

Wilbraham United Church

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

July 18, 2021 **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost** **10:00A.M**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Chip

Leader: We come to God this day, who names each of us as a beloved child.

People: In these moments together, we recognize God dwelling in us.

Leader: We come to Christ this day, whose love is the bedrock of our lives.

People: In this place of glory and grace, we seek the one who calls us to faith.

Leader: We come to the Spirit this day, who calms our fears with peace and hope.

People: With our family in Christ, we seize the opportunities to serve.

***GATHERING HYMN**

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, stanzas 1,4,5

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Paul

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives, praying without ceasing in the name of Jesus Christ, 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 23

Leader: O God, you are my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: You make me lie in green pastures; you leads me to restful waters to restore my soul.

Leader: You guide me in paths of righteousness for the sake of your name.

People: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in your holy house forever and ever.

***SONG OF PRAISE**

2026 Halle, Halle, Halleluja



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also

members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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**

God, the Spirit, Guide and Guardian, stanza 1

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: The Miner Family, the Harlow Family, Audrey Hunt, Bill and Ellen and the Gatchell family, Allan Peck, Theresa Munn, Herb Vieira, Kathy and family, Denise Nelson, Betty Sallade, Daniel, Jennifer and family, Catherine, Lynne, 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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“News for the Pews” for the Week of July 18, 2021

This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Tuesday, July 20

10-11 a.m. Coffee & Conversation with Rev. Paul at Rice Fruit Farm

Wednesday, July 21

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

Thursday, July 22

10 a.m-2 p.m. Main Street Farmers’ Market

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

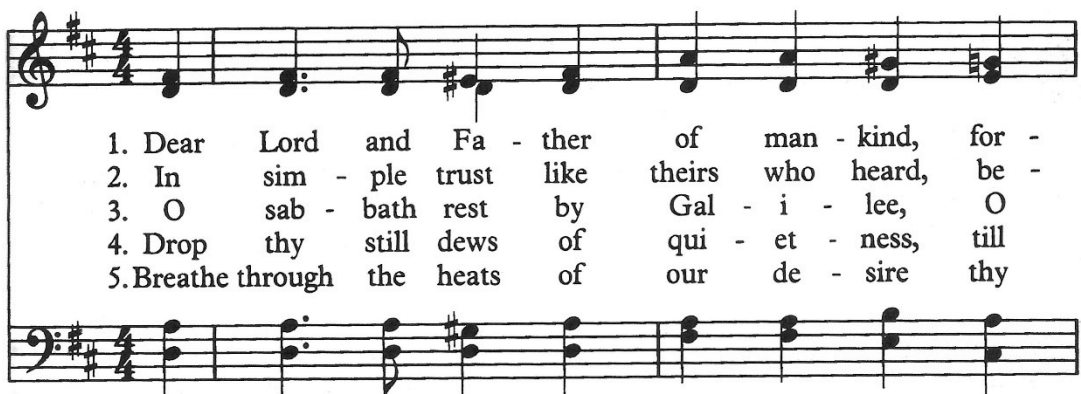
5:30-7:30 p.m. Office Hours with Rev. Paul

Sunday, July 25

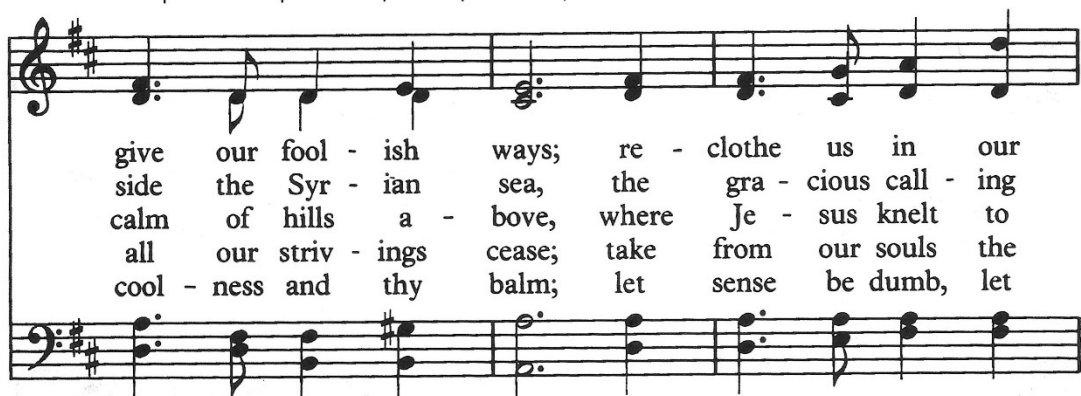
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary & Facebook Live)

Please bring a mask

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind 358



1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -
 2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
 3. O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O
 4. Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till
 5. Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



give our fool - ish ways; re - clothe us in our
 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy
 of the Lord, let us, like them, with -
 share with thee the si - lence of e -
 strain and stress, and let our or - dered
 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake,



ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.
 ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

648 God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

1. God the Spir - it, guide and guard - ian, wind - sped flame and
 2. Christ our Sav - ior, sov - ereign, shep - herd, word made flesh, love
 3. Great Cre - a - tor, life - be - stow - er, truth be - yond all
 4. Tri - une God, mys - te - rious be - ing, un - di - vid - ed

hov - ering dove, breath of life and voice of proph - ets, sign of
 cru - ci - fied, teach - er, heal - er, suf - fering ser - vant, friend of
 thought's re - call, fount of wis - dom, womb of mer - cy, giv - ing
 and di - verse, deep - er than our minds can fath - om, great - er

bles - sing, power of love: give to those who lead your
 sin - ners, foe of pride: in your tend - ing may all
 and for - giv - ing all: as you know our strength and
 than our creeds re - hearse: help us in our var - ied

peo - ple fresh a - noint - ing of your grace; send them forth as
 pas - tors* learn and live a shep - herd's care; grant them cour - age
 weak - ness, so may those the church ex - alts o - ver - see her
 call - ings your full im - age to pro - claim, that our min - is -

bold a - pos - tles to your church in ev - ery place.
and com - pas - sion shown through word and deed and prayer.
life stead - fast - ly yet not o - ver - look her faults.
tries u - nit - ing may give glo - ry to your name.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written between the two staves. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with some accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "bold a - pos - tles to your church in ev - ery place. and com - pas - sion shown through word and deed and prayer. life stead - fast - ly yet not o - ver - look her faults. tries u - nit - ing may give glo - ry to your name."