



Wilbraham United Church

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

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November 2, 2025

21st 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: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

arr. L. Larson

Bells: Festive Day

C. Moglebust

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME

***GATHERING HYMN #711 verses 1-4 (UMH)**

For All the Saints

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marge Trimble

Liturgist: The Lord receives us, not according to our failings, but according to God's overflowing grace. We are swept away by the work of our Maker, and we sing with joy before the Lord.

People: The Lord inspires us to act in the world with conviction, that the love of the Divine One is more powerful than anything and cannot be quenched by evil's ways. We are called to be people of the light and to live in the glory of the One who made us. Thanks be to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy Spirit, in your presence we are awakened to fuller dimensions of faith. When we worship, when we pray, we seek clarity in what you desire from us as we move forward in the everyday. We depend on your great mercy and love to see us through our challenging times, and to lift us up so that we do not fall too far. Help us to appreciate all the patterns

and turnings of life, and to trust in the mysterious plan that holds us close in your tender care. 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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 149

Liturgist: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

People: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

Liturgist: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

People: Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

Liturgist: Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron, to execute on them the judgment decreed.

People: This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 1: 11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 6: 20-31

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Communion Meditation

Rev. Janet

***HYMN #629 verses 1-4(UMH)**

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Simple Gifts

Chancel Choir

arr. H. Hopson

***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**

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 #708 (UMH)**

Rejoice in God's Saints

***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: For All the Saints

arr. J. Mansfield

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 Elsie Trimble in memory of her grandfather Leopoldo and her sister Criza.

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind

Music Director: Roberta Morkin

Technical: Deb Trimble

Ushers: Bill Lynch and Tom Toman

Liturgist: Marge Trimble

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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.*



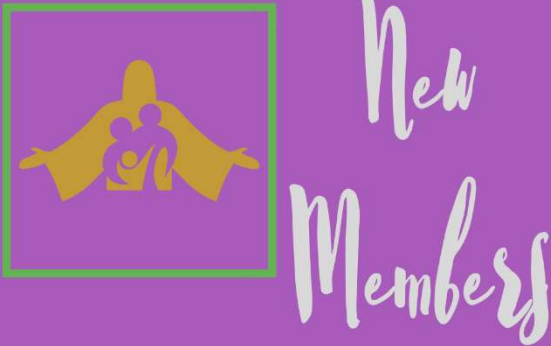
Please Pray For:

Catherine Gardner
Larry Harris
Connie Law
Sharon McAbee
Shey McAbee
Michelle McBride
Bill McCullough
Claire McCullough
Theresa Munn
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 November 2, 2025

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the **Pumpkin Patch!** This project earned over \$3700 for the church. Job well done!



New Members

New Members will be received into the congregation on
Sunday November 23

Anyone interested in becoming a church member should
speak with Rev. Janet prior to that date.



5 Golden Rings

A Greeting Card
Channel Holiday
Musical

Book by Stephen Garvey
Music & Lyrics by David Abhinanti

Performances
November 28 - December 7, 2025

Fellowship Hall Stage at
Wilbraham United Church
500 Main St
Wilbraham, MA
wilbrahamunitedplayers.org

A Wilbraham United Players Production

What brings you here to Wilbraham United Church? Is it the spiritual need or draw that brings you here? Or is it the welcoming community? Do you come to Wilbraham United Church to nourish your soul? To hear the Word of God? We are all part of this community of faith, and we are the better for it.

There are many definitions of “pledging” but here are a few:

- Pledging transforms financial or other giving into a regular spiritual act, reinforcing God’s priority in one’s life.
- The act of pledging helps individuals deepen their faith, trust, and connection with God.
- Pledging signifies unwavering loyalty, respect, and dedication to God and God’s Word.
- Pledging is a solemn promise, with serious intent and made from the heart.

Pledging is a written commitment to provide financial support to Wilbraham United Church to continue with activities that reinforce our faith and involve our community – both inside and outside our walls. Pledging allows us to pay our daily operating costs for Christian Education supplies, heat, electricity, salaries, maintenance, etc. We know how much it costs to run a house and this house, our House of God, is no different.

If this is the first time filling out a pledge card, congratulations! You’ve joined countless others since 1913 when this church was created by combining the United Church of Christ (UCC) and the United Methodist denominations. You are now part of a community who care about the teaching of God and care about each other.

If this is not the first time filling out a pledge card, thank you. Thank you for your pledge and commitment to this church in the past, present and future. Your pledge ensures that Wilbraham United Church will be able to provide faith-based meaningful interactions for all ages for years to come.

Wilbraham United Church is the place that gives us spiritual wellness. It’s the place that fills our souls and makes us feel blessed. God has given us many blessings. God brought us here. We can show our gratefulness by making a pledge to Wilbraham United Church.

We are collecting pledge cards during the church service on November 9th, Stewardship Sunday. If you would prefer, you may mail the pledge card to the church or drop it off during business hours. We hope to have all the pledge cards returned to us by November 9.

Thank you.

Victoria Owen
Fellowship & Stewardship Commission Chair

This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Sunday, November 2, 2025

10:00 a.m. –Worship
11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)
5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)
7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

Monday, November 3, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30
10:00 a.m. – Piece Makers
7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)
6:30 P.M. - Confirmation Music
(Sanc)
7:30 p.m. – Praise Band (Sanc)

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 2:30
2:00 p.m. -Bible Study (ZR)
6:30 p.m. – Search Comm (ZR)
7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Church Office 10:30 – 2:30
1:30 p.m. – Staff Meeting
5:00 p.m. -Preschool Open House
6:30 p.m. – Scouts
7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

Thursday, November 6, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30
6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)
6:00 p.m. – Handbell Workshop
(Sanc)
7:00 p.m. – Bell Choir (Sanc)
8:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Sanc)

Friday, November 7, 2025

Church Office closed
Saturday, November 8, 2025

Church Office closed
9:00 a.m. – WUP (FH)
Sunday, November 9, 2025
10:00 a.m. –Worship
11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)
5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)
7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)