

Wilbraham United Church

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

June 20, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:00A.M

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Chip

Leader: In the midst of life's storms, God is there.

People: What have we to fear?

Leader: In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

People: Of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

People: Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth vs. 1, 2 & 6

GATHERING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Paul

Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled sea; Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and toward faith; Ever-present God, who fills us with awe but also raises many questions without easy answers; Open our eyes to see you in our boat—today, Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead, Open our ears this hour to hear the word you speak. This we pray, in Jesus' name, as he 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.

PSALTER

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters;

They saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep.

For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity;

They reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress;

He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

SONG OF PRAISE

2026 Halle, Halle, Halleluja

Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal - le - lu - ja! Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal -
le - lu - ja! Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal - le -
lu - ja! Hal-le - lu - ja! Hal - le - lu - ja!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN LETTER

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

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

It Is Well with My Soul vs. 1 & 4

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



Please Pray For: Audrey Hunt, Bill and the Gatchell family, Theresa Munn, Herb Vieira, Kathy and family, Denise, Betty Sallade, Daniel, Catherine, Lynne, Emily, Terry, 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.

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This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Tuesday, June 22

Rev. Paul is attending online training this week and will not hold office hours.

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

Wednesday, June 23

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

Thursday, June 24

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

10 a.m. Main St. Farmers' Market

Saturday, June 26

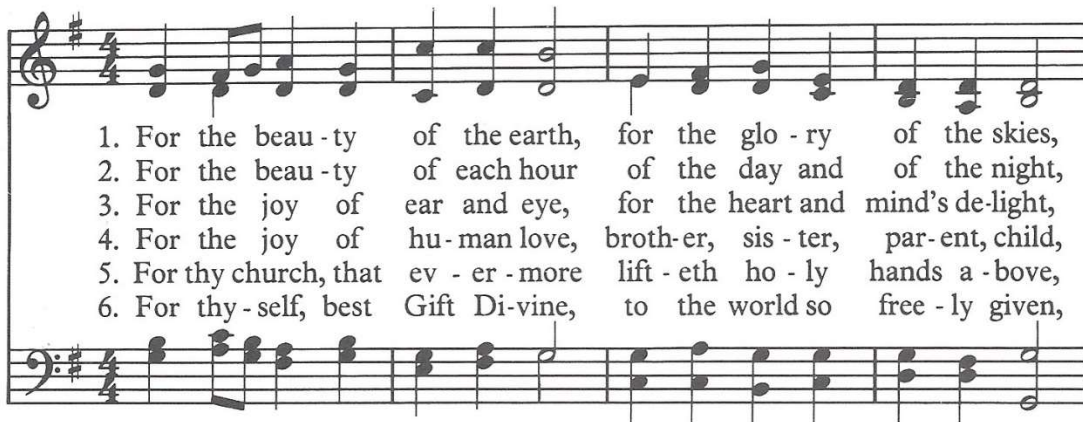
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Arts & Crafts Fair (RAIN)

Sunday, June 27

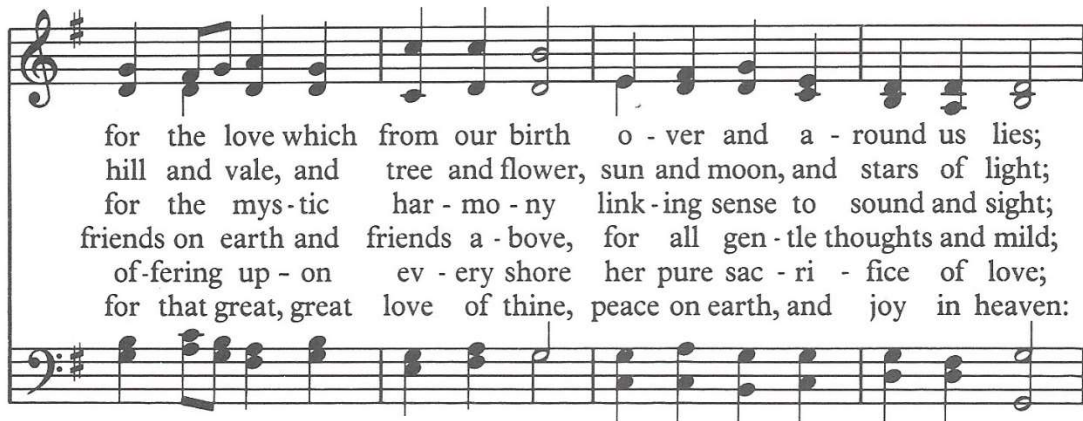
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary & Facebook Live)

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5. For thy church, that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,
6. For thy - self, best Gift Di - vine, to the world so free - ly given,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies;
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight;
friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild;
of - fer - ing up - on ev - ery shore her pure sac - ri - fice of love;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.
* *Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.*

*For Holy Communion

It Is Well with My Soul

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way,
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,
 3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,

when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my
 let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re -
 My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re -

lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is
 gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own
 cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the
 sound, and the Lord shall de - scend, e - ven so, it is

Refrain

well with my soul.
 blood for my soul. It is well with my soul,
 Lord, O my soul! It is well with my soul,
 well with my soul. It is well with my soul,

it is well, it is well with my soul.