

# Wilbraham United Church

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and the United Methodist Church*

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

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**July 25, 2021**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00A.M**

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Pastor Chip**

Leader: Rejoice, folks, Jesus is in our midst.

**People: Feed us, Jesus, and fill us with hope.**

Leader: Be glad, friends, Jesus has bread and fish to spare.

**People: Free us, Jesus, from the pursuit of food that does not satisfy.**

Leader: Sing for joy, people of God. God gathers up the pieces of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

**People: In thanks and praise, let us worship the Lord our God.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*Your Love, O God, stanzas 1&2*

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Rev. Paul**

God of our hopes and dreams, we are empty, and long to be filled; we are hungry, and long to be fed; we are lost, and long to be found. Gather us into your love, and pick up the pieces of our lives, just as Jesus gathered up the fragments of the five loaves and two fish that remained after feeding the five thousand. Call us anew to eat our fill and to find our true nourishment in Jesus, the bread of heaven, who taught us to pray by 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.*

## PSALTER

Psalm 145:10-18

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**People: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

**People: The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.**

Leader: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

**People: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

Leader: The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

**People: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**

## \*SONG OF PRAISE

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Halle, Halle, Halleluja



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was

going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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**

*Go Forth for God, stanzas 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.*

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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

## Your Love, O God

Unison

D Asus F#m Em Asus A7 3 D

1. Your love, O God, is broad like beach and mead-ow,  
 2. We long for free - dom where our tru - est be - ing  
 3. But there are walls that keep us all di - vid - ed;  
 4. O judge us, Lord, and in your judg - ment free us,

Bm Em E7 A D

wide as the wind, and our e - ter - nal home.  
 is giv - en hope and cour - age to un - fold.  
 we fence each oth - er in with hate and war.  
 and set our feet in free - dom's o - pen space;

A D Em F#

You leave us free to seek you or re - ject you,  
 We seek in free - dom space and scope for dream - ing,  
 Fear is the bricks and mor - tar of our pris - on,  
 take us as far as your com - pas - sion wan - ders

Bm G Em F# A7

you give us room to an - swer "yes" or "no."  
 and look for ground where trees and plants can grow.  
 our pride of self, the pris - on coat we wear.  
 a - mong the chil - dren of the hu - man race.

*Refrain*

D Asus F#m Em Asus A7 3 D

Your love, O God, is broad like beach and mead-ow,

Bm Em/G E7 A A7 D

wide as the wind, and our e - ter - nal home.

**“News for the Pews” for the Week of July 25, 2021**

**This Week at Wilbraham United Church**

*Chip is away until Thursday afternoon*

**Tuesday, July 27**

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

**Thursday, July 29**

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

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

**Sunday, August 1**

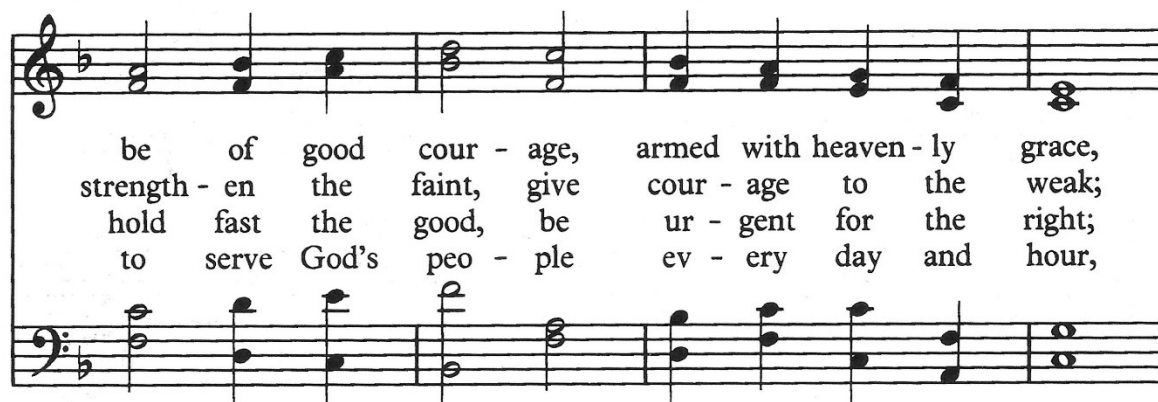
**10:00 a.m.** Sunday Worship (Sanctuary & Facebook Live)

