

Wilbraham United Church

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

Martha Lyman

Leader: Let us who live with faith in God proclaim,

People: "Lord, you are my refuge and my fortress, my God I will trust forever."

Leader: Let us who trust in the Lord know that holy love surrounds us.

People: God's protection will follow us throughout our days.

Leader: When we call out to the Lord,

People: Therefore we will rejoice in the salvation of the Almighty! Amen!

*GATHERING HYMN #152

I Sing the Almighty Power of God, v 1&2

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

O Teacher, we dare not make demands of you. Unlike James and John, we do not claim the honor of sitting beside you in glory. We ask only that you make our hearts the seat of your presence, that we might serve your purpose as zealously as we have served our own. Hear us now as we pray in the words you have 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.

RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 104: 1-9

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great.

People: Wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

Leader: You set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind.

People: You make the winds your messengers, fire and flame our ministers.

Leader: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

People: You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

Leader: At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

People: They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.

Leader: You set a boundary that they may not pass.

People: So that they might not again cover the earth.

*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

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

April Beston

FIRST READING

Job 23: 1-9, 34-41

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings^[a] shouted for joy?

“Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
so that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
and say to you, ‘Here we are’?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,
or given understanding to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,
when the dust runs into a mass
and the clods cling together?

“Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
when they crouch in their dens,
or lie in wait in their covert?

Who provides for the raven its prey,
when its young ones cry to God,
and wander about for lack of food?

GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

“What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

“We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

One: Our God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Paul

SPECIAL MUSIC

You Are My All in All

Jernigan

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!*

***PARTING HYMN #2222**

The Servant Song, v 1-3, 5

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Paul

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: Bill Lynch

Greeters: Edna Colcord



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, 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.



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"News for the Pews" for the Week of October 17, 2021

On Wednesday evening, following the recommendation of the Operations Commission, the Church Council moved to take out a five-year line of credit at 5% interest with the UCC's Cornerstone Fund to cover the costs of replacing the boiler/furnace. If you have questions, please see Pastor Chip, April Beston, Matt Capen, Lisa Fallon, or Deb Trimble.

Also at Church Council, the Music Director Search Team presented Roberta Morkin as their candidate for Interim Music Director. Mrs. Morkin was offered the six-month position on Thursday morning, and she accepted. Bobbie brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our ministries and we hope that you will welcome her with open arms and open hearts, beginning with her first Sunday, on November 7th.

This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Sunday, October 17

Noon Church Without Walls (Court Square)

2 p.m.-4 p.m. Hampden Association UCC Annual Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, October 19

3:30-5:00 p.m. Office Hours with Rev. Paul

Wednesday, October 20

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

Thursday, October 21

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

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

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir

7:45 p.m. Adult Choir

Sunday, October 24

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

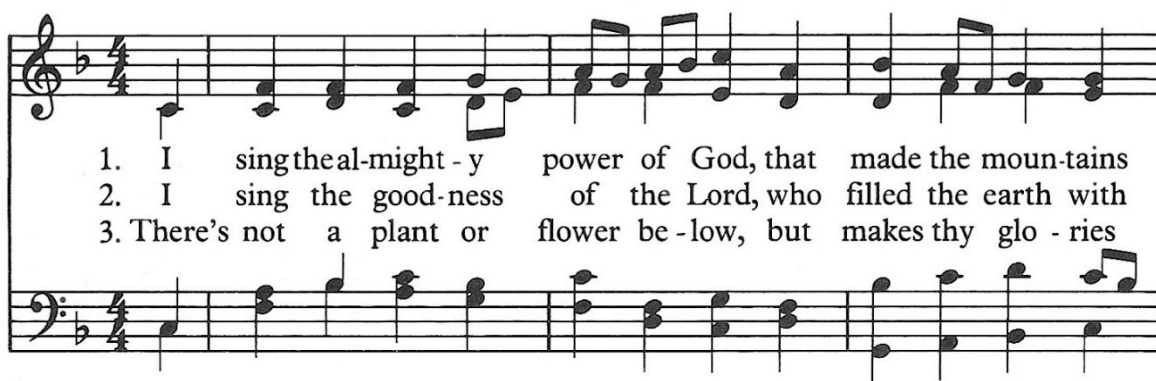
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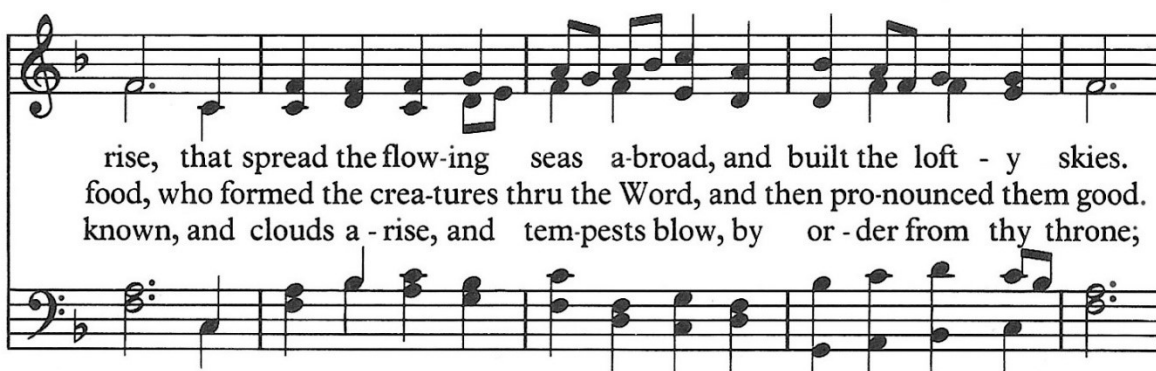
Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church®

