

*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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**May 3, 2026**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**10:00AM**

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*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: A Shield About Me

Bells: Aria

D. Thomas & C. Williams

C. Dobrinski

## WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

### WELCOME

**Rev. Janet**

**\*GATHERING HYMN #126 (UMH)**

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Ed McCorkindale**

Liturgist: Let us worship the eternal God, who is the Source of Life and the Creator of all. We give thanks for our days which are made full by the Spirit, and for the blessing of life anew, made possible by the Risen One, who lives with us always.

**People: We choose to worship on this holy day with a fierce determination to love our Lord and to follow in the ways of the Divine. Let us trust that the spirit of God and the human spirit flow together in amazing and wondrous ways. And may that joining together prove to be a powerful bond as we journey this life together. Thanks be to God.**

## **UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Holy God, We live and move and have our being in you. And we declare ourselves grateful. We find ourselves compelled to worship you, for all the good that you are, for all the wonders that you do. We thank you for being ever present to us and for filling us by the measure of your grace. And so we worship you with great joy and with the knowledge that you will love us forever. 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**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me; take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**Romans 8:18-25**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

## 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 14:1-14**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*Communion Meditation*

Rev. Janet

\*HYMN #660 (UMH)

*God Is Here*

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES**

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Peace Like a River with Amazing Grace  
Chancel Choir

arr. J. Raney

\*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 #618 (UMH)

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

\*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**

Piano: Joyful Day

M. Hayes

**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.*

*This morning the Altar Flowers are given by Gail Lima in celebration of members who have May birthdays.*



### **MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY**

**Pastor:** Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind

**Music Director:** Roberta Morkin

**Technical:** Deb Trimble

**Ushers:** Kim Ryan & Steven Mattocks

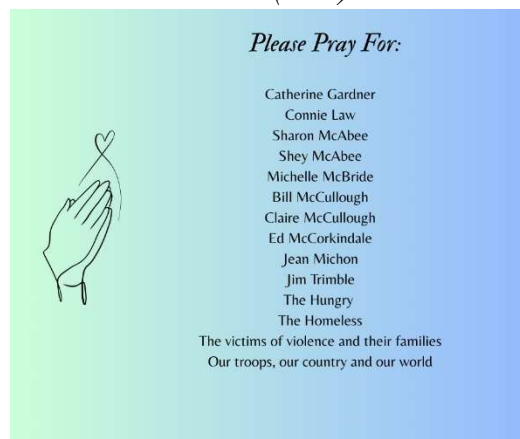
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*If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact Rev. Janet or the Church Office.  
After office hours, Rev. Janet can be reached at (978)350-3463.*



*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 May 3, 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 with setting up the sale on the evening of May 14th at 5PM and a few to work on 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 help support our **Blessing Box**. All non-perishable donations appreciated. The following suggestions seem to go fast: peanut butter, jelly, mayo, tuna, cereals, granola bars, bread, pasta, sauce.

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 5<sup>th</sup> Grade!**



## *This Week at Wilbraham United Church*

### *Sunday, May 3, 2026*

**10:00 a.m. –Worship**

**11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)**

**11:15 a.m. – Junior Choir (MR)**

**5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)**

### *Monday, May 4, 2026*

*Church Office 8:30 – 1:30*

**10:00 a.m. – Piece Makers**

### *Tuesday, May 5, 2026*

*Church Office 8:30 – 1:30*

**2:00 p.m. – Bible Study (ZR)**

### *Wednesday, May 6, 2026*

*Church Office 8:30 – 1:30*

**11:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting**

**6:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)**

**6:30 p.m. – Scouts**

**7:00 p.m. – Phys Ops**

### *Thursday, May 7, 2026*

*Church Office 8:30 – 1:30*

**6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)**

**7:00 p.m. – Bell Choir (Sanc)**

**8:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Sanc)**

### *Friday, May 8, 2026*

*Church Office closed*

### *Saturday, May 9, 2026*

*Church Office closed*

### *Sunday, May 10, 2026*

**10:00 a.m. –Worship**

**11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)**

**5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)**