**Please bring a mask**

## Go Forth for God



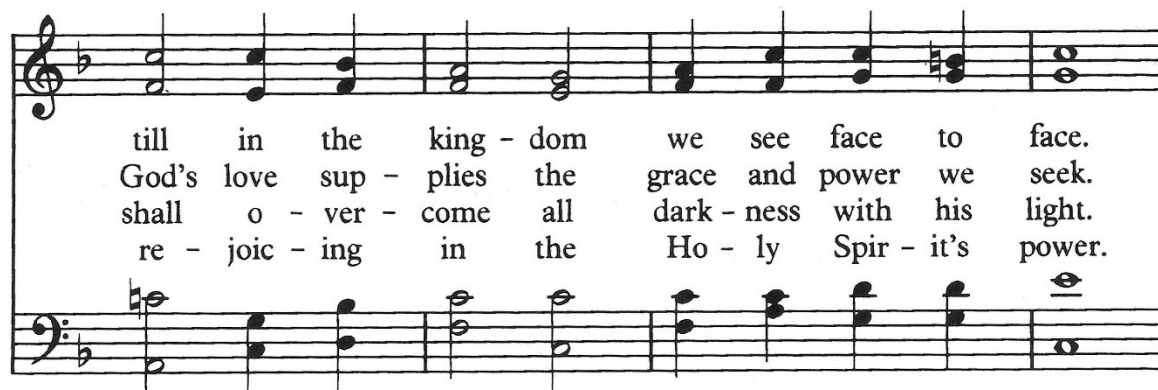
1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;  
 2. Go forth for God, go to the world in love;  
 3. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;  
 4. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,



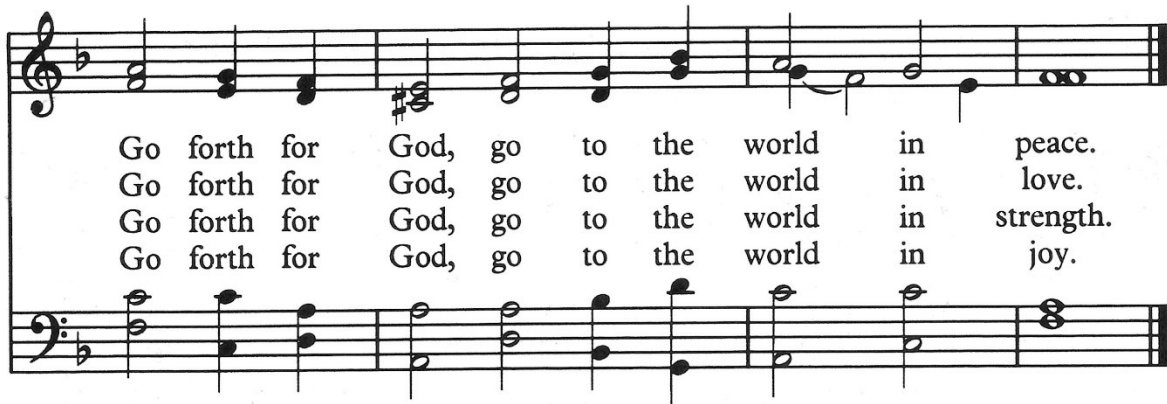
be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,  
 strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;  
 hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;  
 to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spir - it dai - ly to in - crease,  
 help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove  
 ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length  
 and serv - ing Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in the king - dom we see face to face.  
 God's love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.  
 shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.  
 re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spir - it's power.



***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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