

Wilbraham United Church

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

Patti Colkos

Leader: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

People: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

Leader: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God.

People: Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

Leader: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

People: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

***GATHERING HYMN #694**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal Monarch, who rules over all of us with justice and care, confess that we do not submit ourselves to your rule. We do not always participate in your reign of equity and integrity. We have not followed the example you set forth. Instead we often place our trust in leaders who let us down, and in our own flawed leadership of others. Lead us, Christ our Sovereign, and set us on the path to righteous rule in all that we do. Hear us as we pray in your name:

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 93

Leader: O God, you are our Sovereign. You are robed in majesty. You are girded with strength.

People: The world is made firm; it shall never be moved.

Leader: Your throne is established from of old; from all eternity, you are.

People: The waters have lifted up, O God, the waters have lifted up their voice, the waters have lifted up their thunder.

Leader: Mightier than the roaring of the waters, mightier than the surgings of the sea, you, O God, are glorious on high!

People: Your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness befits your house, O God, for evermore.

*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

PROPHECY

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?’ Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’

One: Our God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Pastor Chip

SPECIAL MUSIC

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

Betsy Johnsen

***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 #327**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Chip

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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.*

The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Edna Colcord in memory of her mother Elsie Irene Colcord (née Rattray).

***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

Interim Music Director: Roberta Morkin

Technical and Artistic Director: Deb Trimble

Ushers: Paul and Nancy Krawczynski

Greeters: Skip Dearborn



Please Pray For: Kathy Wheatley, Alice Belsky, Ross Karlson, Audrey Hunt, Helene Pickett, Bill and Ellen and the Gatchell family, Tim and family, Theresa Munn, Herb Vieira, Kathy and family, Daniel, Catherine, Lynne, Terry, Ray, Theresa, Ann, Jane Godfrey, Shey McAbee, Sharon McAbee, Patti Keiser, Sue

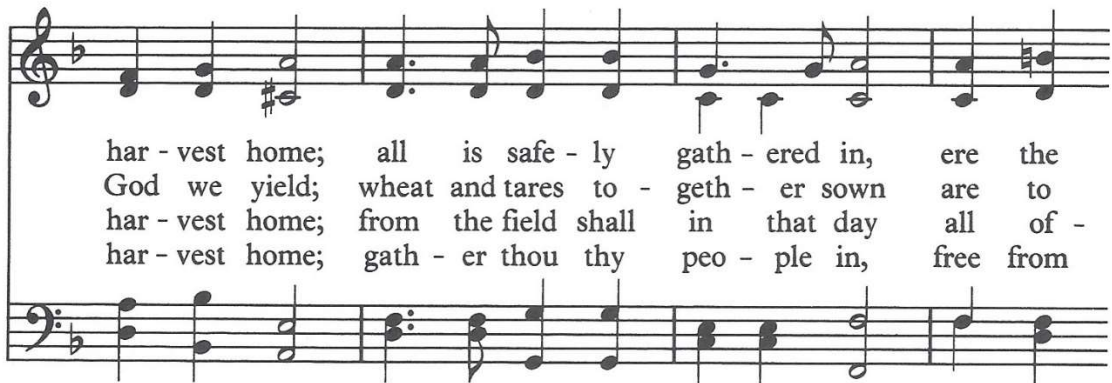
Pereira, Bev Sawyer, Kathie Birkhaeuser. The victims of violence and their families in our country. Our troops, our country and our world.



