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

February 21, 2021 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT 10:00A.M

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Chip

GATHERING HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days vs. 1,4,5

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

Rev. Paul

Almighty God, because we have seen pain without being moved; because we forget your love with solemn pride; because we pass by happy before poverty and sadness: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

For speaking of love without loving our sister or brother; for speaking of faith without living your word; because we live without seeing our personal evil, our sin: Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy on us.

For our tranquility in our affluent life; for our great falseness in preaching about poverty; for wanting to make excuses for injustice and misery: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy on us. And hear us as we pray in the name of Christ our Savior, who suffered, died and rose for us and for all:

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 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

SONG OF PRAISE

Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Credo

W.E.B. Du Bois

I believe in God, who made of one blood all nations that on earth do dwell. I believe that all men, black and brown and white, are brothers, varying through time and opportunity, in form and gift and feature, but differing in no essential particular, and alike in soul and the possibility of infinite development.

Especially do I believe in the Negro Race: in the beauty of its genius, the sweetness of its soul, and its strength in that meekness which shall yet inherit this turbulent earth.

I believe in Pride of race and lineage and self: in pride of self so deep as to scorn injustice to other selves; in pride of lineage so great as to despise no man's father; in pride of race so chivalrous as neither to offer bastardy to the weak nor beg wedlock of the strong, knowing that men may be brothers in Christ, even though they be not brothers-in-law.

I believe in Service—humble, reverent service, from the blackening of boots to the whitening of souls; for Work is Heaven, Idleness Hell, and Wage is the "Well done!" of the Master, who summoned all them that labor and are heavy laden, making no distinction between the black, sweating cotton hands of Georgia and the first families of Virginia, since all distinction not based on deed is devilish and not divine.

I believe in the Devil and his angels, who wantonly work to narrow the opportunity of struggling human beings, especially if they be black; who spit in the faces of the fallen, strike them that cannot strike again, believe the worst and work to prove it, hating the image which their Maker stamped on a brother's soul.

I believe in the Prince of Peace. I believe that War is Murder. I believe that armies and navies are at bottom the tinsel and braggadocio of oppression and wrong, and I believe that the wicked conquest of weaker and darker nations by nations whiter and stronger but foreshadows the death of that strength.

I believe in Liberty for all men: the space to stretch their arms and their souls, the right to breathe and the right to vote, the freedom to choose their friends, enjoy the sunshine, and

ride on the railroads, uncursed by color; thinking, dreaming, working as they will in a kingdom of beauty and love.

I believe in the Training of Children, black even as white; the leading out of little souls into the green pastures and beside the still waters, not for pelf or peace, but for life lit by some large vision of beauty and goodness and truth; lest we forget, and the sons of the fathers, like Esau, for mere meat barter their birthright in a mighty nation.

Finally, I believe in Patience—patience with the weakness of the Weak and the strength of the Strong, the prejudice of the Ignorant and the ignorance of the Blind; patience with the tardy triumph of Joy and the mad chastening of Sorrow.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’

One: Our God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Pastor Chip

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Paul

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

PARTING HYMN

Spirit Song

BENEDICTION

Pastor Chip

MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom.

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:

Family of Nancy Schenk, Bill and the Gatchell family, Theresa Munn, Herb Vieira, Judy Hoffman, Kathy, Betty Sallade, Daniel, Catherine, Lynne, Emily, Terry, Denise, Ray, Theresa, Ann, Jane Godfrey, Shey McAbee, Sharon McAbee, 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 February 21st 2021

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This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Tuesday, February 23rd

3:30-5 p.m. Office Hours 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, February 24th

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

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

Thursday, February 25th

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, February 27th

9:30 a.m.-12 noon: H.U.G.S Drive – Back parking lot

11:00-1:00 p.m. Office Hours with Rev. Paul

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

Sunday, February 28th

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

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

11:00 a.m. Confirmation (Zeckhausen Room)

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days 269

1. Lord, who through - out these for - ty days for
 2. As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and
 3. As thou didst hun - ger bear, and thirst, so
 4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, and
 5. A - bide with us, that so, this life of

us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to
 didst the vic - tory win, O give us strength in
 teach us, gra - cious Lord, to die to self, and
 through thy pas - sion - tide, yea, ev - er - more in
 suf - fering o - ver past, an Eas - ter of un -

mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
 thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
 chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
 life and death, Je - sus, with us a - bide.
 end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

Spirit Song

Unison Gmaj7 Gmaj7/F# Em7 A7 A7/G

1. O let the Son of God en - fold you with his
 (2. O come and) sing this song with glad - ness as your

F#m7 Bm7 Em7

Spir - it and his love. Let him fill your heart and
 hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet sur -

A7 D Dmaj7 Em7 F#m7 Gmaj7 Gmaj7/F#

sat - is - fy your soul. O let him have the things that
 ren - der to his name. O give him all your tears and

Em7 A7 A7/G F#m7 Bm7

hold you, and his Spir - it like a dove will de -
 sad - ness; give him all your years of pain, and you'll

Em G6/A G/A A7 D C/D D

scend up-on your life and make you whole.
en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name.

Refrain
Gmaj7 A7 A9/G F#m7 Bm

Je - sus, O Je - sus,

Em7 A7 Dmaj7 C/D D

come and fill your lambs.

Gmaj7 A7 A9/G F#m7 Bm

Je - sus, O Je - sus,

Em7 G6/A G/A D

come and fill your lambs. 1 2 O come and

Lord, Have Mercy

Repeated sections are sung first by the Leader and then by All.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e -

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. mer - cy.
le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. le - i - son.

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Shalom to You

Unison D
Sha - lom to you now, sha - lom, my friends.

Bm Em A7 D
May God's full mer - cies bless you, my friends.

G Em A F#m
In all your liv - ing and through your lov - ing,

Bm Em A7 D
Christ be your sha - lom, Christ be your sha - lom.