



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 19, 2026

3rd 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: Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise

arr. L. Shackley

Bells: Morning Has Broken

arr. L. Larson

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME

Rev. Janet

***GATHERING HYMN #312 (UMH)**

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Mantler

Liturgist: We are gathered here in the presence of God who makes life in abundance, and who remains with us forever. We abide in the love of Jesus, who is the maker of peace and the giver of our salvation.

People: We sing out our praises to God for the life which is given to us, for the joy of the Spirit, and for love everlasting. Thanks be to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, Our hearts rejoice with the awareness that Christ is with us, guiding our way and showing us how to love boldly and live generously. Do not leave us, we pray, but help us to continue walking in the way of Christ. Help us to not lose our way, but bind us to yourself and empower us to witness, with courage, the amazing workings of the Divine amongst us. 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 116: 1-4, 12-19

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord, "O Lord, I pray, save my life!" What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord; I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 1: 17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

Luke 24: 13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body

there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Recognition

Rev. Janet

***HYMN #2084 (TFWS)**

Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Seek Ye First
Chancel Choir

arr. D.E. Wagner

***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 #307 (UMH)**

Christ Is Risen

***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: Llanfair

arr. A.L. Travis

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.*

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind

Music Director: Roberta Morkin

Technical: Deb Trimble

Ushers: Poppy Nelson & Marty Lyman

Liturgist: Bob Mantler

Greeter: Joyce Emerle



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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
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 19, 2026



The Finance Commission is organizing a **Church Tag Sale** to coincide with the Town-Wide Tag sale on Saturday May 16th. We'll be gratefully accepting tag sale donations from our church members and friends. Donations may be dropped off in Fellowship Hall in the designated area until Thursday May 14th. Please no clothing or bedding items. (Clothing can be put in the church's clothing donation box in the parking lot!) If you've been cleaning out your collections now is a good time to clean house by donating items to the church! Items do not need to be priced or tagged.

We'll also be looking for a few folks to help out with setting up the sale on the evening of May 14th at 5PM and a few to work the Tag Sale from 8-2 on the 16th. Sign up sheets will be in Fellowship Hall!!

Please mark your calendars! The **Pumpkin Patch delivery date** will be Saturday October 3 at 9 a.m. We'll need many hands to help unload and set up the Patch!

Please be aware that the church's phone system is not currently functioning. We are working on a solution as quickly as possible. The best way to contact the church office is by email. Rev. Janet can be contacted by cell phone.



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 19, 2026

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

Monday, April 20, 2026

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

**11:30 a.m. – Women’s Fellowship
(ZR)**

2:00 p.m. – Bible Study (ZR)

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

11:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Scouts

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

10:30 a.m. – Fellowship Comm.

6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)

7:00 p.m. – Bell Choir (Sanc)

8:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Sanc)

Friday, April 24, 2026

Church Office closed

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Church Office closed

Sunday, April 26, 2026

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)