



September 7, 2025



Wilbraham United Church

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

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September 7, 2025

13th 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, 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: He Hideth My Soul

arr. L. Larson

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME

***GATHERING HYMN #139(UMH)**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Mantler

Liturgist: We rejoice in this day of the Lord. We give thanks that we can celebrate our coming together in faith and fellowship. May Christ inhabit our hearts and be at home in us.

People: We cherish this day and we worship our Maker. We celebrate this day of homecoming. Thanks be to God

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal God, You give us many reasons to rejoice in the days before us. You fill us in bountiful ways and you show yourself in love and in blessing. As we worship you this day, help us to be mindful of all the mysterious workings that you fill us with, and all the ways that you ignite the spirit within us. Come to us and help us to honor you in the works that we do and in the love that we share. 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

Genesis 6: 1-4

When people began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that they were fair, and they took wives for themselves of all that they chose. Then the Lord said, “My spirit shall not abide in mortals forever, for they are flesh; their days shall be one hundred twenty years.” The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went in to the daughters of humans, who bore children to them. These were the heroes that were of old, warriors of renown.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 12: 7-9

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

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 12: 22 - 28

Then they brought to him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and he cured him, so that the one who had been mute could speak and see. All the crowds were amazed and were saying, "Can this be the Son of David?" But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons, that this man casts out the demons." He knew what they were thinking and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how, then, will his kingdom stand? If I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."

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

For the Fruit of All Creation
Alan Druckenmiller

F. Green, L. Emerson

***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 #558** (*UMH verses 1-4*)

We Are the Church

***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: Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

arr. R. Blake

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 flowers on the altar this morning are given by Sandy and Larry Harris in celebration of their grandson’s birthdays.

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind

Guest Musician: Marcia Jackson

Ushers: Skip Dearborn, April Beston

Liturgist: Bob Mantler

Greeter: Joyce Emerle

Communion: Bill Lynch, Sandy Harris

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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

Theresa Munn

the Nelson Family

David Pierangelo

Susan Pereira

Jim Trimble

Marilyn

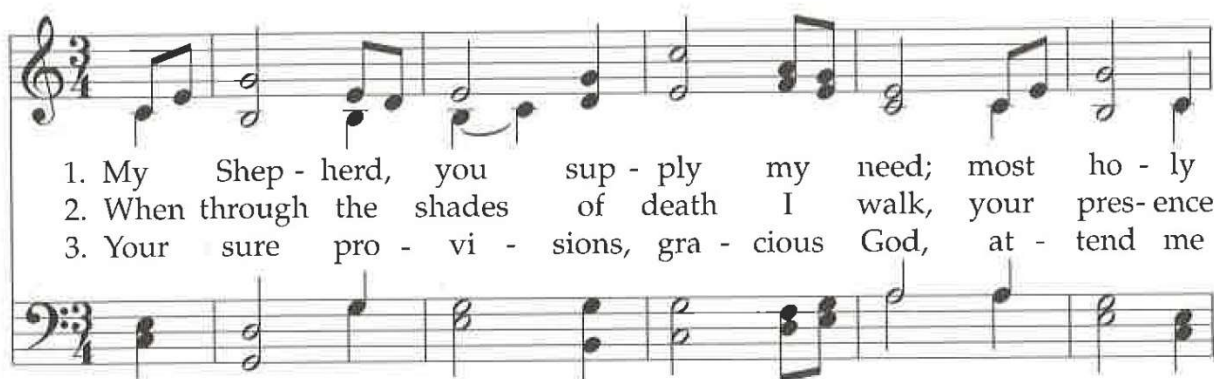
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The Homeless

