



# Wilbraham United Church

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

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**September 21, 2025**

**15th Sunday after Pentecost**

**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 service, everyone is invited to our time of refreshments and friendship 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: How Beautiful

Bells: Festive Celebration

arr. J. Carter

K. McChesney

## **WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

### **WELCOME**

**\*GATHERING HYMN #428 (UMH)**

*For the Healing of the Nations*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Marge Trimble**

Liturgist: We praise God for bringing us together this morning and for hearing our prayers and praise. May God's love flow through us as we worship with open hearts and may the grace of the Lord offer us mercy and good fruits, that we might be sustained for the journey.

**People: We do not fully comprehend the workings of the Lord, or hope to achieve the Lord's wisdom and wonder, but we trust that our striving will be pleasing to the One who bears us forward and loves us all the more. Thanks be to God.**

## **UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Holy God, We come to you because we desire to know you better, and because you touch something deep within us, something that needs to be made whole. We come to you because we want you to reveal yourself to us, to fill us with your Spirit, and to lift our hearts with words of joy. Sweep over us with your presence and let us know that in all times, you really do never leave us alone. Amen**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE # 2029 (TFWS)**

*Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's servants.  
Blessed be the name of our God now and ever.  
From the rising of the sun may the Lord be praised.  
Praise to the Name of the Lord!*

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOMENTS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Amos 8: 4-7**

Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**I Timothy 2: 1-7**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

**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**

*Breath of God, Breath of Peace, Breath of love, Breath of life,  
Breath of justice, Breath of passion,  
Breath creating, Breath of healing, Breath of singing, Breath of praying,  
Come upon us, come restore us, come inspire us, Breath of God.*

### **GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 16: 1-13**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **SERMON**

*Pleasing God*

Rev. Janet

**\*HYMN #451 (UMH)**

*Be Thou My Vision*

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Be Still  
Chancel Choir

K. Marrolli

### \*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.  
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

### \*Prayer of Dedication

### \*PARTING HYMN #103 (UMH)

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

### \*FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

### \*BENEDICTION

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

*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: Tongues of Fire (Pentecost Dance)

