



# Wilbraham United Church

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

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**June 8, 2025**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**10:00AM**

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*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 Meeting in the Sanctuary after worship, everyone is invited to our Celebration Cookout in our Fellowship Hall. Please make a left out of our sanctuary, down the hall, and up the stairs. If you are unable to use the stairs, an elevator is available.*

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

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

Piano: Shine, Jesus, Shine

G. Kendrick

Bells: Alleluia

B. Tervo

## **WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

### **WELCOME**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** see insert

*Blue Boat Home*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: The Lord gives us reasons to rejoice in our days. Our God provides laughter and friendship and times to be glad. The Lord provides all manner of wonderful things to lighten our days and to fill our hearts with joy.

**People:** How good it is to celebrate the Lord, for the Lord is gracious and generous. Our Creator makes good things to grow, provides the sun that shines, and satisfies us with the breadth of creation. May we praise the work of the Divine. Thanks be to God

## **UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Gracious God, We thank you that we can gather together in your presence and celebrate all that you have given to us and all that you have made. Help us to open our hearts and our hands and revel in the joy of you. Give us the strength to honor you by the sharing of ourselves with others, and may our spirits be enkindled with the love that you offer so lavishly. 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**

**AWARD OF BIBLES**

Discipleship Comm.

**RECOGNITIONS**

**AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

Judy Hoffman

**BIG FAT PRAYER OF THANKS**

Rev. Janet

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Psalm 104: 24-28**

Reader 1: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

Reader 2: In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Reader 1: There is the sea, great and wide;

Reader 2: Creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

Reader 1: There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

Reader 2: These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

Reader 1: When you give to them, they gather it up;

Reader 2: When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**Acts 2: 1-4**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

**BLESSING OF THE QUILTS**

**Rev. Janet**

**MUSICAL MOMENT**

One Drop  
*Junior Choir*

T. Arbuckle-Lee and M. Bronleewe

## 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 14: 8-14**

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*A Celebration Meditation*

Rev. Janet

**\*HYMN #2272 (TFWS)** *sing twice*

*Holy Ground*

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Glory, Glory! (I Feel Better)  
*Chancel Choir & Praise Band*

arr. A. & M. Podd

**\*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 #2173 (TFWS)

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

\*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

Piano: Thy Word

arr. J. Carter

**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 Kathy and Tim Timpson in memory of loved ones.*



## MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

**Pastor:** Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind

**Music Director:** Roberta Morkin

**Technical and Artistic Director:** Deb Trimble

**Assisting in worship this morning are members of our Church School, Confirmation Class and Young Adult Fellowship Group.**

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## Blue Boat Home

*Fluid, legato* ♩ = 140

First system of piano accompaniment. Treble and bass staves in 3/4 time, key of E major (three sharps). The right hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The left hand plays a walking bass line. Chords E and A/E are indicated above the first and third measures respectively. The word *simile* appears at the end of the system.

Second system of piano accompaniment, continuing the pattern from the first system with chords E and A/E indicated.

Third system of piano accompaniment, continuing the pattern from the first system with chords E and A/E indicated.

Vocal melody with lyrics:

1. Though	be - low	me, I	feel	no	mo - tion
2. Sun	my sail	and moon	my	rud - der	
3. I	give	thanks to the	waves	up - hold - ing	me,

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 Music: Roland Hugh Prichard, 1811 - 1887, adapted by Peter Mayer, 1963 - ,  
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 ⊕ keyboard arr. Jason Shelton, 1972 -  
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Blue Boat Home - 2

E A/E

stan-ding on these moun-tains and plains.  
as I ply the star-ry sea,  
hail the great winds urg-ing me on,

E A/E

Far a-way from the rol-ling o-cean  
lean-ing o-ver the edge in won-der,  
greet the in-fi-nite sea be-fore me,

E A/E E

still my dry land heart can say:  
cast-ing ques-tions in-to the deep.  
sing the sky my sai-lor's song:

Blue Boat Home - 3

G#m C#m7 F#m7 B7sus4 B7/A

I've been sail - ing all my life — now,  
Drift - ing here with my ship's com - pan - ions,  
I was born — up - on the fath - oms,

G#m AM7 F#m7 Bsus4 B

nev - er har - bor or port have I known. The  
all we kin - dred pil - grim souls,  
nev - er har - bor or port have I known. The

E A/E E Bsus4 B/A

wide un - i - verse — is the o - cean I tra - vel —  
mak - ing our way — by the lights of the hea - vens —  
wide u - ni - verse — is the o - cean I tra - vel, —



Blue Boat Home - 4

E/G# A(add9) Bsus4 B(add11) 1, 2  
E

and the earth\_ is my\_ blue boat home.\_\_\_\_  
in our beau - ti-ful\_ blue boat home.\_\_\_\_  
and the earth\_ is my\_ blue boat

A/E 3  
E

home.\_\_\_\_

A/E E A/E E

rit.

The musical score is written for a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line consists of three systems of music. The first system has four measures with lyrics: 'and the earth\_ is my\_ blue boat home.\_\_\_\_', 'in our beau - ti-ful\_ blue boat home.\_\_\_\_', and 'and the earth\_ is my\_ blue boat'. The piano accompaniment for the first system has four measures, with the first three measures being eighth-note patterns and the fourth measure being a sustained chord. The second system has two measures with lyrics: 'home.\_\_\_\_'. The piano accompaniment for the second system has two measures, with the first measure being a sustained chord and the second measure being a quarter-note pattern. The third system has four measures with lyrics: 'home.\_\_\_\_'. The piano accompaniment for the third system has four measures, with the first three measures being eighth-note patterns and the fourth measure being a sustained chord. The guitar chords are indicated above the vocal line: E/G# for the first measure, A(add9) for the second, Bsus4 for the third, B(add11) for the fourth, and E for the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth measures. The piano accompaniment is written for the left and right hands. The right hand plays chords and single notes, while the left hand plays eighth-note patterns and sustained chords. The tempo is marked 'rit.' (ritardando) in the third system.