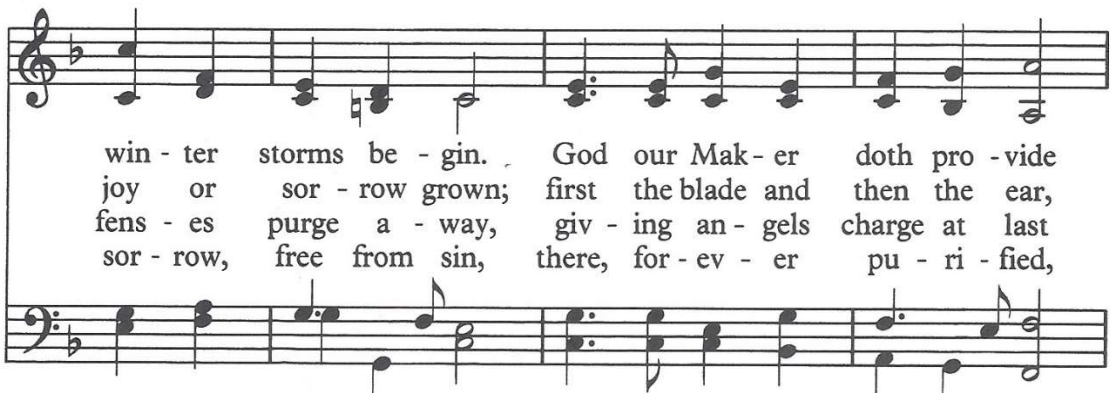
694 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the
4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come, bring thy fi - nal



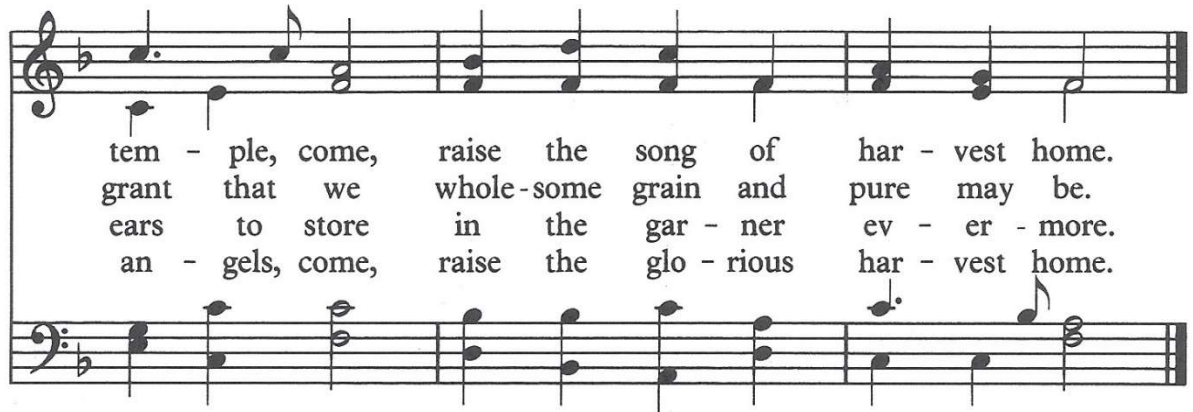
har - vest home; all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the
God we yield; wheat and tares to - geth - er sown are to
har - vest home; from the field shall in that day all of -
har - vest home; gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from



win - ter storms be - gin. God our Mak - er doth pro - vide
joy or sor - row grown; first the blade and then the ear,
fens - es purge a - way, giv - ing an - gels charge at last
sor - row, free from sin, there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied,



for our wants to be sup - plied; come to God's own
then the full corn shall ap - pear; Lord of har - vest,
in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruit - ful
in thy pres - ence to a - bide; come, with all thine



"News for the Pews" for the Week of **November 21, 2021**

Choirs-Bells and Voices: We are having weekly rehearsals, playing and singing to add our sounds to Sunday morning worship services. We look forward to welcoming everyone who can participate as we prepare for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Rehearsal times are Thursday evenings: Bells - 7:00pm; Voices - 7:45 Thanks for considering this contribution to Wilbraham United Church!

October Financial Report: Amortizing for pre-paid pledges, pledge giving through October has fallen behind budget by \$3,000. And we are now \$71,000 short of the amount needed to balance the budget deficit passed at annual meeting.

The invested funds have a paper gain of 10.93% through October, or about \$118,000. However, since it was necessary to make more withdrawals, this equates to only about \$35,000 net of withdrawals. Along with a \$29,000 carryover from 2020, total withdrawals from invested funds through October total \$83,000. This includes a withdrawal of \$39,000 during the month of October. About half of the total withdrawals were needed to cover the first two payments due on the new boiler.

