews” for the Week of January 17, 2021

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This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Tuesday, January 19

3:30-4:30 p.m. Office Hour with Rev. Paul in the Zeckhausen Room

7:15 p.m. Bedtime Bible Stories (Facebook Live)

7:30 p.m. Bible Study Happy Hour (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 20

10 a.m-2 p.m. Office Hours with Pastor Chip in the Zeckhausen Room

7:15 p.m. Prayer Service (Facebook Live)

Thursday, January 21

10 a.m-2 p.m. Office Hours with Pastor Chip in the Zeckhausen Room

5:30-7:00 p.m. Office Hours with Rev. Paul in the Zeckhausen Room

Saturday, January 23

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Knit, Stitch, Pray (Zoom)

Sunday, January 24

8:45-9:45 a.m. Church School Classes (Zoom)

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship (Facebook Live)

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Author: Alan Luff, Richard Proulx

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Song Title: **Here I Am, Lord**

Author: Dan Schutte, 1981; adapt. By Carlton R., Young, 1988

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Song Title: **Go Now in Peace**

Author: Natalie Sleeth, 1976

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near,
3. When the dark-ness ap-pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
when my life is al-most gone,
and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
at the riv-er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain
Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Here I Am, Lord

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I who made the stars of night,
I have heard my people cry.
I will make their dark-ness bright.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I will break their hearts of stone,
I have borne my people's pain.
give them hearts for love a-lone.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide
I will tend the poor and lame,
till their hearts be sat-is-fied.

1.
All who dwell in dark and sin
Who will bear my light to them?
my hand will save.

I have wept for love of them.
I will speak my word to them.
They turn a-way.

I will set a feast for them.
I will give my life to them.
My hand will save.

2.
Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord.

Refrain (Harmony)

Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the

night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.