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**Please Pray For:** Susan Pereira, 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 8, 2025**

The **Annual Program Year Meeting** of the Wilbraham United Church will be held this morning immediately following worship in the Sanctuary to transact the following business:

- Vote on the 2024-2025 Annual Reports
- Vote on the 2025-2026 Leadership Nominations
- Act on any other business properly brought before the Meeting

The Meeting will be followed by lunch in Fellowship Hall.

Nan Shepard, Clerk

Our Discipleship Team is sponsoring a **clothing drive** to benefit residents of Christina's House. They are in immediate need for spring and summer clothing for a boy size 2T and a girl size 2T as well as a boy youth size 8 tops and 10 bottoms. They are also in need of women's summer clothes, sizes small, medium, large and extra-large in new or "like-new" condition. We've also been notified that they have a need for Men's XL tops and tops size 10 boys as well, women's 1x leggings, and women's scrubs size Small Med & Large. Discipleship will have a marked container near the shopping cart for donations until June 8th. If you would instead like to donate funds for the purchase of children's clothing or purchase a Shopping Card for Target or Old Navy (which we have in stock!) to donate, Discipleship will be happy to accept those donations!



*Through many years the families and friends of deceased church members have established scholarships in their names. We presently have scholarships named for the Byam, Cohn, Dinnie, Flathers, Fountain, Green, Howes, Neelans and Vieira families.*

**Derek Beston** will be a freshman at Holyoke Community College. At Minnechaug he was always involved in the music program. In his senior year he was a member of the Honors Wind Ensemble and the Marching Band. In 2023 he received the Rotary Youth Leadership Award. He is currently a member of the Confirmation Class at church.

Derek is receiving the Fountain and Green Scholarships.

**Chris Capen** will be a sophomore at the University of St. Joseph, majoring in Health Science. His goal is to become a Physician's Assistant. He is a member of the swimming and diving team at college, and was chosen to be a captain in the fall. He is also a member of the Young Adult Fellowship Group at church.

Chris is receiving the Byam and Dinnie Scholarships.

**Zachary Capen** begins his senior year in the fall at the University of Rhode Island, majoring in Supply Chain Management. This summer he will be an Intern with T.J. Maxx for the second year. He has been an active member of the Swim Club at college and qualified for and participated in the National Championships this year.

Zachary is receiving the Howes Scholarship.

**Reese Jordan** will be a junior in Nursing at Westfield State University. She is an Honors Member of the Nursing Club there. She also tutors and does some substitute teaching. Reese was a Camp Nurses' Aide and a volunteer for the Town of Wilb Rec Program last year.

Reese is receiving the Cohn, Neelans, and Flathers Scholarships.

All of the scholarship recipients are receiving funds from the Vieira Scholarship Fund.

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

**Sunday, June 8, 2025**

**10:00 a.m. –Worship**

**11:15 a.m. – Annual Meeting**

**11:30 a.m. - Celebration Sunday**

**Cookout (FH)**

**2:30 p.m. – Al Anon (FH)**

**Monday, June 9, 2025**

**Church Office 8:30 – 1:30**

**7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)**

**Tuesday, June 10, 2025**

**Church Office 8:30 – 1:30**

**2:00 p.m. – Bible Study (ZR)**

**7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)**

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

**Church Office 11:00 – 2:00**

**11:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting**

**Thursday, June 12, 2025**

**Church Office 8:30 – 1:30**

**6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)**

**Friday, June 13, 2025**

**Church Office closed**

**Saturday, June 14, 2025**

**Church Office closed**

**9:00 a.m. – WUP (FH)**

**Sunday, June 15, 2025**

**10:00 a.m. –Worship**

**11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (ZR)**

**5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)**



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/](http://wilbrahamunitedchurch.org/vacation-bible-camp/)**

## READ IT

This week's Bible story is

### The Holy Spirit

from Acts 2:1-4, 36-42.



Day of  
Pentecost

#### God's Holy Spirit fires people up to tell the world about Jesus!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Disciples
- Flames
- Speaking
- Peter
- Wind
- Pentecost

Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Christian Church. The gift was God's Spirit, poured out on everyone!

#### Read the whole story together in the Bible!

*Spark Story Bible* pages 502-503

*Spark Bible* pages 1204-1206

## TALK ABOUT IT



### Family Conversations

- 1 Can you think of a time when wind did something amazing?
- 2 If you could go back in time, would you have wanted to be at that first Pentecost? Why or why not?
- 3 How do you know when God's Spirit is guiding you?
- 4 Pentecost celebrates different languages and cultures — God loves them all! Play a game in which one person in your family reads the word "Hello!" in different languages. (There are many books and online dictionaries to help with this.) Everyone else can guess what language is being used.



### Eye Spark

When you light a candle and see the flame, think of it as God's Spirit hanging out right there with you.



### Ear Spark

Next time you hear the wind, think of it as God's Spirit blowing through the world.

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## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Have a birthday party for the Christian Church. Include as many red things as you can, because red is the color of Pentecost. Serve birthday cake, drink red punch, and blow up red balloons. Play games like Pin the Flame on the Disciple's Head. Build a bonfire or fly kites to celebrate the symbols of God's Spirit. Consider making a special gift of time or money to your congregation. Invite others to join you! Don't forget to sing "Happy Birthday!"

### For younger kids

Wear red to help you remember God's Spirit is always with you!

### For older kids

What do you suppose that first Pentecost looked like? Try your hand at a graphic novel format to show and tell this story.

