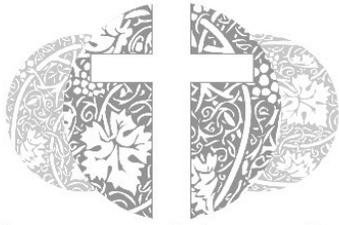




*Palm
Sunday*

March 29, 2026



Wilbraham United Church
"I am the vine, you are the branches."

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Palm Sunday

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.*

UMH – The "red" United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS – The "small black" book Faith We Sing Hymnal

GATHERING MUSIC

Piano: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. M. McDonald

Bells: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

arr. D.E. Wagner

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME

Rev. Janet

***GATHERING HYMN #280 (UMH)**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marty Lyman

Liturgist: Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest! We know that Christ is with us, calling us to follow him, calling us to be bold in our love and in our mercy. Christ is indeed with us.

People: We know that Christ is in our midst and he has done great things for us. We shout out our Hosannas to the Lord with gratitude and with love. Thanks be to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Merciful God, Today is a triumphant day with palms waving, and with the knowledge that Jesus has entered our lives in a magnificent and powerful way. We are made glad by the majesty of his coming, but we know that Jesus' journey will lead to the pain and sorrow of the cross. Be with us this day as we follow our Lord through humiliation and exultation, martyrdom and resurrection. Remind us in our own lives that Christ has come to us and he will come to us again. Amen

*** SONG OF PRAISE #280 - Refrain (UMH)**

*All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

***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

Isaiah 50:4-9a

“The Lord God has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?”

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2:5-11

“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

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 #2200 (TFWS)

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come, and listen to me.*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11

“When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Palm Sunday Meditation

Rev. Janet

***HYMN #278 (UMH)**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Hosanna to the Son of David
Chancel Choir

L. Shackley

***Doxology #298 (UMH) vs. 4**

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

*Prayer of Dedication

***PARTING HYMN #140 (UMH)**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #666 (UMH)**

*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH

Organ: Postlude on "Thaxted"

arr. 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.*

The altar flowers this morning are given by the Lyman and Ryan families In loving memory of Eleanor and Robert Welch.

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind

Music Director: Roberta Morkin

Technical: Deb Trimble

Ushers: Bill Lynch, Tom Toman

Liturgist: Marty Lyman

Greeter: 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.*

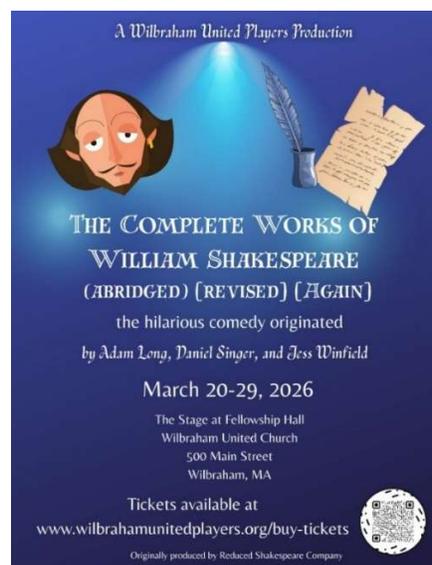
Please Pray For:



The Family of Andre Stebenne
Catherine Gardner
The Harris Family
Connie Law
Sharon McAbee
Shey McAbee
Michelle McBride
Bill McCullough
Claire McCullough
Ed McCorkindale
Jean Michon
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 March 29, 2026

The Discipleship Team is collecting candy for our Annual **Easter Egg Hunt**. Candy should be individually wrapped and the size that will fit into a small plastic easter egg. Candy donations can be dropped off at the church during office hours or on Sunday morning. Candy will be needed by Sunday March 29th



This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Sunday, March 29, 2026

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (ZR)

1:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

Monday, March 30, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

10:00 a.m. – Piece Makers

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

8:30 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast

2:00 p.m. – Bible Study (ZR)

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

11:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. -Phys Ops (ZR)

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday
Service

Friday, April 3, 2026

Church Office closed

12:00 p.m. – Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 4, 2026

Church Office closed

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (ZR)

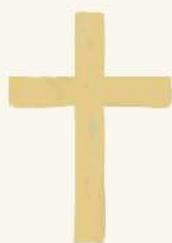
5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

Pancake Supper and Community Service Project



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN AND
COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSEMBLING VARIOUS
HYGIENE KITS TO SUPPORT
CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

WILBRAHAM UNITED CHURCH
APRIL 11TH 5PM-6PM



Wilbraham United Church

Holy Week Schedule

March 29 - Palm Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

April 2 - Maundy Thursday Worship 7 p.m.

April 3 - Good Friday Worship 12 noon

April 5 - Easter Worship 10 a.m.

All are welcome! All are invited!

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