

Wilbraham United Church

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

May 16, 2021 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 10:00A.M

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Chip

Leader: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

People: They shall be like trees planted beside flowing rivers.

Leader: May the church be one, just as Christ and God are one,

People: that Christ may be glorified in us.

Leader: They shall yield good fruit in its season,

People: and their leaf shall never wither.

Leader: The grace, mercy and peace, of the Lord Jesus, be with you all.

People: Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice.

GATHERING HYMN

Christ Is Risen vs. 1 & 2

GATHERING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Rev. Paul

Loving God, you reveal yourself in Jesus, who gives us a glimpse your glory and invites us to share in the unity of all that is holy. As disciples of Christ, we proclaim words of hope, but we are often bound by our fears of those who seem different from us in some way. We forget our calling to be witnesses in the world of the love of God manifest in Christ Jesus and in each of us. Open our eyes and ears and hearts to Christ's gospel and teach us to be one in love, one in understanding, and one in peace with all God's Children. In the name of Jesus, who fervently prayed "May they all be one," we pray together as one 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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PSALTER

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

SONG OF PRAISE

72 Gloria, Gloria

The musical notation is written on two staves in a 6/8 time signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!'. The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: '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.

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Paul

READING FROM CHURCH HISTORY

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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

Jesus Shall Reign vs. 3-5

BENEDICTION

Pastor Chip

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

Ushers: Kim Ryan



Please Pray For:

Suzy, Tom and Teal, Bill and the Gatchell family, Shannon and her family, Theresa Munn, Herb Vieira, Kathy and family, Betty Sallade, Daniel, Catherine, Lynne, Emily, Terry, Denise, Ray, Theresa, Ann, Jane Godfrey, Shey McAbee, Sharon McAbee, Patti Keiser, Sue Pereira,

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 May 16, 2021

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This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Tuesday, May 18

3:30-5:00 p.m. Afternoon Tea and Conversation with Rev. Paul (Rice Fruit Farm)

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

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

Wednesday, May 19

10 a.m-2 p.m. Office Hours with Pastor Chip

6:30 p.m. Administration Meeting (Library)

7:00 p.m. ONA Meeting (Zeckhausen Room)

Thursday, May 20

10 a.m-2 p.m. Office Hours with Pastor Chip

5:30-7:00 p.m. Office Hours with Rev. Paul

6:00 p.m. Discipleship Meeting (Library)

7:00 p.m. Church Council (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, May 23

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

Pentecost– Wear red and a mask! Bring a chair!

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Christ Is Risen

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Unison

1. Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e -
 2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the
 3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er -

brate this day of days. Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der;
 cav - erns of des - pair. Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing.
 more shall be the same. Break the bread of new cre - a - tion

all cre - a - tion is a - mazed. In the de - sert all - sur -
 See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of res - ur -
 where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, de - mon - ic

round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown. Healing leaves of
 rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend; Je - sus is our
 cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!" God the First and

grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

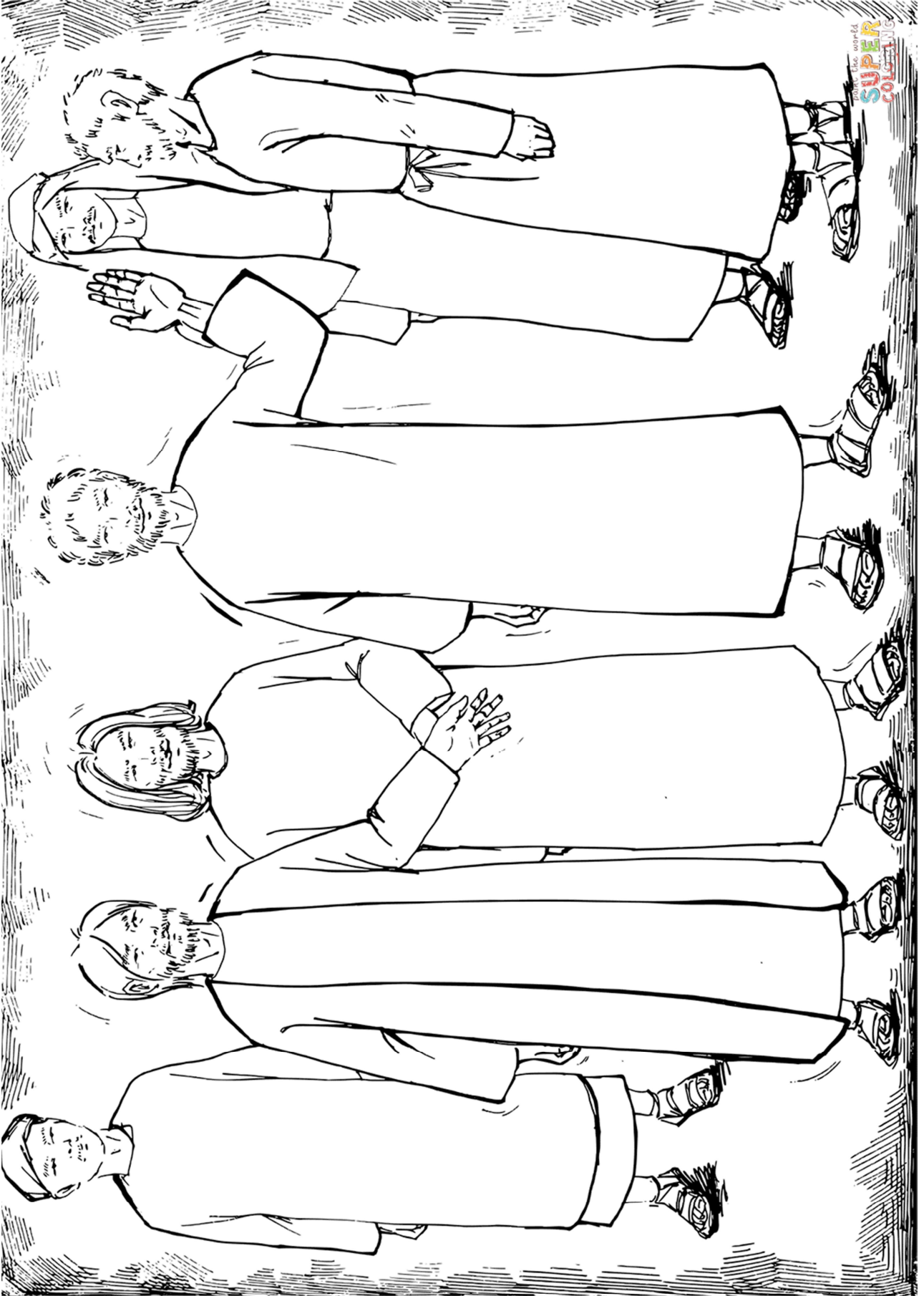
Jesus Shall Reign

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1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2. To Je - sus end - less prayer be made, and end - less
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; all pris - oners
5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom spread from
prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap and loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!



from the world
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