



Wilbraham United Church

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

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July 31, 2022

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

Patti Colkos

Leader: Blessed be the name of our God from this time forth and for evermore!

People: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of God is to be praised!

Leader: It is good to give thanks to God, to sing praises to your name, O Host High;

People: To declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night.

***GATHERING HYMN #126 (UMH)**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of 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 PSALM

Psalm 107:1-9,43 page 830

***SONG OF PRAISE #186 (UMH)**

Alleluia

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN LETTER

Colossian 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

One: Our God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Pastor Chip

HYMN #2225 (FWS)

Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

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

Offertory – Hymn Sing

***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 #102 (UMH)**

Now Thank We All Our God

***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

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

Welcome Visitors! Is this your first visit to United Church? Please sign a Pew Card. 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

Music Director: Roberta Morkin

Technical Team: Deb Trimble and Don Schmidt

Ushers: Ralph & Sherry Ridgeway

Greeters: Nancy Peck and Gennie Keddy



Please Pray For: Steve & Janet Niederfringer, Daniel, Catherine, Lynne, Terry, Ray, Theresa, Ann, Jane Godfrey, Shey McAbee, Sharon McAbee, Patti Keiser, Sue Pereira, Kathie Birkhaeuser. The victims of violence and their families in our country. Our troops, our country and our world.



This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Monday, August 1, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m. VBC

10:00 a.m. – Piecemakers

7:30 p.m. – Trustees

Tuesday, 2, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m. VBC

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m. VBC

3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Main Street Farmers Market – Front Lawn

6:00 p.m. Al Anon – Youth Room

Thursday, August 4, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m. VBC

6:30 p.m. Al Anon – Youth Room

Friday, August 5, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m. VBC

Saturday, August 6, 2022

10:30 a.m. Daniels Memorial Service

Sunday, August 7, 2022

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary & Facebook Live)

10:00 a.m. Fellowship

5:00 p.m. Al Anon – Youth Room

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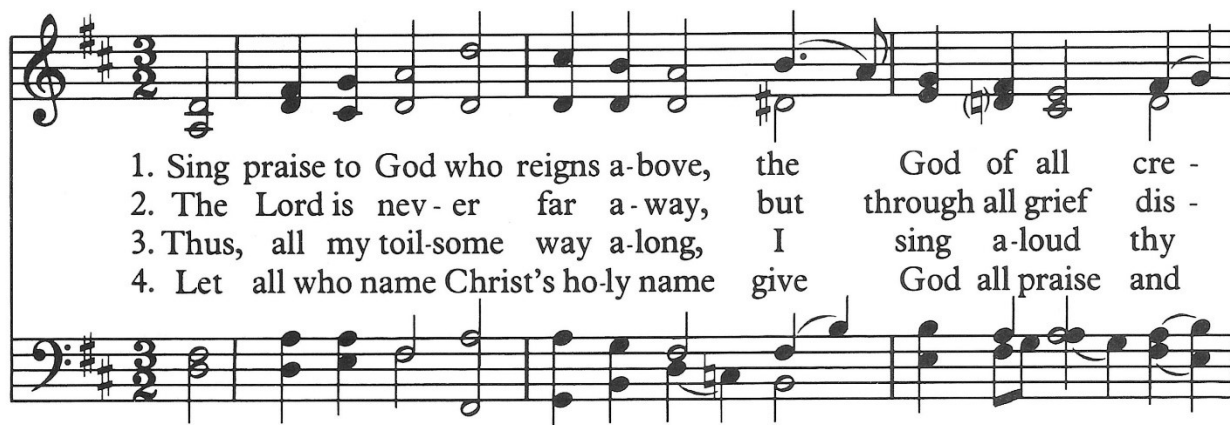
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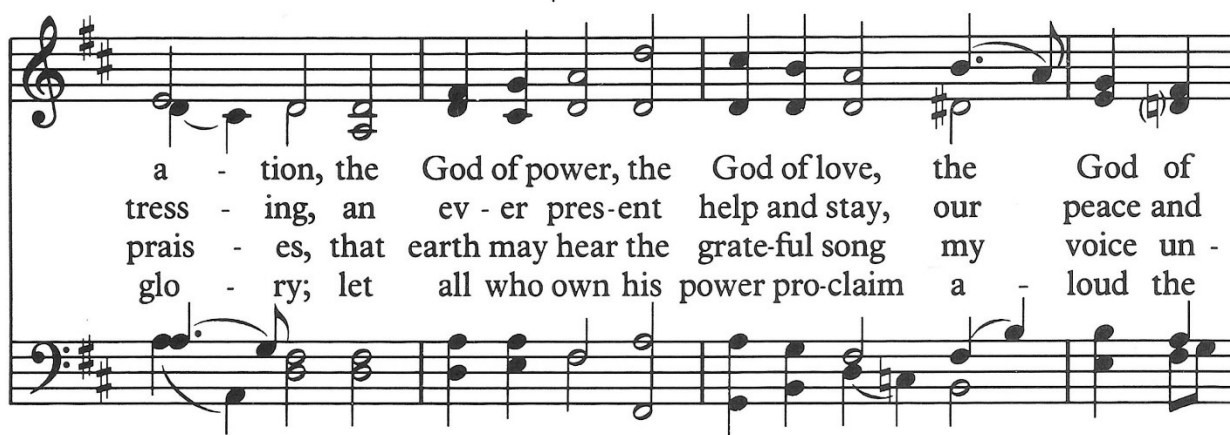
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The people of The United Methodist Church®

