



# Wilbraham United Church

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

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**NOVEMBER 13, 2022**

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

**10:00A.M**

**GATHERING MUSIC** Piano: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

J.B. Taylor

Bell Choir: *Joy*

D.E. Wagner

**WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Marge Trimble

Leader: What shall we bring before the God of compassion?

**People: We bring our bodies and spirits--broken and in need of healing.**

Leader: What shall we bring before the God of eternal vision?

**People: We bring our dreams and our hopes to be fulfilled.**

Leader: What shall we bring before the God of everlasting love?

**People: We bring our gratitude and possessions.**

Leader: What shall we bring before the God of all good gifts?

**All: We bring ourselves. May our offerings be holy and acceptable to God.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN #92 (UMH)**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

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

Almighty God, we confess that we deny your abundance and hoard what we have, failing to trust in you and what you provide for us. We have forgotten that Jesus taught us to serve one another, to share with others, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Teach us again, God, so we might learn. Let your wisdom take root in our hearts and minds. Help us follow the ways of Christ, truly loving our neighbors by meeting their needs, trusting that you know our needs and will fulfill them. In Christ's name we pray:

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**

**People: Our sins are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSIVE PSALTER

## Psalm 16

Leader: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**People: I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.'**

Leader: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

**People: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**People: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

**People: I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

**People: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

Leader: You show me the path of life.

**People: In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

### \*SONG OF PRAISE #2026 (FWS)

*Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja!  
Halleluja! 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

## FIRST READING

## Hebrews 10:11-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance

of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 13:1-8**

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’

Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’

Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

One: Our God is still speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS**

**HYMN #87 (UMH)**

*What Gift Can We Bring*

## **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

Offertory Chancel Choir: *Somebody’s Knockin’*

J.M. Martin

**\*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!*

**\*LITANY OF DEDICATION, PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**

Leader: Because you gave the very breath of life:

**People: We give our thanks to you, O Lord, with every breath.**

Leader: Because you nurtured life with human love:

**People: We bring you all of our relationships for your blessing.**

Leader: Because you gave the rich and living earth:

**People: We offer you, our Maker, the first fruits of our fields.**

Leader: Because you gifted us with time to be:

**People: We bring our moments and our days as gifts again to you.**

Leader: Because you gave us skills to work and create:

**People: We bring you what we make with our hands and the money we earn with our skills.**

Leader: Because each one of us has gifts and skills, recognized and hidden:

**People: We offer you what each of us can see, and make, and do. Enable us to see more clearly what these gifts may be.**

Leader: Because you freely offered us redeeming love:

**People: We bring the gift of love in gratitude to you. From gift to gift, from grace to grace, our gifts are only gifts of yours returned. Receive them in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen**

**\*PARTING HYMN # 433 (UMH)**

*All Who Love and Serve Your City*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #665 (UMH)**

*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**

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*\* 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**

**Music Director:** Roberta Morkin

**Technical and Artistic Directors:** Deb Trimble and Don Schmidt

**Ushers:** Paul & Nancy Krawczynski

**Greeters:** Joyce Emerle



**Please Pray For:** Heidi Rose, Daniel, Catherine, Lynne, Terry, Ray, Theresa, Ann, Jane Godfrey, Shey McAbee, Sharon McAbee, Patti Keiser, Sue Pereira. 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 November 13, 2022**

***Sad News:*** *Phyllis Gould, a longtime Friend of WUC, recently relocated to Medway MA. She more recently passed away. She is survived by her husband, Norbert and son, Bill and his family*

***Long-time church member Kathie Birkhaeuser passed away on Wednesday, November 9th. She is survived by her sons Keith (Linda), Dan (Margy), daughter-in-law Lucre, 4 grandchildren, nieces, nephews & many friends. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.***

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**BEHOLD! In 2022,** The Neighbors in Need offering focuses on economic justice. One-third of the offering also supports the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to churches and organizations as well as support in a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Envelopes are available and checks should be made out to Wilbraham United Church. Donations may also be made on the WUC giving site-<https://wilbrahamunitedchurch.gvtls.com/>

**The Piecemakers** continue to meet on Monday's November 14, 21, 28, 10:00a.m. - Noon. New members are always welcome. Just come to a meeting, or contact Nancy at [ncpeck10@gmail.com](mailto:ncpeck10@gmail.com)

**The Wilbraham United Church Men's Breakfast Club**, the (Romeo's), will meet November 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> for breakfast. They meet behind the church in the parking lot at 8:30 A.M., and continue going to breakfast every two weeks.

**WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE!** Saturday, December 3, 2022, 9:30am-12:00pm

Wilbraham United Church, Back Parking Lot

We are in looking for new or gently used: Coats, Hats, Scarves, Gloves/Mittens, Heavy Socks, and Blankets for Men, Women and Children

If you are placing an on line order for items, you can ship them right to the church!

Wilbraham United Churh, C/O Coat Drive, 500 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095

Collected items will be distributed to the homeless in our area by  
(Big Blue Ministry part of Church without Walls)

Monetary donations accepted and will be used to purchase items list above.

Please contact Patty Clements 413-626-2145 with any questions.

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

**Monday, November 14, 2022**

**10:00 a.m. -Piecemakers**

**6:00 pm –Girl Scouts**

**Tuesday, November 15, 2022**

**10:00 p.m. -Yoga-YR**

**Wednesday, November 16, 2022**

**6:00 p.m.-Al Anon – YR**

**6:30 p.m.-Boy Scouts-SS**

**7:00 p.m.-Discipleship**

**7:00 p.m.-WUP-FH**

**Thursday, November 17, 2022**

**9:20 a.m. Loaves & Fishes**

**6:30 p.m. Al-Anon**

**7:00 p.m. Bell Choir**

**8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir**

**Friday, November 18, 2022**

**7:30 p.m. WUP-FH Performance**

**Saturday, November 19, 2022**

**4:30 p.m. Charlie Brown Thanksgiving**

**7:30 p.m. WUP-FH Performance**

**Sunday, November 20, 2022**

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

**11:00 a.m. Fellowship**

**2:30 p.m. WUP-FH- Performance**

**5:00 p.m. Al-Anon YR**

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Charlie Brown Thanksgiving  
November 19th  
4:30 - 6:30 PM  
Zeckhausen Room

A Wilbraham United Players Production



## *On Golden Pond*

by Ernest Thompson

November 11, 12, 18, 19 at 7:30 PM

November 13 & 20 at 2:30 PM

Fellowship Hall Stage  
Wilbraham United Church  
500 Main St  
Wilbraham, MA

Tickets available at  
[www.wilbrahamunitedplayers.org](http://www.wilbrahamunitedplayers.org)

Tickets - \$27 for Reserved Premium Seating  
\$25 for General Admission  
\$5 discount for Students and Seniors with code  
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## READ IT

### This week's Bible story is **God's Love Is Forever**

from Luke 21:5-19.



**Jerusalem's temple will be destroyed; God is not contained there.**

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Adorn
- Dedicate
- Sign
- Beware
- Astray
- Insurrections
- Portents

The temple in Jerusalem had already been destroyed and rebuilt three times when Jesus spoke of it being destroyed again.

## Read the whole story together in the Bible!

*Spark Story Bible* pages 408-409

*Spark Bible* page 1162

## Family Prayer

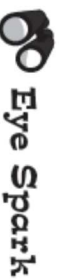
Dear God, you live within each of us, in our buildings, nature, space, throughout. Help us recognize your holy presence not only in our churches but everywhere. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## TALK ABOUT IT



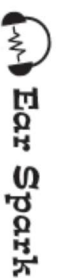
### Family Conversations

- 1 What do you love about your church building?
- 2 How does it help to know God is everywhere and always loves us?
- 3 What structures have "passed away" while God is still with us, loving us?
- 4 Get a flashlight and turn it on. Cup the light in your hands to be like God in church, like God within us. Open your hands and see that God is everywhere.



### Eye Spark

Pay attention to different forms of light—lamps, candle, sun, moon—and remember God, who is everywhere and loving you.



### Ear Spark

Listen for the wind. Remember the Holy Spirit.

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Build a house of cards. Blow it down. Our worldly structures will fall—God remains.

### For younger kids

Have someone help you fold a piece of paper in four squares. In one square draw a picture of God's light inside church; in a second square draw a picture of God's light inside you; in the third and fourth squares, draw God's light in places you choose.

### For older kids

Research the history of the Temple of Jerusalem.



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