



# Wilbraham United Church

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**January 16, 2022**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**10:00 A.M.**

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

## **WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Patti Colkos

Leader: God has called us to be united in one body with many members.

**People: God calls us to share our gifts, united by one and the same Spirit.**

Leader: God calls us to be united in love, revealing the Spirit in our own ways.

**People: Let us worship and praise our God, who challenges us and calls us to create the Beloved Community.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN #103 (UMH)** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise v.1, 3 & 4*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**O God, all people are your Beloved, across races, nationalities, religions, sexual orientations and all the ways we are distinctive from one another. We are all manifestations of your image, all members of one body. We are bound together in an inescapable network of mutuality and tied to a single garment of destiny. You call us into your unending work of justice, peace and love. Let us know your presence among us now: Strengthen us with your steadfast love and transform our despairing fatigue into hope-filled action. Under the shadow of your wings in this hour, may we find rest and strength, renewal and hope. We ask this, inspired by the example of your disciple, Martin Luther King, Jr., and in name of Jesus Christ, who taught us when we pray to say:**

**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 PSALM

Psalm 36:5-10

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; O Lord, humans and animals you save!**

Leader: O God, how precious is your steadfast love! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**People: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

**People: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

## \*SONG OF PRAISE #92 (UMH)

*Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of joyful praise!*

## \*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

Pastor Chip

## CHRISTIAN LETTER

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

## GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother

said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

One: Our God is still speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

Pastor Chip

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastoral Prayer

**Sung Response #2200 (FWS)**

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come, and listen to me.*

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES**

Invitation to Give

**\*Doxology #94 (UMH)**

*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 #519 (UMH)**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing v.1 & 3*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #2238 (FWS)**

*God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,*

*We your people, ours the journey, now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.*

**FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH**

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

## **MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY**

**Senior Pastor:** The Rev. Wallace A Hurd IV

**Interim Music Director:** Roberta Morkin

**Technical and Artistic Director:** Deb Trimble



**Please Pray For:** Alice Belsky, Ross Karlson, Helene Pickett, 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.

## **“News for the Pews” for the Week of January 16, 2022**

**Altar flowers** are a unique and beautiful way to celebrate a milestone or memorialize a loved one. If you would like to donate the flowers for any Sunday, please see Edna Colcord, email the office, or sign up on the Altar Flowers calendar in the narthex.

**Bible Study Happy Hour** will begin a new series on January 25, at 7:15 p.m. on Zoom, reading and discussing Tom Fuerst’s *Underdogs and Outsiders*, exploring the stories of the five women named in Matthew’s genealogy of Jesus, showing how they all played a pivotal role in God’s purposes. Contact Pastor Chip if interested in joining.

**Herb Vieira is home!** He is settling back in with his son and readjusting to the comfort of familiar surroundings. Visitors are welcome for a short drop-in. Generally late morning or early afternoon times are best (vaccinated and masked please).

Also, we are extending an invitation to **help celebrate his 90th birthday on January 31st by asking for a blitz of cards.** He loves to receive mail, and after reading, Nan can display them in his room as a reminder of your love and care. Cards can be sent to:

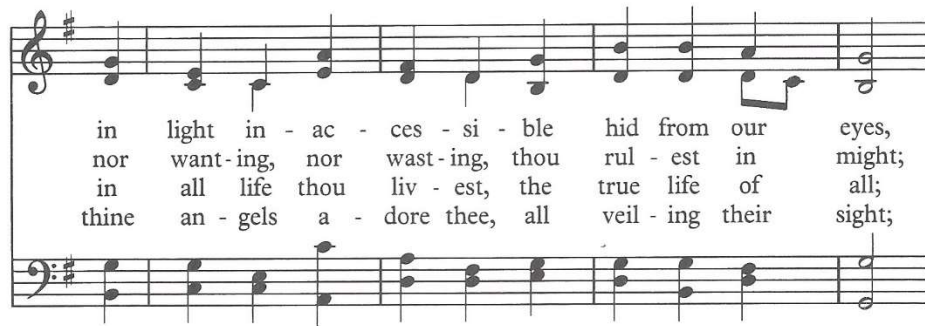
Herb Vieira  
18 Pomeroy St.  
Wilbraham, MA 01095

**We are on the lookout for volunteers** to help with worship: liturgists, ushers, greeters, livestream moderators and camera operators. No experience necessary! Everyone is encouraged to try! Please see Pastor Chip or Kim Ryan if you’re interested.

