

Wilbraham United Church

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

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September 19, 2021 17th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00A.M

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marty Lyman

Leader: We come here today not because we are clever but because God welcomes the slow learners.

People: We come here not because we are wise, but because God loves us in spite of our folly.

Leader: We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found among those who humbly serve like Jesus did, and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come from those who see themselves as little children in Christ's school.

People: O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts and enable our lives to declare your praise.

***GATHERING HYMN #111**

How Can We Name a Love vs. 1, 3 & 4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

O God, we live our lives as best we can— dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace, serving the world in the name of Christ, 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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 54:1-6, 8-9

Leader: Save me, O God, by your name; deliver me by your might.

People: O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.

Leader: For the insolent have risen against me, the ruthless seek my life; they set themselves before you.

People: But I have you for my helper; you uphold my life.

Leader: With a willing heart I make sacrifice; and give thanks to your name.

People: You deliver me from all trouble, my eyes rejoice in your salvation.

*SONG OF PRAISE

2026

Halle, Halle, Halleluja



SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENTS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Paul

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Nico Vincent Donato

Welcome

Deacon: They were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant, and said to them:

People: “Let the children come to me, do not stop them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

Address

Questions to the Parents

Questions to the Congregation

Leader: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ?

All: We promise our love, support, and care.

Blessing the Water and the Act of Baptism

Prayer for the Baptized

All: Give to this child strength for life’s journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

CHRISTIAN LETTER

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, ‘The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the way?’ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, ‘Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.’ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

One: Our God is still speaking. **All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Pastor Chip

SPECIAL MUSIC

Love Grows Here
Shelly Capen, Soloist

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Sung Response

*Breath of God, Breath of Peace, Breath of love, Breath of life,
Breath of justice, Breath of passion,
Breath creating, Breath of healing, Breath of singing, Breath of praying,
Come upon us, come restore us, come inspire us, Breath of God.*

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts. Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***PARTING HYMN #432**

Jesu, Jesu vss. 1-3

***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.

FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH

** All who are able to stand, may do so.*

Welcome Visitors! Is this your first visit to United Church? Please sign our Guest Pad located in the Narthex. Immediately after the service, we invite you to continue down the central hallway and join us for Fellowship and Refreshment in our Fellowship Hall.

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: John Colkos

Greeters: Nancy Peck



Please Pray For: Alice Belsky, Audrey Hunt, Helene Pickett, Bill and Ellen and the Gatchell family, Tim and family, Theresa Munn, Herb Vieira, Kathy and family, Denise Nelson, Betty Sallade, Daniel, 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.



To contact the church, please email:

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“News for the Pews” for the Week of September 19, 2021

This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Sunday, September 19

2:00 p.m. Wilbraham United Open – Fenway Golf - East Longmeadow

6 p.m. Main Street Drumming

Tuesday, September 21

3:30-5:00 p.m. Tea & Conversation with Rev. Paul at Rice Fruit Farm

Wednesday, September 22

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

Thursday, September 23

10 a.m-2 p.m. Main St. Farmer’s Market and Office Hours with Pastor Chip

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

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir

Saturday, September 25

9:30 a.m. – Noon September Drive-By Food Drive

10:00 a.m. Junior Choir

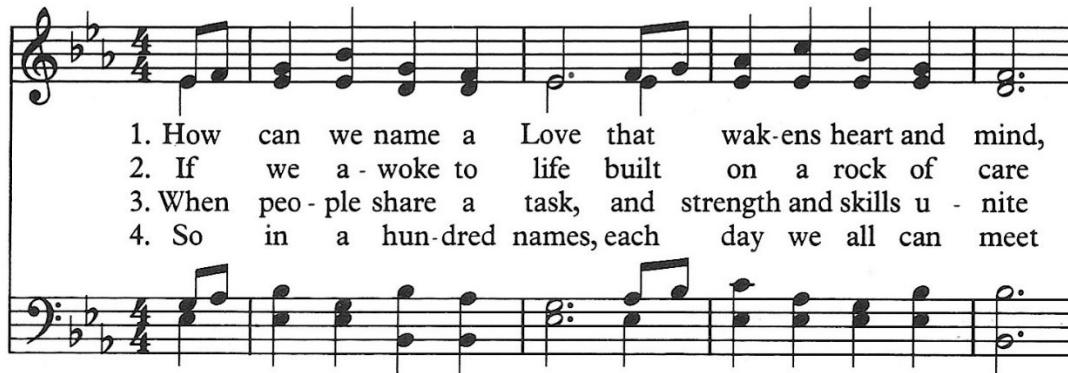
Sunday, September 26

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

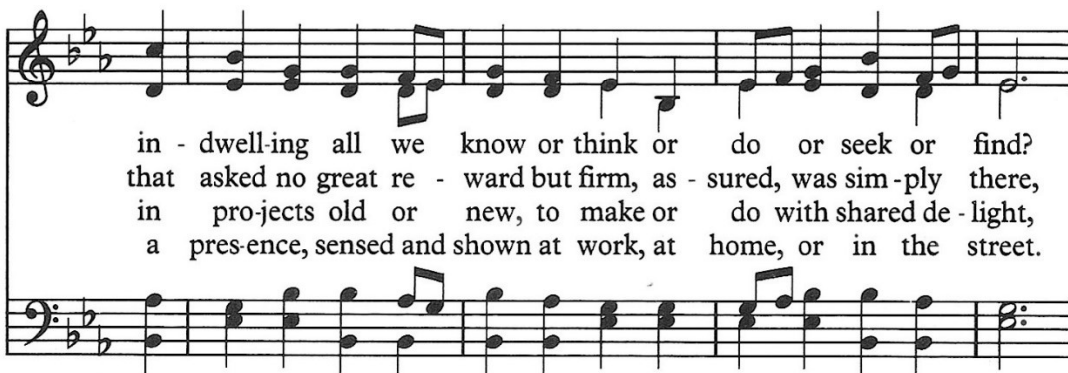
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How Can We Name a Love