A.V. Fedak

**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:** Deb Trimble

**Ushers:** Bill Lynch, Tom Toman

**Liturgist:** Marge Trimble

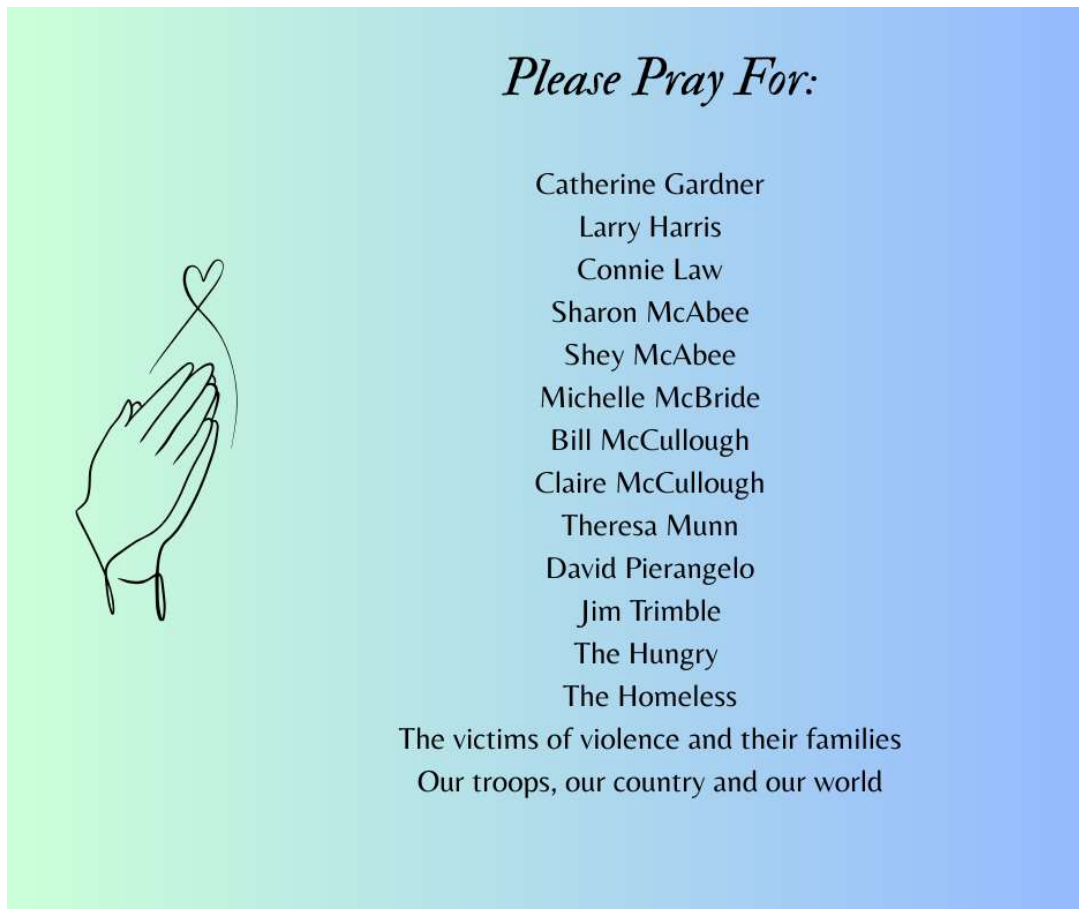
**Greeter:** Gennie Keddy

*The flowers this morning are given by Poppy Nelson in memory of loved ones in heaven.*

## **Wilbraham United Church Staff**

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*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.*



*Please Pray For:*

Catherine Gardner  
Larry Harris  
Connie Law  
Sharon McAbee  
Shey McAbee  
Michelle McBride  
Bill McCullough  
Claire McCullough  
Theresa Munn  
David Pierangelo  
Jim Trimble  
The Hungry  
The Homeless  
The victims of violence and their families  
Our troops, our country and our world

## **“News for the Pews” for the Week of September 21, 2025**

Sign up sheets for the daily **Pumpkin Patch** shifts beginning October 5 are on the hallway bulletin board. Please consider signing up for a 2-hour shift(s) during October so that we can make sure our Pumpkin Patch is thoroughly staffed. Pumpkins are being delivered on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> and we could also use help with unloading the truck and setting up the Patch! Any questions, see Deb.



Our **Piece Makers** quilting group is looking for new folks to join them. The Piece Makers ministry is focused on making quilts to be donated to the Pediatric patients at Baystate Hospital.

If you enjoy quilting or sewing or have always wanted to learn how, the Piece Makers would love to have you join them.

Piece Makers meets on Monday mornings at 10 AM. First meeting will be October 6th.

If you have questions please reach out to Jo Miner ([lpminer@msn.com](mailto:lpminer@msn.com)).



**Date Change!!**

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

### ***Sunday, September 21, 2025***

**10:00 a.m. –Worship**

**11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)**

**4:00 p.m. –Confirmation Class (ZR)**

**5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)**

### ***Monday, September 22, 2025***

*Church Office 8:30 –2:30*

**7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)**

### ***Tuesday, September 23, 2025***

*Church Office 8:30 –2:30*

**8:30 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast Group**

**2:00 p.m. – Bible Study (ZR)**

**4:00 p.m. – Fellowship Comm**

**5:30 p.m. – Discipleship Comm (ZR)**

**7:00 p.m. – Search Comm. (Lib)**

### ***Wednesday, September 24, 2025***

*Church Office 11:00 –2:00*

**11:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting**

**6:30 p.m. - Scouts**

### ***Thursday, September 25, 2025***

*Church Office 8:30 – 1:30*

**6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)**

**7:00 p.m. – Bell Choir (Sanc)**

**8:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Sanc)**

### ***Friday, September 26, 2025***

*Church Office closed*

### ***Saturday, September 27, 2025***

*Church Office closed*

### ***Sunday, September 28, 2025***

**10:00 a.m. –Worship**

**11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)**

**5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)**

**WILBRAHAM UNITED CHURCH**

# **Pumpkin**

# **Patch**

**OPENS OCTOBER 5TH**

**MONDAY THRU SATURDAY**

**10-6**

**SUNDAY 12-6**

**THROUGH OCTOBER 31ST**

Pick your  
perfect  
pumpkin!



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