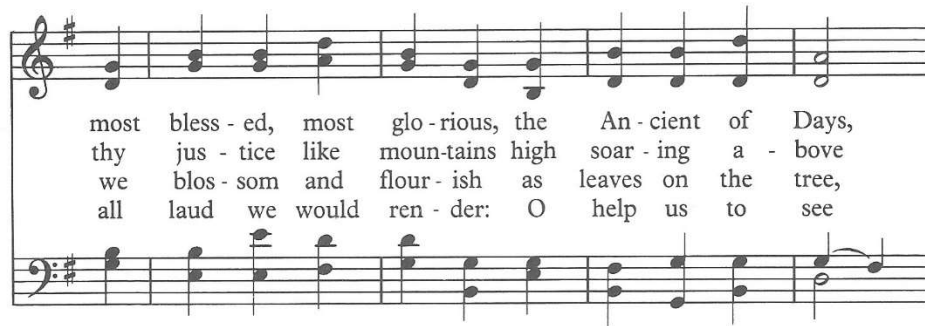
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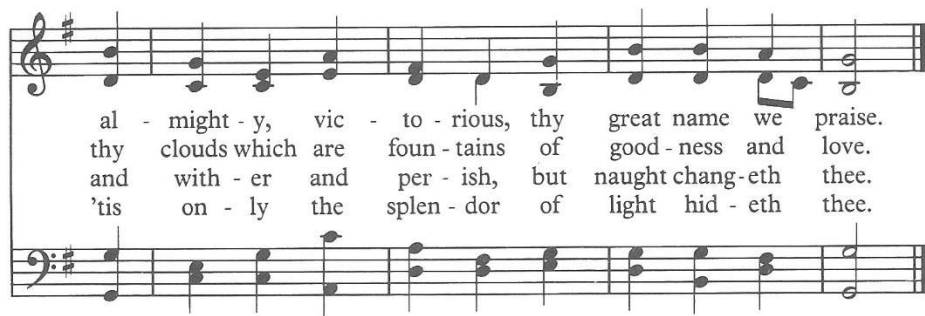
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

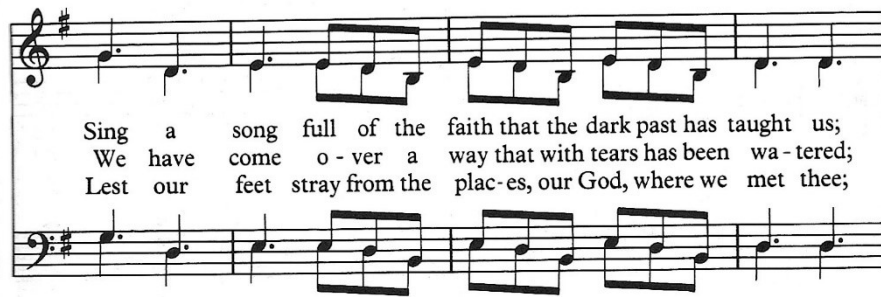
## Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring,  
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod,  
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

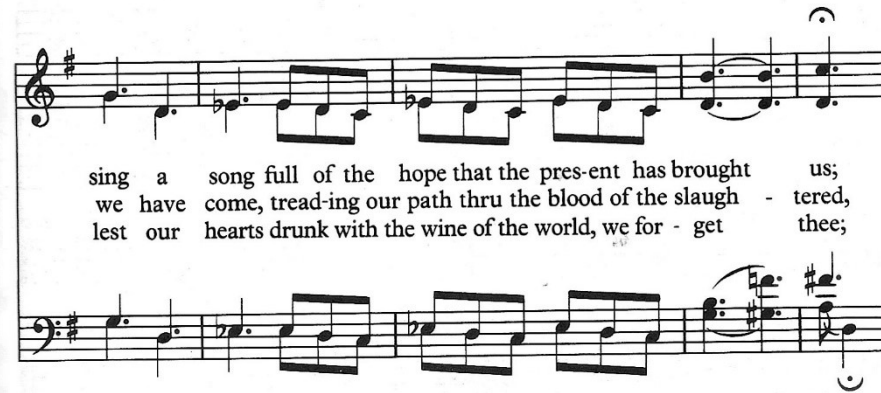
ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty;  
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening skies,  
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?  
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
 we have come, tread - ing our path thru the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
 lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.



## **This Week at Wilbraham United Church**

### **Monday, January 17**

**6:30 p.m.** Al Anon – Youth Room

**7:30 p.m.** Trustees – Zoom

### **Wednesday, January 19**

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

**6:30 p.m.** Al Anon – Youth Room

**6:30 p.m.** Cub Scouts – Church School Rooms

**7:00 p.m.** Discipleship Commission – Zeckhausen Room

### **Thursday, January 20**

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

**5:30 p.m.** Daisies – Church School Rooms

### **Sunday, January 23**

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

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## READ IT

### This week's Bible story is **Wedding at Cana**



Epiphany 2

from John 2:1-11

#### **Jesus performs a miracle and furthers celebration!**

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Water
- Jesus
- Wedding
- Mary
- Miracle

This is the first miracle Jesus performs in John's Gospel. It is meant to tell us something about who Jesus is. What can we learn about Jesus from this story?

#### **Read the whole story together in the Bible!**

*Spark Story Bible* pages 410-415

*Spark Bible* pages 1172-1173

#### **Family Prayer**

Thank you, God, for all of the amazing things that Jesus did. Help us to learn from this story something about your son...AMEN.

## TALK ABOUT IT



#### **Family Conversations**

- 1 What kinds of things do you expect to see at a party?
- 2 Have you ever been to a wedding? What was it like?
- 3 What is your favorite way to finish off a good meal?
- 4 Plan a party in which your favorite part is saved for last. What kind of party will you have?



#### **Eye Spark**

When you see a pitcher of water, remember this story of Jesus turning water into wine.



#### **Ear Spark**

Next time you hear the word "miracle," think of the amazing miracle Jesus did at the wedding in Cana.

## LIVE IT

#### **For families to do together**

Make a special surprise dessert to have after a meal. Is there something your whole family would enjoy? Talk about this story of the wedding at Cana as you enjoy the surprise at the end of your meal.

#### **For younger kids**

Help set the table for a fancy celebration. Make placemats, use special plates and glasses, light some candles and decorate!

#### **For older kids**

The wedding at Cana has inspired artists for centuries! Search the web to find different pieces of artwork that have this Bible story as the subject.



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