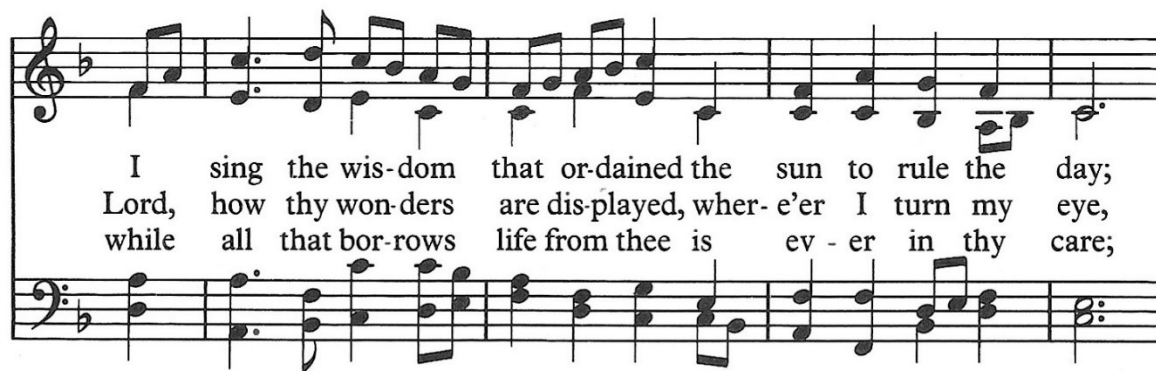
152 I Sing the Almighty Power of God



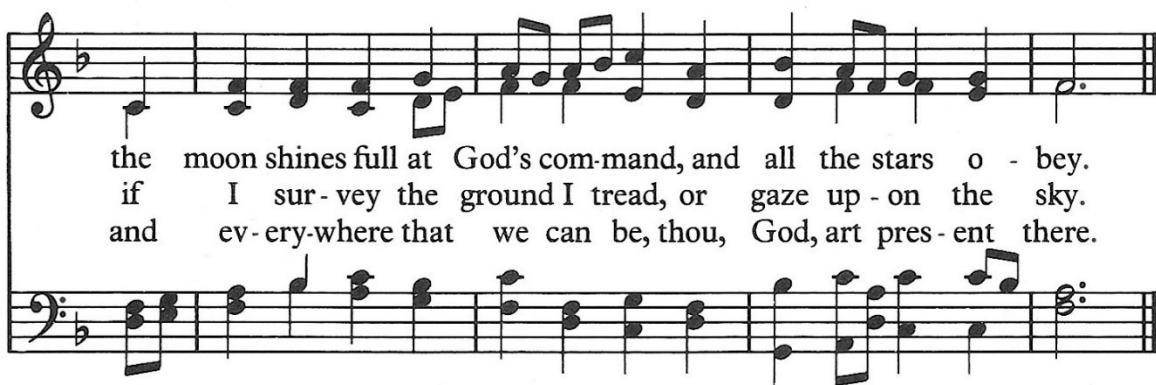
1. I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains
 2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord, who filled the earth with
 3. There's not a plant or flower be-low, but makes thy glo - ries



rise, that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad, and built the loft - y skies.
 food, who formed the crea-tures thru the Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 known, and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care;



the moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky.
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

The Servant Song

2222



- 1., 6. Broth-er, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to - geth - er
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time
4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll
5. When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall find such



Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to
 on this road. We are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to - geth - er



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

Please Join us for a Drive-by



Saturday, October 30, 2021
Wilbraham United Church
1:00-3:00 p.m.

- ❖ We are collecting non-perishable food items as well!
- ❖ Everyone is welcome!
- ❖ Facemasks and social distancing required for participation.
- ❖ We will have *some* nut-free treats.
- ❖ All trick or treaters will stay in the car until the...
- ❖ Free photo op at the end of the drive-thru. (This is when you can get out of the car!) We will email you the photo!!
- ❖ Please contact Rev. Paul or Shelly Capen at christianed@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org if you have questions.



READ IT

This week's Bible story is
James and John



Pentecost 20

from Mark 10:35-45.

Jesus is near us at all times.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- James
- John
- Jesus
- Right
- Left

When James and John ask for seats next to Jesus, they are asking for a place symbolizing special dignity. But Jesus loves everyone – he doesn't "reward" people with special honors.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 336-337

Spark Bible page 1114

Family Prayer

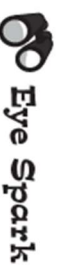
Thank you, Jesus, for always being near us and loving us no matter what. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



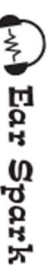
Family Conversations

- 1 How does your family show love?
- 2 How do you know Jesus is always with you?
- 3 If you were one of the disciples and you heard James and John ask for a special place in heaven, how would you feel? Why?
- 4 Talk about a time when you let someone go first. What that easy or hard? Why? How did it make you feel?



Eye Spark

When you see a letter "J" this week, think of this story with Jesus, James, and John and make the shape of a letter J with your hands.



Ear Spark

Next time you hear the word "disciple," say the words, "Follow Jesus!" Disciples are people who follow Jesus.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Make a simple reminder – something that regularly reminds you Jesus is with you. What symbol(s) could you use? Where could you put it so that everyone might see it? Keep it simple: post a few sticky notes, use some colored stickers, or dig out an old bracelet. Have fun with it!

For younger kids

Invite someone who may be feeling stressed or sad to dinner. In your grace, pray for them and end with the words, "help us to know you are always with us, Jesus."

For older kids

Many people have a cross in their home to remind them of Jesus' presence. Look online for different images of crosses. What different shapes and styles are there? Show someone the simplest one and most elaborate one you discover.

