

*Wilbraham United Church*  
"I am the vine, you are the branches."

# Wilbraham United Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ  
and the United Methodist Church*

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**April 11, 2021                      SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER                      10:00A.M**

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## **WORDS OF WELCOME**

### **GATHERING HYMN**

*Thine Be The Glory -vs. 1*

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

**Patient God, you wait for us to understand. You wait for us to remove the blinders of prejudice, fear, unbelief, confusion. You have offered to us the greatest miracle of all time, the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ. We sang and celebrated last Sunday, but a week has passed and we have slid back into our old ways of perceiving your presence and love. Shake us up, God! Shake us up and cause us to look with new eyes on our Savior, who came that we might have life, abundantly serving all who are in need. Forgive our stubbornness and our complacency. Reach out to us so that we may reach out with healing love to others, as we pray as 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**

**Psalm 133**

Oh, how good and pleasant it is,  
when kindred live together in unity!  
It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.  
It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.  
For there God has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

## SONG OF PRAISE

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### Gloria, Gloria

The musical notation is written on two staves in a 6/8 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!". The second staff contains the lyrics: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!". There are four numbered circles (1, 2, 3, 4) above the notes, indicating specific points in the melody. The first staff has circles 1 and 2, and the second staff has circles 3 and 4.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIRST READING

**Acts 4:32-35**

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

### GOSPEL

**John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As God has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as "the Twin"), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

One: Our God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

**SERMON**

**Rev. Paul**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES**

**PARTING HYMN**

*Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain vs. 1*

**BENEDICTION**

**MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH**

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

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### **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:***

Bill and the Gatchell family, Theresa Munn, Herb Vieira, Judy Hoffman, Kathy, Betty Sallade, Daniel, Catherine, Lynne, Emily, Terry, Denise, Ray, Mark, Theresa, Ann, Jane Godfrey, Shey McAbee, Sharon McAbee, Patti Keiser, Sue Pereira, Natalie True, Bev Sawyer, Kathie Birkhaeuser. The victims of violence and their families in our country.

Our troops, our country and our world.



# *“News for the Pews” for the Week of April 11, 2021*

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

### **Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**3:30-5:00 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, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**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

**7:00 p.m.** Church Council on Zoom

### **Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

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## Thine Be the Glory

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;  
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb;  
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.  
 lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom.  
 Life is naught with - out thee; aid us in our strife.

An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,  
 Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,  
 Make us more than con - querors, through thy death - less love;

kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.  
 for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.  
 bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

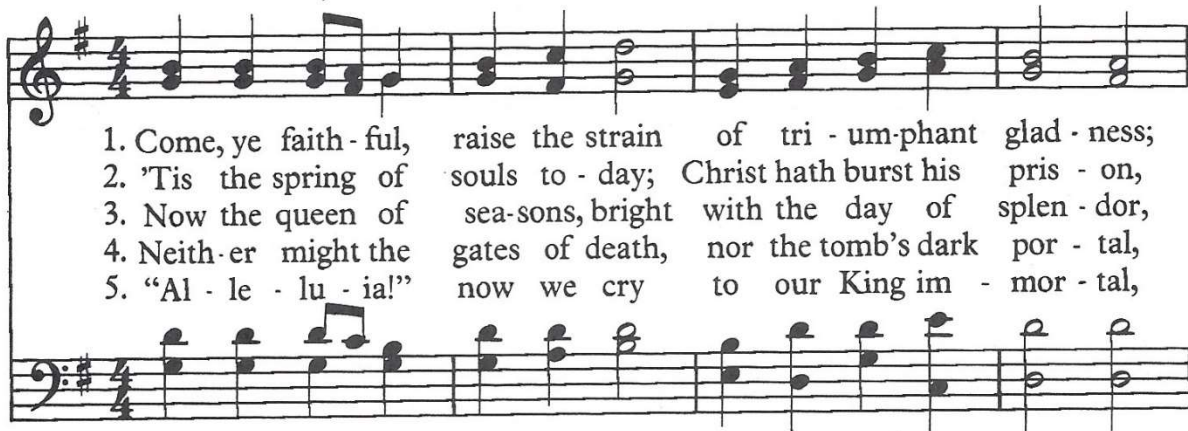
*Refrain*

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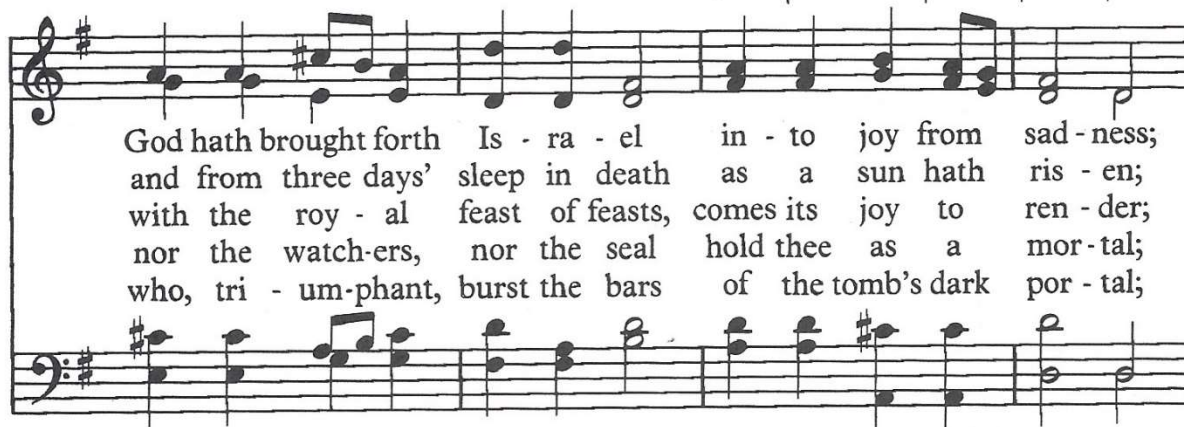
end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal line. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major, indicated by two sharps (F# and C#). The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, ending with a whole note. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with vertical lines connecting the notes to the words. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are: "end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won."