We are in the process of applying for a low interest loan to cover the boiler cost of about \$60,000. If the loan is approved, the monies will go back into our invested funds to replenish the extra withdrawals needed to pay the boiler bills.



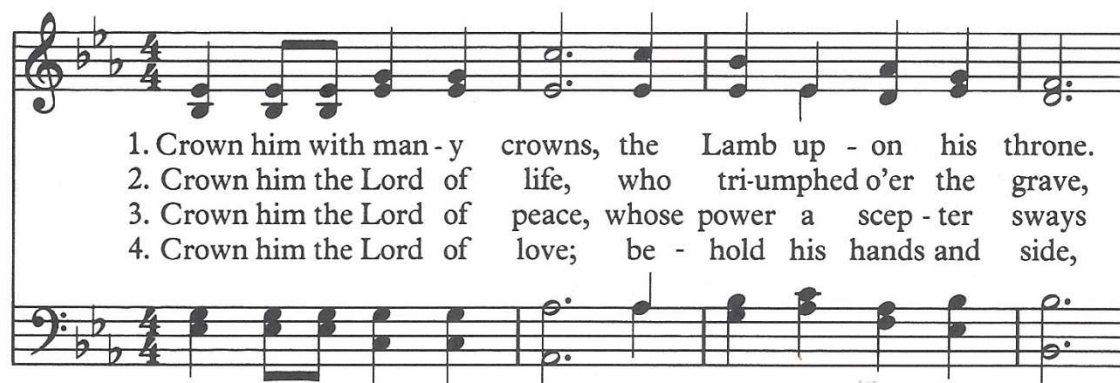
Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church®