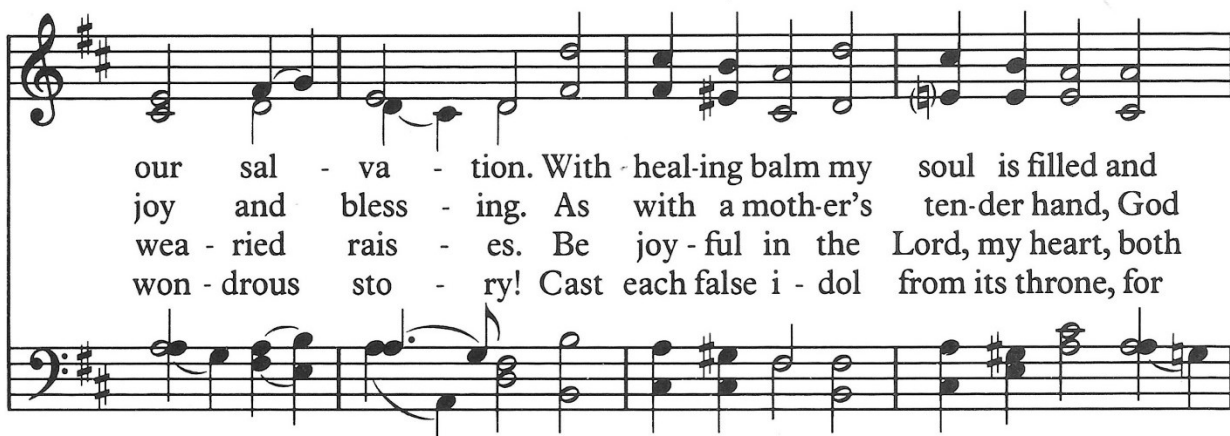
126 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1. Sing praise to God who reigns a-bove, the God of all cre -
 2. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but through all grief dis -
 3. Thus, all my toil-some way a-long, I sing a-loud thy
 4. Let all who name Christ's ho-ly name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 tress - ing, an ev - er pres-ent help and stay, our peace and
 prais - es, that earth may hear the grate-ful song my voice un -
 glo - ry; let all who own his power pro-claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion. With heal-ing balm my soul is filled and
 joy and bless - ing. As with a moth-er's ten-der hand, God
 wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, both
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, for



ev-ery faith-less mur-mur stilled: To God all praise and glo - ry.
 gent-ly leads the cho-sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry.
 soul and bod-y bear your part: To God all praise and glo - ry.
 Christ is Lord, and Christ a - lone: To God all praise and glo - ry.

Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother 2225



1. Who is my moth - er, who is my broth - er?
2. Dif - ferent - ly a - bled, dif - ferent - ly la - beled
3. Love will re - late us — col - or or sta - tus
4. Bound by one vi - sion, met for one mis - sion



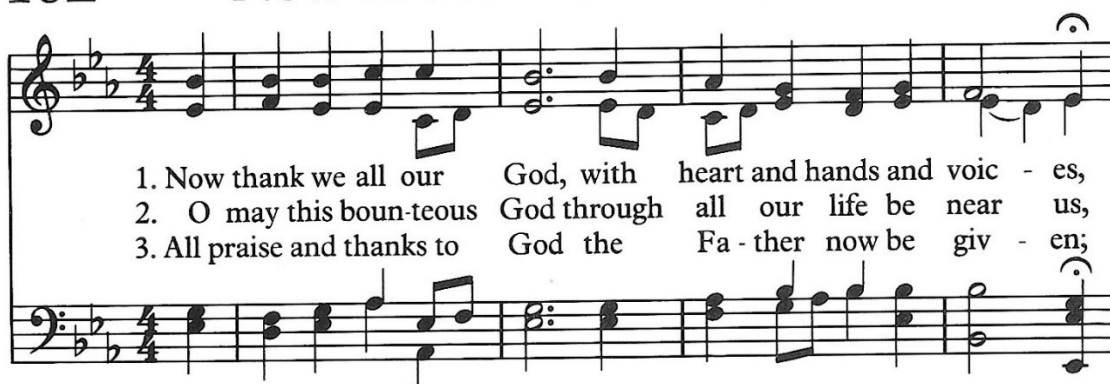
all those who gath - er round Je - sus Christ:
 wid - en the cir - cle round Je - sus Christ:
 can't seg - re - gate us, round Je - sus Christ:
 we claim each oth - er, round Je - sus Christ:



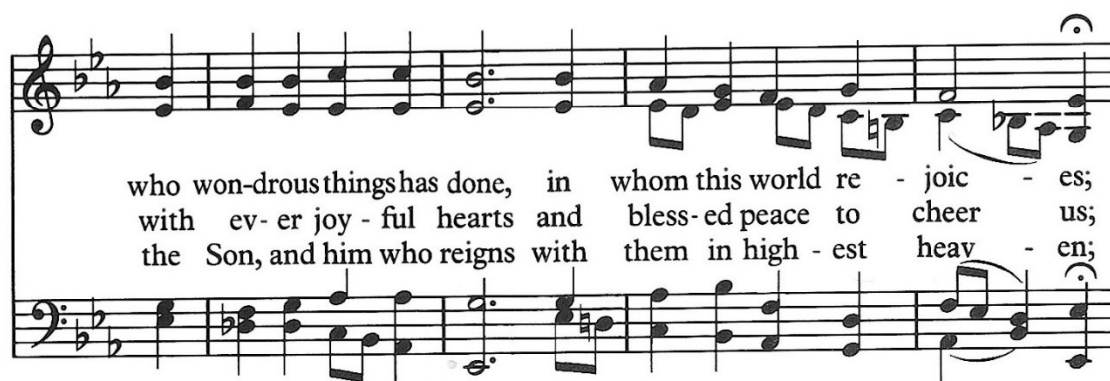
Spir - it - blown peo - ple, born from the Gos - pel
 Crutch - es and stig - mas, cul - tures' e - nig - mas
 Fam - i - ly fail - ings, hu - man de - rail - ings —
 Here is my moth - er, here is my broth - er,



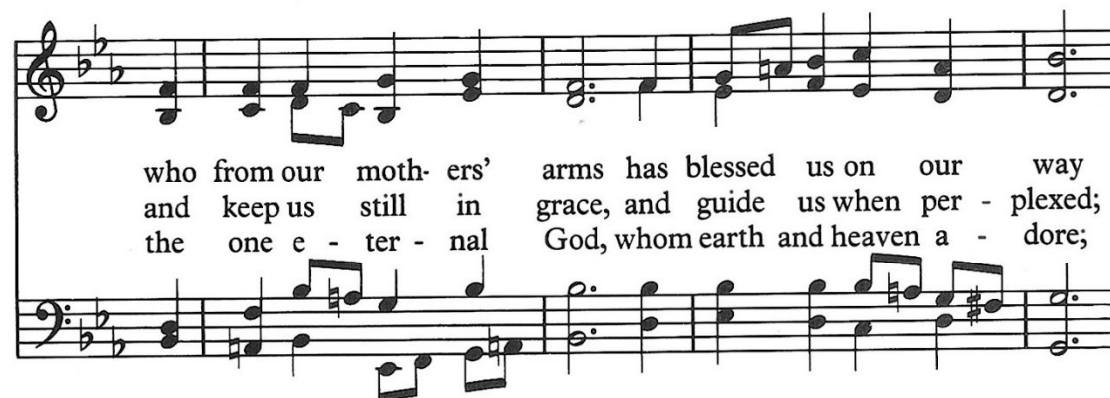
sit at the ta - ble, round Je - sus Christ.
 all come to - geth - er round Je - sus Christ.
 all are ac - cept - ed, round Je - sus Christ.
 kin - dred in Spir - it, through Je - sus Christ.



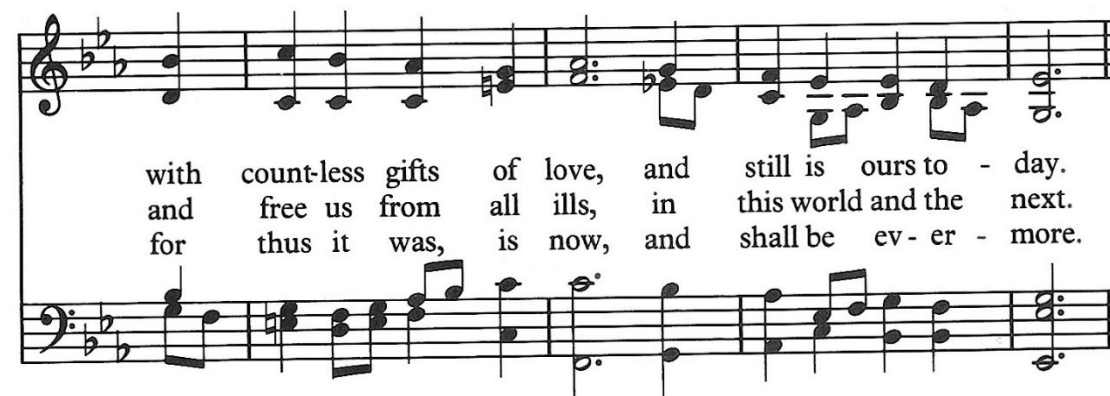
1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voice - es,
 2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en;



who won-droust things has done, in whom this world re - joice - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en;



who from our moth - ers' arms has blessed us on our way
 and keep us still in grace, and guide us when per - plexed;
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.