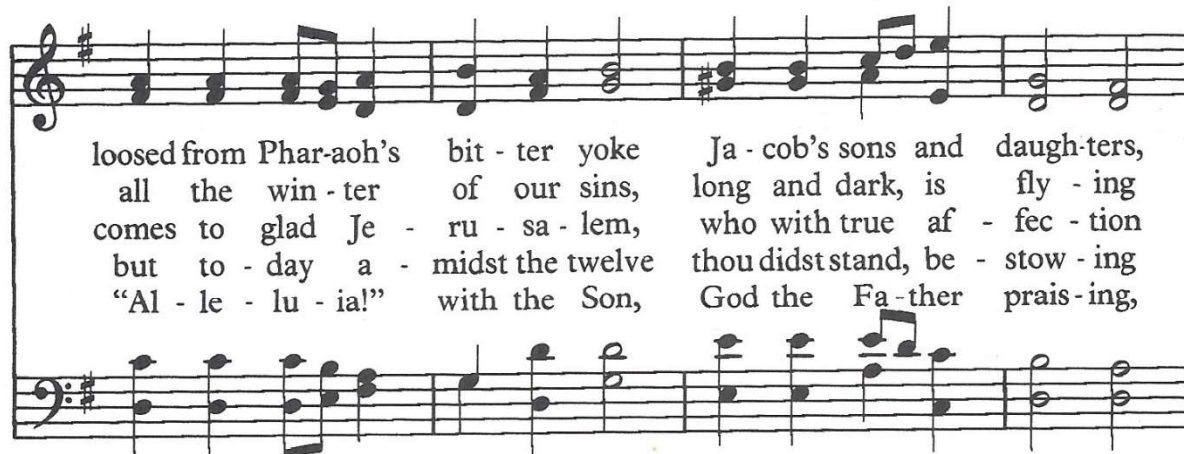
# Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain 315



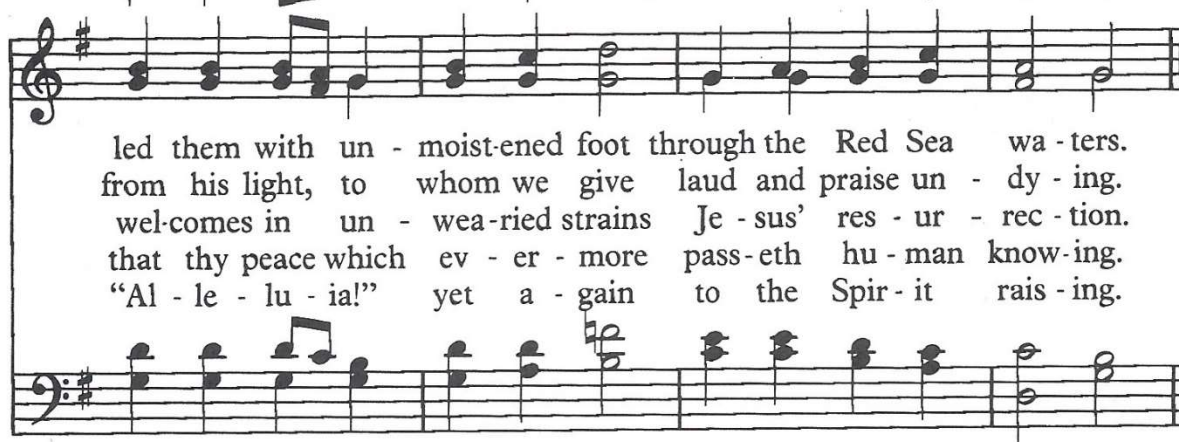
1. Come, ye faith-ful, raise the strain of tri-um-phant glad-ness;  
 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to-day; Christ hath burst his pris-on,  
 3. Now the queen of sea-sons, bright with the day of splen-dor,  
 4. Neith-er might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por-tal,  
 5. "Al-le-lu-ia!" now we cry to our King im-mor-tal,



God hath brought forth Is-ra-el in-to joy from sad-ness;  
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris-en;  
 with the roy-al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren-der;  
 nor the watch-ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor-tal;  
 who, tri-um-phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por-tal;



loosed from Phar-ah's bit-ter yoke Ja-cob's sons and daugh-ters,  
 all the win-ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly-ing  
 comes to glad Je-ru-sa-lem, who with true af-fec-tion  
 but to-day a-midst the twelve thou didst stand, be-stow-ing  
 "Al-le-lu-ia!" with the Son, God the Fa-ther prais-ing,



led them with un-moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa-ters.  
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un-dy-ing.  
 wel-comes in un-wea-ried strains Je-sus' res-ur-rec-tion.  
 that thy peace which ev-er-more pass-eth hu-man know-ing.  
 "Al-le-lu-ia!" yet a-gain to the Spir-it rais-ing.