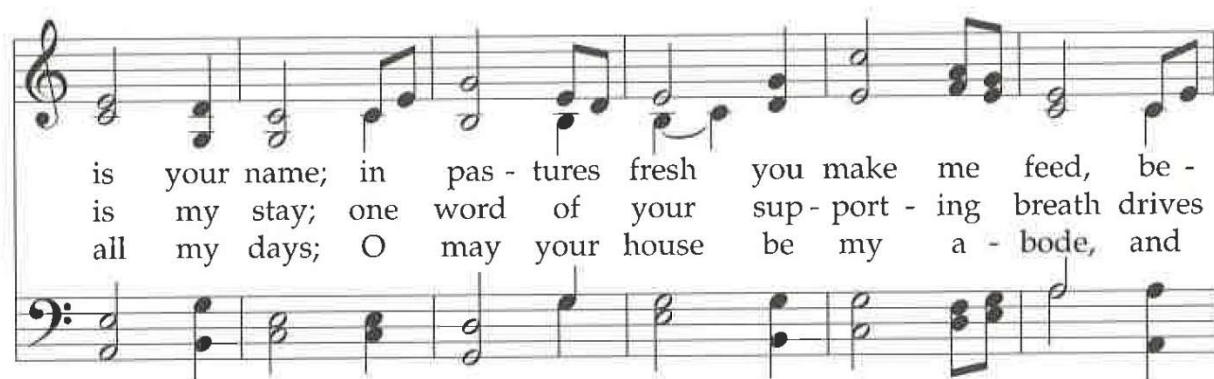
The victims of violence and their families

Our troops, our country and our world

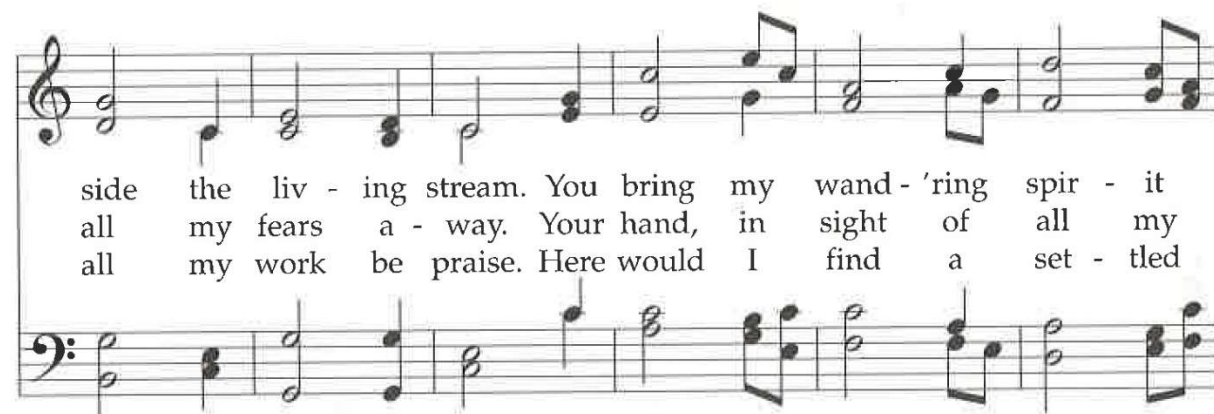
My Shepherd, You Supply My Need



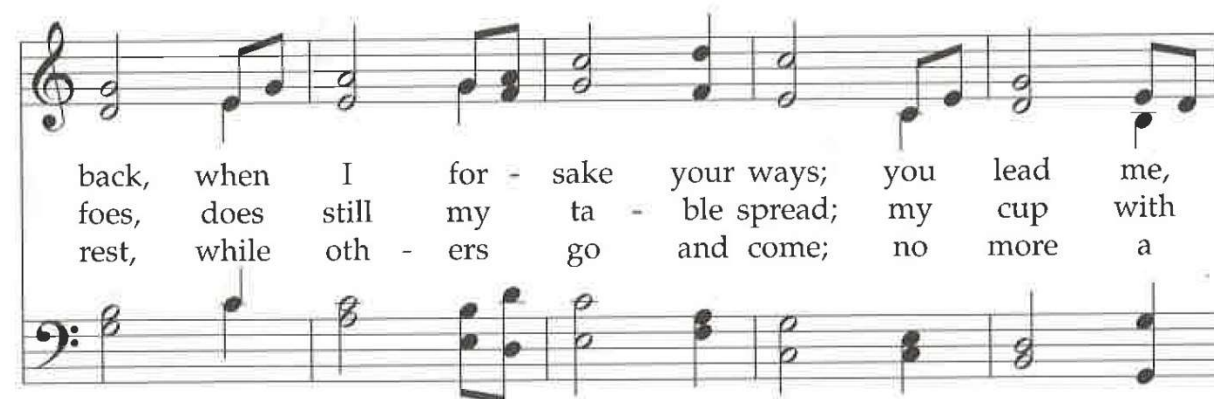
1. My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly
 2. When through the shades of death I walk, your pres - ence
 3. Your sure pro - vi - sions, gra - cious God, at - tend me



