

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 10, 2026

6th 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: Everlasting Love

Bells: Come, Christians, Join to Sing

L. Larson

arr. J.W. Krug

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME

Rev. Janet

***GATHERING HYMN #160 (UMH) vs. 1-4**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

CALL TO WORSHIP

Karen Gatchell

Liturgist: We gather as God's people discovering our faith and knowing that we are invited into God's presence through our prayers. We know that God works mysteriously in the world, and we are guided in those works through the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: We give thanks that our Gracious God accepts us, listens to us, and embraces us with steadfast love. Thanks be to God

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, We Know that you crafted the whole creation, with all its majesty and wonder. We are awed that you gave birth to the entire human family and brought us into being in your Divine image. You have given us breath and body and inspired us to live in a holy manner. You continue to call us to do as Christ did and serve one another with gladness. Come to us, Dear One, and help us to be witnesses of the Word and proclaimers of the Good News, in every time and place. 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

RESPONSIVE PSALM *p. 790-791 (UMH)*

Psalm 66: 8-20

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 17: 22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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: 17-11

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

God’s Offspring

Rev. Janet

***HYMN #2050 (TFWS)**

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Chancel Choir

arr. J. Leavitt

***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 #384 (UMH)**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

***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: March Nuptiale

W. Sassmannshausen

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 Deb Trimble in celebration of her mother, Marjorie Trimble's birthday.

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind

Music Director: Roberta Morkin

Technical: Deb Trimble

Ushers: Tom Toman & Bill Lynch

Liturgist: Karen Gatchell

Greeters: Gail & Chris Lima




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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 10, 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!!

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Arts and Crafts Fair

June 6, 2026
9AM - 3PM

Volunteers Needed

- Bake Sale
- Vendor assistance
- Raffle
- Refreshments

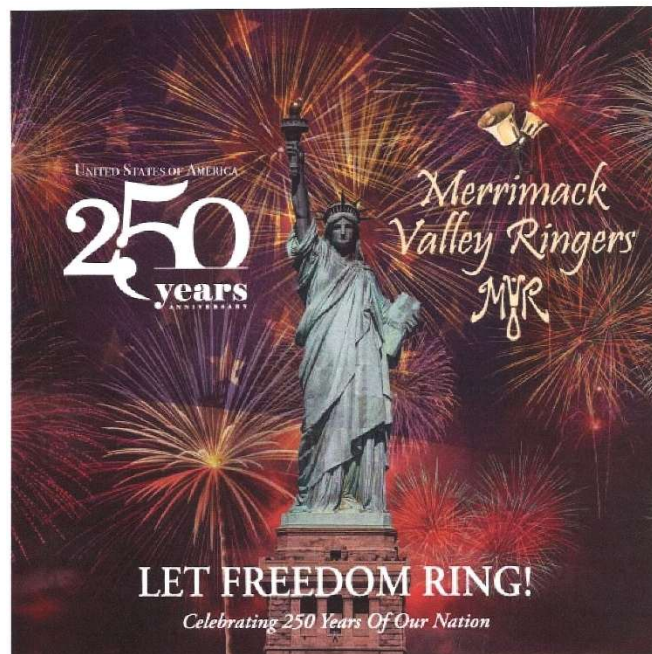
See Deb with questions

Our Annual Arts and Crafts Fair is coming soon! We're looking for Volunteers to help out with Baked Goods for our Bake Sale or to help with setting up the day before and other opportunities the day of the Fair! Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.



It's time to register for Vacation Bible Camp 2026! Registration for both campers and volunteers can be found on the church's website:

www.wilbrahamunitedchurch.org/vacation-bible-camp/



SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026
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Workshop – 12 noon-4:15 pm / Concert – 7:00 pm
500 Main Street • Wilbraham, MA

This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Sunday, May 10, 2026

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

Monday, May 11, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

10:00 a.m. – Piece Makers

7:00 p.m. – WUP Board (FH)

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

8:30 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast

2:00 p.m. – Bible Study (ZR)

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

11:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Scouts

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

10:30 a.m. – Fellowship Comm

5:00 p.m. – Tag Sale Setup (FH)

6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)

7:00 p.m. – Bell Choir (Sanc)

8:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Sanc)

Friday, May 15, 2026

Church Office closed

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Church Office closed

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WUC Tag Sale (FH)

Sunday, May 17, 2026

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)

1:30 p.m. – WUP (FH)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)