

Wilbraham United Church
"I am the vine, you are the branches."

Wilbraham United Church

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

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July 28, 2024

10th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00AM

We ask that everyone wear nametags so that we can be welcoming to all. There are listening devices available for those that may need them. An usher will be happy to assist you. Following worship, we invite everyone to gather for light refreshment in the Zeckhausen Room located immediately across from the doors to the Sanctuary.

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Piano: Be Still, My Soul with Be Still and Know

arr. M. McDonald

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME

***GATHERING HYMN #100 (UMH) vs. 1-3**

God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us

CALL TO WORSHIP

Patti Colkos

Liturgist: We come together with gladness, for God is in our midst. God does not waver in goodness or light. The brightness of the Divine guides our way and we are blessed by it.

People: Our Lord is a constant, full of power and might, wisdom and majesty. Our Creator cannot be contained and must be revered. Thus we worship this day to the One who crafted the whole of creation, and called creation good. Thanks be to God

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God,

We offer up our praise and gratitude for your radiant presence in our lives. We give you thanks for your comfort and mercy, which helps us through our days and which propels us through our lives. Let us be truly nourished by the richness which you lend to us. Help us to be filled by the sustenance that you offer, which give us strength, and which inspires our worship. Come to us we pray, and know that we revel in the love which you give, and the blessings which spring forth by the stroke of your hand. Amen

***SONG OF PRAISE # 334 (UMH)**

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 14

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

They have all gone astray; they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the Lord?

There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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.

Sung Response # 2193 (TFWS)

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21: 5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

One: Our God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Gaining Soul

Rev. Janet

*HYMN #593 (UMH)

Here I Am, Lord

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

The Seed

Chancel Singers

G. Lehmann

*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 #431 (UMH)

Let There Be Peace on Earth

*FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 2238 (TFWS)**

*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.*

MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH

Organ: Recessional in C

J.S. Dixon

Welcome Visitors! *Is this your first visit to United Church? If you wish to be contacted by a member of the church or our pastor, please leave your contact information with one of the ushers or place a visitor card in the collection plate. We invite you to join us in our time of Fellowship after the service. Our ushers or a member of the ministry team will be happy to accompany you and help you find your way!*

*UMH – The “red” United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS – The “small black” book Faith We Sing Hymnal*

The altar flowers this morning are being given by Judy Marek in memory of her sister, Chris.

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind

Music Director: Roberta Morkin

Technical and Artistic Director: Deb Trimble

Ushers: Kim Ryan and Marty Lyman

Liturgist: Patti Colkos

Greeters: Olbrych Family



Please Pray For: The family of Nancy Nieske, Catherine Tucker, Connie Law, Shey McAbee, Michelle McBride, Jane Godfrey, Sharon McAbee, Jim Trimble, Bill McCullough, Catherine Gardner, Larry Harris, David Pierangelo, The victims of violence and their families in our country. Our troops, our country and our world.



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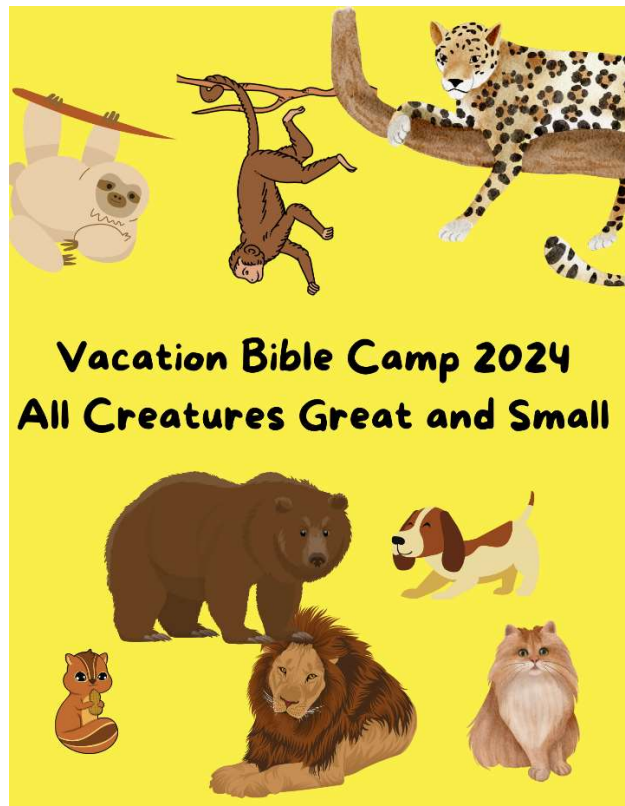
“News for the Pews” for the Week of July 28, 2024

Vacation Bible Camp begins tomorrow! We still need donations of snacks for our volunteers each day during the week. If you are able to provide a snack item such as cookies, muffins, fruit, etc. it will be very welcomed! Snacks can be dropped off each day before 9AM in the Zeckhausen Room. See Sandy Harris to coordinate.

Today, after church, we will continue with our VBC set up, focusing on the outdoor areas. We're looking for assistance after church today to help with the big tent setup or moving tables and chairs down to the Narthex area.

On Friday at 12:30 we begin cleaning up the church when camp has ended. Anybody who would like to come help clean up is more than welcome!

While VBC is in session each day from 9-12 we ask that, if you are not signed up to volunteer that you plan any visits to the church building for after 12. We have over 30 children under 18 for whom their safety is our primary concern. The Church Office will be open until 1:00 each day.



This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Sunday, July 28, 2024

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (ZR)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

6:30 p.m. – VBC Volunteer Meeting (ZR)

Monday, July 29, 2024

Church Office 8:30 – 1:00

8:30 a.m. – Vacation Bible Camp

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Church Office 8:30 – 1:00

8:30 a.m. – Vacation Bible Camp

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Church Office 8:30 – 1:00

8:30 a.m. – Vacation Bible Camp

2:00 p.m. – Farmer’s Market (Front Lawn)

Thursday, August 1, 2024

Church Office 8:30 – 1:00

8:30 a.m. – Vacation Bible Camp

6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)

August 2, 2024

Church Office 8:30 – 1:00

8:30 a.m. – Vacation Bible Camp

Saturday, August 3, 2024

Church Office closed

Sunday, August 4, 2024

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (ZR)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)