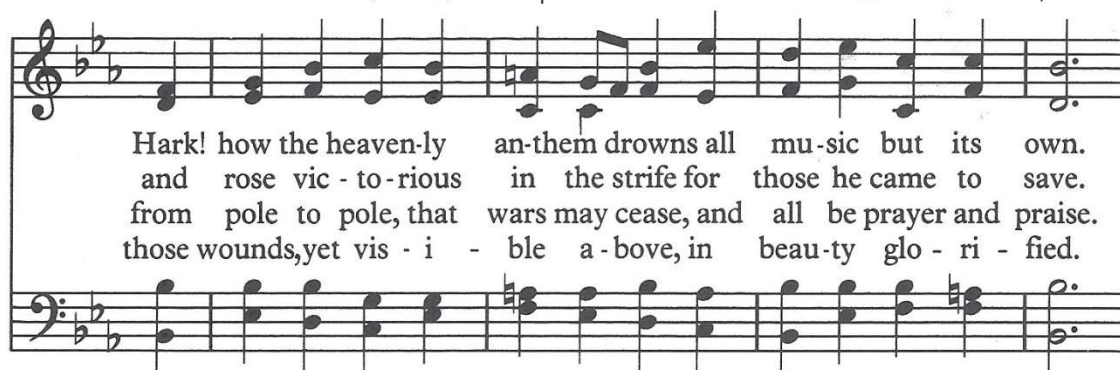


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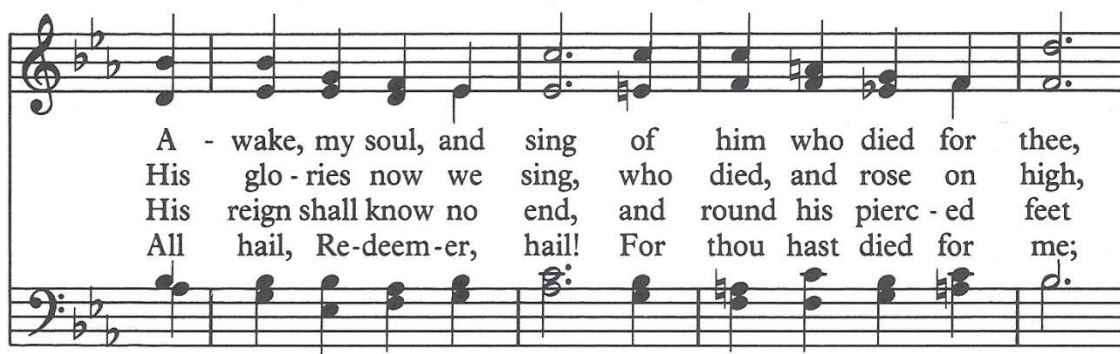
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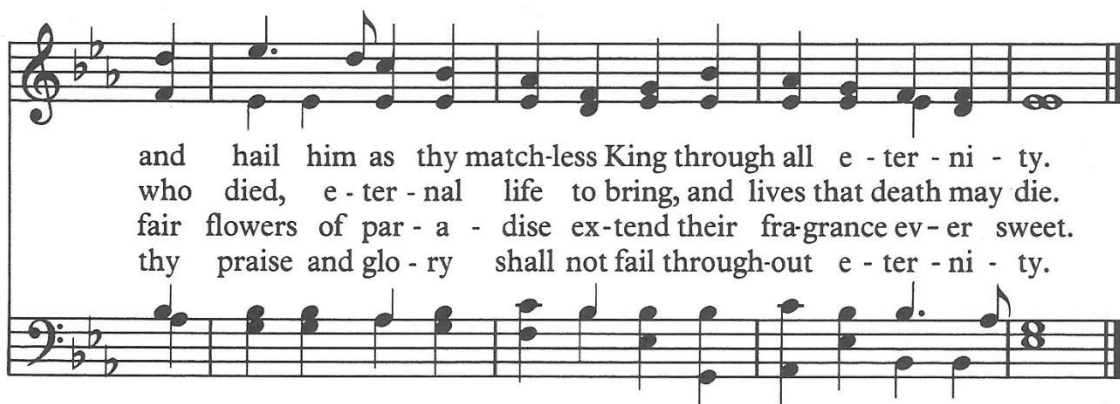
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,



Hark! how the heaven-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
 those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
 His reign shall know no end, and round his pier - ed feet
 All hail, Re-deem-er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex-tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Monday, November 22

10 a.m. Piecemakers- Bliss Room

6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, November 23

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Office Hours with Pastor Chip

10 a.m. Yoga – Youth Room

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

Wednesday, November 24

Office closed for Thanksgiving

6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

Thursday November 25

Office closed for Thanksgiving

Turkey Trot – Church Parking Lot

Friday, November 26

Office closed for Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 28

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

Please bring a mask

11:15 a.m. Pastor-Parish Relations Committee (Library)

5:00 p.m. Al-Anon

READ IT

This week's Bible story is
Christ the King
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from John 18:33-37.



Jesus is the king of love!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Pontius Pilate
- Priests
- Jesus
- King of the Jews
- Kingdom

The religious leaders found Jesus guilty of blasphemy (disrespect), but only officials of the Roman government, like a governor, could order someone to be executed.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 474-475

Spark Bible page 1196

Family Prayer

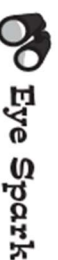
King of Love, call us to be your servants.
Give us opportunities to practice kindness,
grace, love, and forgiveness. In Jesus' name
we pray. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



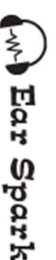
Family Conversations

- 1 Have you ever seen a real king? What was he like?
- 2 If Jesus is king, what does that make us? Prince and princesses? Servants of the king?
- 3 What kinds of decrees or laws would a King of Love make?
- 4 Borrow a book of worship from your church and see how many hymns you can find to sing about Jesus being a King of Love.



Eye Spark

Next time you see picture of a crown or castle, remember how Jesus was a different kind of king - he didn't live in a castle or wear fancy clothes.



Ear Spark

When you hear the word "king," remember that Jesus was the King of Love.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Make a crown for the King of Love. Would he have a crown glittering with precious metals and jewels? What materials will you use and why? What kinds of symbols might you include on this crown? Set it on your table as a centerpiece when you're finished.

For younger kids

Act out this story with your family. Pretend to be a priest, Jesus, or Pontius Pilate.

For older kids

Use the internet to find the words "king," "love," "Christ," and "Jesus" in different spoken or sign languages. In how many different languages can you learn how to say "Jesus is the King of Love" or "Christ the King?"