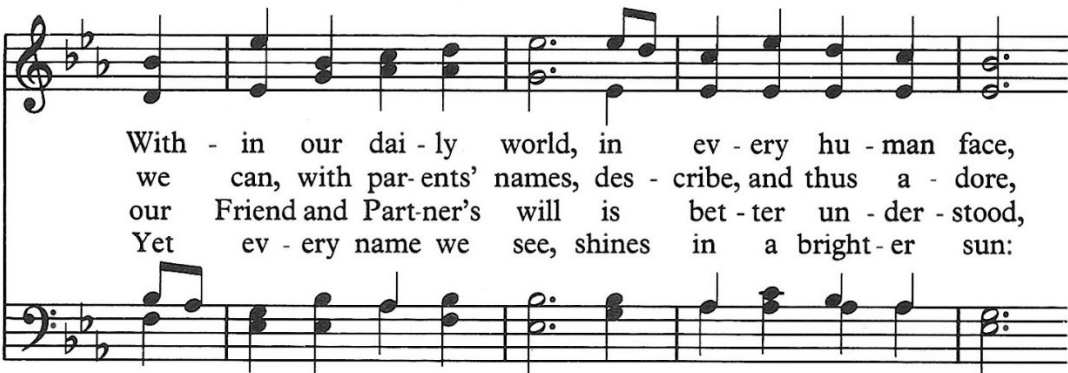
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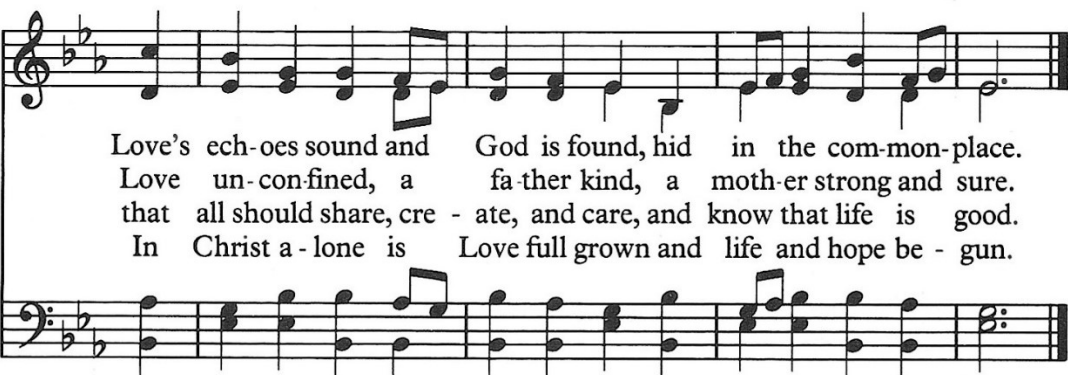
1. How can we name a Love that wak-ens heart and mind,
 2. If we a - woke to life built on a rock of care
 3. When peo - ple share a task, and strength and skills u - nite
 4. So in a hun-dred names, each day we all can meet



in - dwell-ing all we know or think or do or seek or find?
 that asked no great re - ward but firm, as - sured, was sim - ply there,
 in pro-jects old or new, to make or do with shared de - light,
 a pres-ence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.



With - in our dai - ly world, in ev - ery hu - man face,
 we can, with par-ents' names, des - cribe, and thus a - dore,
 our Friend and Part-ner's will is bet - ter un - der - stood,
 Yet ev - ery name we see, shines in a bright - er sun:



Love's ech-oes sound and God is found, hid in the com-mon-place.
 Love un-con-fined, a fa-ther kind, a moth-er strong and sure.
 that all should share, cre - ate, and care, and know that life is good.
 In Christ a - lone is Love full grown and life and hope be - gun.

Jesu, Jesu

Refrain (Unison)

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you. *Fine*

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

D.C.
 feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
 feet, this is the way we should live with you.

Wilbraham United Open



**Sunday, September 19
Fenway Golf
2:00pm**

**People of all ages are invited for Miniature
Golf and Ice Cream.**

**Please contact Rev. Paul Nesbit at WUC: 413-596-2511,
ext. 105 or
christianed@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org**

Psssst...the Patriots play the Jets—easy win. Join us!



COLLECTION

Wilbraham United Church
Back Parking Lot
Saturday, September 26, 2021
9:30am-12:00pm

We are collecting:

- Canned Meats: chicken, hams, hash, stews, chunky soups, etc.
- Can openers!!!!
- Reusable bags!!

How does this work?

- Please have the things in the trunk or hatchback. We will take them out for you.
- We cannot accept "loose" items. Please have everything in a bag. If you can donate a reusable bag that would be great!!

THANK YOU!!