



Wilbraham United Church

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

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September 1, 2024

15th 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: He Hideth My Soul

arr. L. Larson

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME

***GATHERING HYMN # 61 (UMH)**

Come, Thou Almighty King

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marty Lyman

Liturgist: The Lord is full of grace and might. The Lord is full of wonder. The Lord is our Maker and our Redeemer. We give thanks and praise as we gather here today.

People: We are awed by the workings and ways of our Lord, who created us in the image of the Divine and who calls us to walk in the light of Christ. Thanks be to God

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God,

Come to us we pray and fill us with your Spirit. Let us feel your presence and your power. Help us to be a more hopeful people, certain that you are always with us. Grant that in following your ways and opening our hearts, we may find our spiritual nourishment. Help us to be of good courage so that we may resist the foils of life, and please hold us close, because we are your beloved ones. 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 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

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

Matthew 6: 19-21

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Communion Meditation

Rev. Janet

***HYMN** *see insert*

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Amazing Grace
Marcia Jackson, organ

arr. M. Hayes

***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**

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: God be with you

People: And also with you

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise

Words of Remembrance

Distribution of Elements

Communion will be served by Intinction. When invited please process down the center aisle to the front of the church to receive the elements. After you have been served, please return to your seat by the right side aisle of the sanctuary. If you are not able to process, a server will come to you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***PARTING HYMN #618 (UMH)**

***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

R. Hughes

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*

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind

Guest Musician: Marcia Jackson

Technical and Artistic Director: Deb Trimble

Ushers: April Beston, Poppy Nelson

Liturgist: Marty Lyman

Greeter: Judy Marek



Please Pray For: the McCorkindale family, 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 September 1, 2024

Wilbraham United Church is hosting a collection for **Catie's Closet** for the month of August and September. Donations of new or very gently used clothing is needed. The program is accessible to children of school age in the Pioneer Valley. A collection box is in the narthex.

Our **Homecoming Sunday** will be next Sunday September 8th. The Church School Year begins and we will be back to our regular worship format. Please join us and bring a friend!

Wilbraham United Church will again be participating in the **Action Centered Tutoring Service (ACTS) annual fall fundraising event with the sale of beautiful mums**. Orders will be taken at church on Sunday September 1st and 8th. Orders also can be mailed to the church if you are unable to attend services. **Order forms are available in the Narthex** or by phoning the church office. Completed forms along with your payment should be sent to the attention of Andrea Stephenson. Please be sure to include your telephone number and email address in case we need to contact you regarding your order. We must receive your completed form by Sunday, September 8. Mums will be available for pick-up on Saturday, September 14 between 10 a.m. and Noon OR on Sunday, September 15 after services.

Phys Ops is looking for volunteers to come in on Wednesday evenings from 5:45 to 7:00 p.m. beginning September 18th to monitor the building during Boy Scout meetings. If you can help, even just periodically, please contact the church office or Rick at mraverill@aol.com.

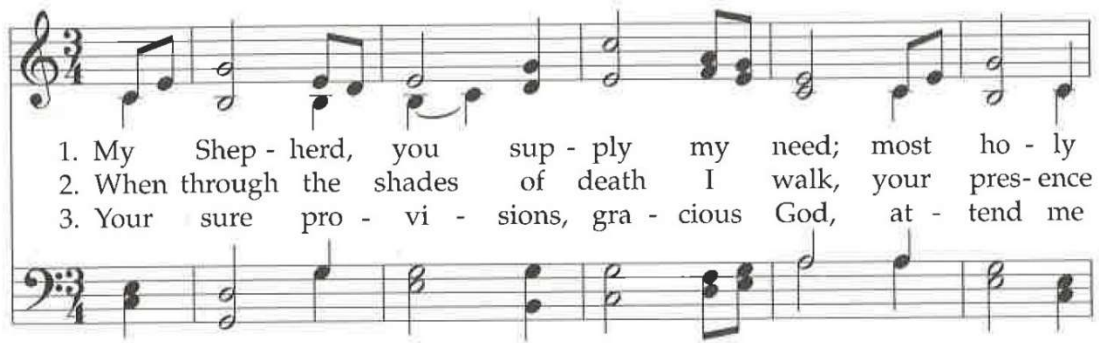
Coffee Hours will return in September if we have volunteers. Everyone enjoys the camaraderie and it would be lovely to have five teams or MORE with more participation. Please contact Edna Colcord at ednajcolcord@gmail.com or 596-6666.