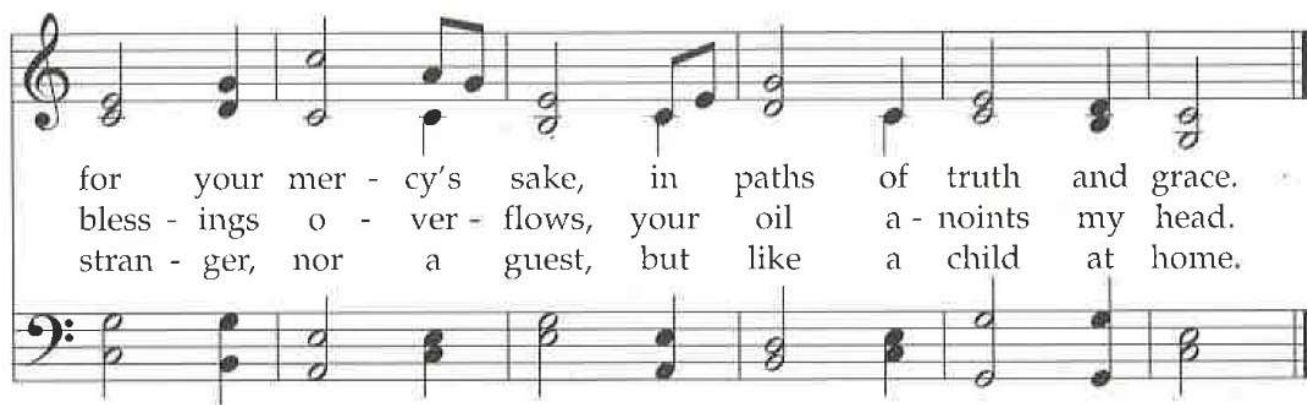
is your name; in pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be -
 is my stay; one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives
 all my days; O may your house be my a - bode, and



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



“News for the Pews” for the Week of September 7, 2025

In Lieu of Mums

An ACTS Fundraiser

This is the time of year when our church would usually be supporting the Action Centered Tutoring Services organization through their annual MUM sale.

Checks made payable to ACTS and cash donations will be collected by Andrea Stephenson on Sept 7 & 14



Online donations can be made on the ACTS website



The ACTS Mum Sale grower had a devastating fire in March and there will be no flower sale this year. (The sales represented 20% of ACTS operating budget.) Each fall the Mum Sale helped launch the tutoring service programs. Despite this setback, they are about to begin their 40th consecutive year with 6 sites providing free, after-school tutoring to the elementary school children of Springfield. In the past, WUC has contributed over \$800 in Mum purchases to this important fundraiser.

Please consider donating what you might have purchased in the past (or perhaps more) to help ACTS recover these lost revenues. Your gifts can be considered a charitable donation since ACTS is a 501 (c) 3 charity. Gifts can be made in cash or check made out to ACTS. Please complete a donor form (available in the Narthex or from Andrea) so that ACTS has a record of your gift and to enable them to send you a proper thank you. Donations can be given to Andrea Stephenson who will collect them on Sundays through September 14th. Credit cards are also accepted on the ACTS website www.acts86.org/donate.



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).



This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Sunday, September 7, 2025

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

Monday, September 8, 2025

Church Office 8:30 –2:30

5:00 p.m. – Phys Ops Mtg (ZR)

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Church Office 8:30 –2:30

8:30 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast Mtg

2:00 p.m. – Bible Study (ZR)

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Church Office 10:30 –1:30

1:00 p.m. - Called to Care (Lib)

Thursday, September 11, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)

Friday, September 12, 2025

Church Office closed

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Church Office closed

Sunday, September 14, 2025

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)

2:00 p.m. –Mini Golf Open at Fenway Golf

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)



*Now that summer has ended
and we are back to the new
program year*

Have you checked to make sure your pledge is up-to-date?

Typically, during the summer, giving dwindles down as folks take time off. However, our church expenses continue without a break. So please check on your pledge status. If you need a current Giving Statement just let Deb know.