



Wilbraham United Church

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

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June 22, 2025

2nd 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 the service in the Sanctuary after worship, everyone is invited to a time of Fellowship in the Zeckhausen Room which is immediately across from the Sanctuary.

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Piano: The Lord Is My Salvation

arr. M. Ijames

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME

***GATHERING HYMN #111** (*UMH v. 1 & 2*)

How Can We Name a Love

CALL TO WORSHIP

Patti Colkos

Liturgist: The Lord is always and everywhere, moving around us and within us, blessing us in a myriad of ways. The Divine fills us in mysterious fashion, showing us how to live in the light of Christ.

People: Our thanks is deep for God's willingness to love us and redeem us, and to show us how to live our lives better. Thanks be to God

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God, We give thanks to you for things made and unmade, for life that blossoms, for hints of joy, for love that grows in the midst of challenge. We thank you that we can rest in you, secure in the knowledge that we are your own despite the chaos and confusion that swirls around us. Open our hearts so that we can better know you and give us the courage to share that knowledge in a bold and fervent way. Come to us, be with us and let us share in the wonder which is you. 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

Ezekiel 5: 5-8

“Thus says the Lord God: This is Jerusalem; I have set her in the center of the nations, with countries all around her. But she has rebelled against my ordinances and my statutes, becoming more wicked than the nations and the countries all around her, rejecting my ordinances and not following my statutes. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you are more turbulent than the nations that are all around you and have not followed my statutes or kept my ordinances and have not even acted according to the ordinances of the nations that are all around you, therefore thus says the Lord God: I, I myself, am coming against you; I will execute judgments among you in the sight of the nations.”

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

John 3: 31-36

The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified this, that God is true. He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life but must endure God's wrath.

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Another Major

Rev. Janet

***HYMN #388** (*UMH v. 1 -3*)

O Come and Dwell in Me

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Colorful Creator

C.R. Young

***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 #671** (*UMH*)

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

*FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*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.

MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH

Organ: Trumpet Voluntary in C

D. Lasky

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 given by Larry and Sandy Harris in memory of loved ones.

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind
Music Director: Roberta Morkin
Technical and Artistic Director: Deb Trimble
Liturgist: Patti Colkos
Greeter: Judy Marek
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Please Pray For: Susan Pereira, the family of Catherine Tucker, Connie Law, Shey McAbee, Michelle McBride, Sharon McAbee, Jim Trimble, Bill McCullough, Catherine Gardner, Larry Harris, David Pierangelo, Marilyn, The victims of violence and their families in our country. Our troops, our country and our world.

*If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact Rev. Janet or the Church Office.
After office hours, Rev. Janet can be reached at (978)350-3463.*

“News for the Pews” for the Week of June 22, 2025

Church Council is looking for Church Members interested in serving as a part of our Pastoral **Search Committee**. At this point, Council is looking for interest only. The final determination for who will serve will be made by Council and the selected Committee Chair person. If you are interested please reach out to Matt Capen (mdcapen73@gmail.com)

Volunteer sign-up for **Vacation Bible Camp** can be done through our website! We particularly need adult (over 18) volunteers for Group Leaders! Also in need are folks to assist with signing campers in and out each day! The registration for volunteers is through the same link we use to sign up campers on the church website's Vacation Bible Camp page:

wilbrahamunitedchurch.org/vacation-bible-camp/



This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Sunday, June 22, 2025

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (ZR)

11:30 a.m. – Fellowship Comm.

1:30 p.m. – WUP (FH)

5:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class (ZR)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

Monday, June 23, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 2:30

7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 2:30

2:00 p.m. – Bible Study (ZR)

**5:15 p.m. – Discipleship Comm.
(ZR)**

7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Church Office 10:30 – 1:30

11:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

Thursday, June 26, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)

Friday, June 27, 2025

Church Office closed

Saturday, June 28, 2025

Church Office closed

9:00 a.m. – WUP (FH)

Sunday, June 29, 2025

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (ZR)

1:30 p.m. – WUP (FH)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)