MANY MANY THANKS to coverage of summer lemonade in the Zeckhausen room.

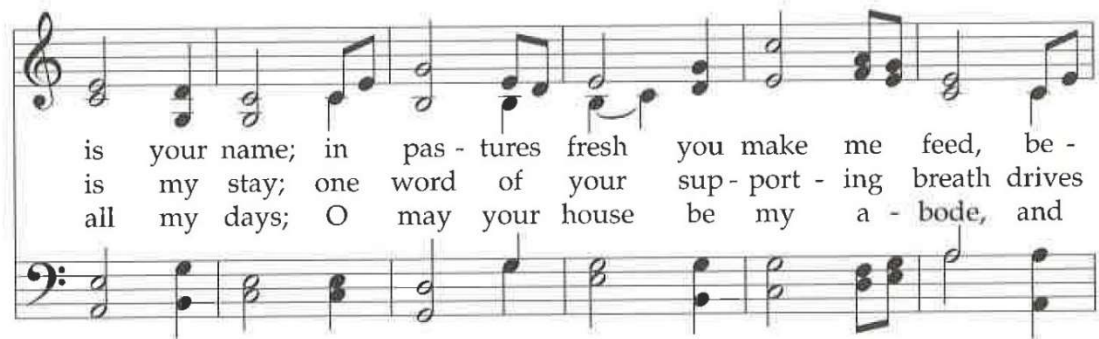
Sign ups for volunteering at our **Pumpkin Patch** are in the office. If you can volunteer to cover a 2-hour shift between October 7th and October 31st please put your name on the schedule! Pumpkins will be coming the afternoon of October 6th and we will also need help unloading the truck. Many hands... light work!



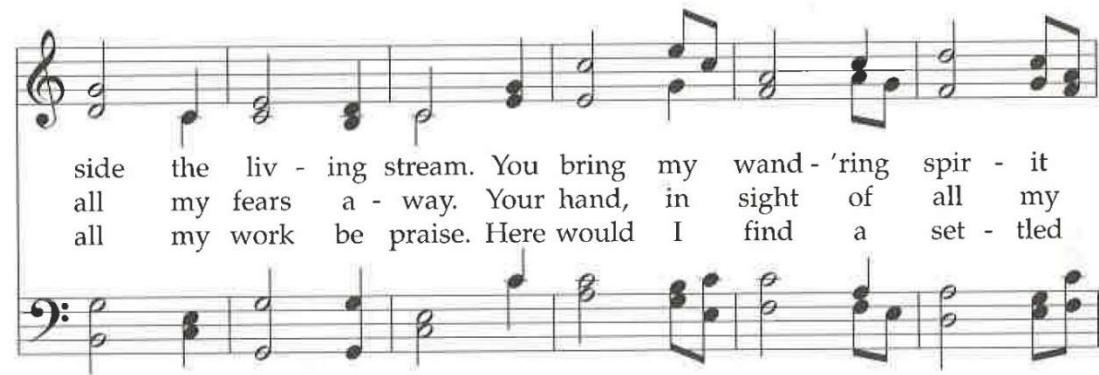
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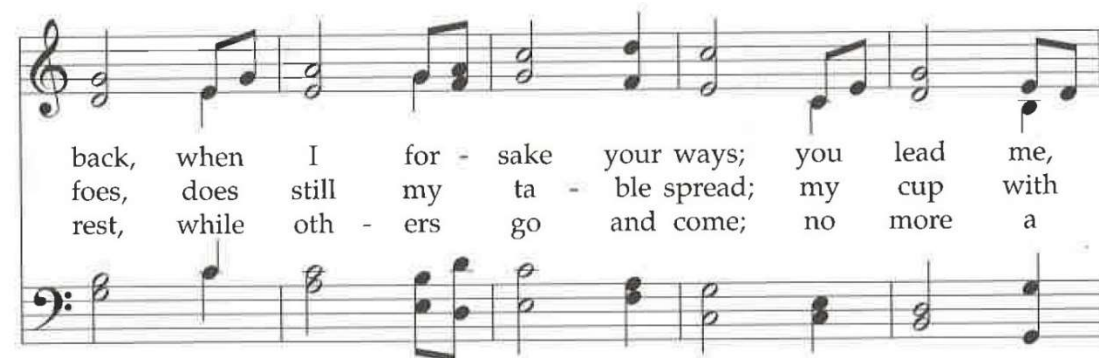
1. My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly
 2. When through the shades of death I walk, your pres - ence
 3. Your sure pro - vi - sions, gra - cious God, at - tend me



