



Fun Sunday

August 3, 2025





Wilbraham United Church

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

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August 3, 2025

8th 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: I Sing the Mighty Power of God

arr. C. Berry

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME

***GATHERING HYMN #152 (UMH)**

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alan Druckenmiller

Liturgist: The Lord creates the mighty storms that move us and mold us and make us ready to follow in the ways of the Divine. God gives us the tools to persevere and to serve the Lord with our whole being.

People: God provides what we need and fills us with good things. The Lord makes us glad to open our hearts and to serve the Lord with gladness. Thanks be to God

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, We offer a prayer of thanks for the gifts that you bring; that fill our lives with hope, that make us strong, and that prepare us for the journey ahead. We depend on you, Oh Lord, to guide our way and to show us again and again that you do not leave us alone. Come to us and be with us as we offer up our prayers and praise, in the worship of you this day. 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

Ecclesiastes 2: 24-26

There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink and find enjoyment in their toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he gives the work of gathering and heaping, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

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 12: 13 - 21

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Communion Meditation

Rev. Janet

***HYMN # 620 (UMH) verse 1 & 2**

One Bread, One Body

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Here I Am, Lord

Shelly Capen and Deb Trimble

arr. L. Larson

***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
Prayer of Thanksgiving

***PARTING HYMN #624 (UMH)**

Bread of the World

***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: 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*

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind

Music Director: Roberta Morkin

Technical and Artistic Director: Deb Trimble

Ushers: John Colkos, Kim Ryan

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Please Pray For: Susan Pereira, Theresa Munn, Terry Nelson, 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 August 3, 2025

Thank you to everyone who volunteered or donated to our annual **Vacation Bible Camp**! Thanks to you, almost 30 children along with 54 volunteers enjoyed a wonderful week filled with fun, learning and music as we explored who are the Messengers of God and how we can all be messengers as well!

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)

Shopping Cards will be available after the service this morning in the Office.

Our **Fun Sundays** continue!

- Today - Tropical Sunday- wear tropical clothes. “Jesus is our rock”, rock decorating during our church service for children in Fellowship Hall after Moments for Children. Rocks will be placed near our Memorial garden. Special treat after the service
- August 31st - Wear your Favorite T-Shirt Sunday. Kids bring a prewashed plain white T-shirt to decorate for Homecoming Sunday. Make your own Sundaes

This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Sunday, August 3, 2025

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (ZR)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

Monday, August 4, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

2:00 p.m. – Bible Study (ZR)

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

11:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

Thursday, August 7, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)

Friday, August 8, 2025

Church Office closed

Saturday, August 9, 2025

Church Office closed

Sunday, August 10, 2025

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (ZR)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

SUMMER PLANS

Worship Time Remains at 10 AM

Staff Vacations (plan accordingly!)

- Bobbie August 18 through August 24
- Dave will be out August 8 - 14



Blessing Box



Hunger doesn't take a summer vacation!

We've seen an uptick in the demand on the Blessing Box in the last few weeks. Please remember the Box when you are at the grocery store!

Items most in need:

Pasta Sauce & Pasta

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Cereal

Mayonaisse

Granola Bars