



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

Wilbraham United Church

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

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April 12, 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter

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: Now the Green Blade Riseth

arr. M. Hayes

Bells: Morning Has Broken

arr. L. Larson (ASCAP)

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME

Rev. Janet

***GATHERING HYMN #304 (UMH)**

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim Timpson

Liturgist: Our God is the Maker of New Beginnings. We rejoice in the hope which God has created, that we may live in the confidence of eternal life.

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Through our Creator's power, the wondrous transition from death to life has happened. Jesus has risen to new life. He has opened the door and welcomed us through. Thanks be to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, We give you thanks for the depth of your love for us and for all your creation. You continually reveal to us your deep compassion by offering your son for the price of our salvation. We stand in awe of the breadth of your grace, and the limitlessness of your power. Come to us and guide us towards a resurrection life. And hear our prayer, Oh God, that we may continue to grow in our faith and may we ever strive for a closer connection to the risen Christ. Amen

***SONG OF PRAISE # 2284 (FWS)**

*There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,
There'll be joy in the morning on that day.*

***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

Psalm 16

“Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.” As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight. Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being

protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

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 # 186 (UMH)

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

“When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side.

Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.”

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

After Easter

Rev. Janet

***HYMN #311 (UMH)**

Now the Green Blade Riseth

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Alleluia! I Will Sing
Chancel Choir

D.E. Waggoner

***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

***PARTING HYMN #327 (UMH)**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

***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: Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. M. McDonald

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 Timpsons In memory of loved ones.

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind

Music Director: Roberta Morkin

Technical: Deb Trimble

Ushers: The Ridgeways

Liturgist: Tim Timpson

Greeter: Gennie Keddy



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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 April 12, 2026

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



Save the Date!

WILBRAHAM UNITED CHURCH'S

Vacation Bible Camp

Anchor's Aweigh!

August 3-7 • 9AM - 12PM

For Kids Ages 4 through 5th Grade!



This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Sunday, April 12, 2026

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

Monday, April 13, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

10:00 a.m. – Piece Makers

7:00 p.m. – WUP Board (FH)

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

8:30 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast

2:00 p.m. – Bible Study (ZR)

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

11:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Scouts

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

9:20 a.m. – Loaves & Fishes

6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)

7:00 p.m. – Bell Choir (Sanc)

8:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Sanc)

Friday, April 17, 2026

Church Office closed

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Church Office closed

Sunday, April 19, 2026

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)