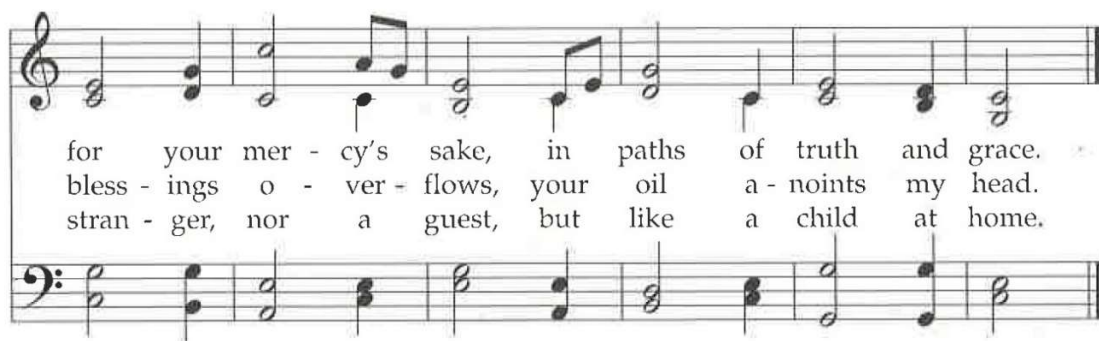
is your name; in pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be -
 is my stay; one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives
 all my days; O may your house be my a - bode, and



side the liv - ing stream. You bring my wand - 'ring spir - it
 all my fears a - way. Your hand, in sight of all my
 all my work be praise. Here would I find a set - tled



back, when I for - sake your ways; you lead me,
 foes, does still my ta - ble spread; my cup with
 rest, while oth - ers go and come; no more a



Families with teens
interested in
Confirmation
Classes should
contact Rev. Janet
by 8/30

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New Members

New Members will be received into the congregation on
Sunday September 8th

Anyone interested in becoming a church member should
speak with Rev. Janet prior to that date.

September
Homecoming Sunday
September 8th

October

- Bible Study will begin
October 1st
- Work of the Interim will
start up again

Blessing Box



Don't forget to stock
the box over the
summer!

<u>Items most in need:</u>	<u>Other nice-to-haves:</u>
Pasta Sauce & Whole grain	Cake mixes and frosting
Pasta	Cooking Oil
Peanut Butter & Jelly	Packaged Nuts
Cereal	Crackers
Canned soups and stews	Applesauce
Shelf-Stable Milk	Dried Herbs and Spices

This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Sunday, September 1, 2024

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (ZR)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

Monday, September 2, 2024

Church Office closed

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

11:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

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

Thursday, September 5, 2024

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)

Friday, September 6, 2024

Church Office closed

Saturday, September 7, 2024

Church Office closed

Sunday, September 8, 2024

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (ZR)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

