



*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 31, 2026**

**Trinity 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: Holy, Holy, Holy (Excerpt)

arr. J.B. Taylor

Bells: Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door

arr. M.W. Joy

## WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

### WELCOME

**\*GATHERING HYMN #64(UMH)**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Marge Trimble**

Liturgist: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary, and I will give you rest.”

**People: We come – tired, hopeful, burdened, and open.**

Liturgist: Not because we have it all together --

**People: But because grace always welcomes us in.**

Liturgist: Let us lay down what weighs us down –

**People: And worship the One who brings peace.**

## **UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION\***

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*\*by James D. Robinson*

## **\*SONG OF PRAISE # 334 (UMH)**

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

## **\*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**

**Patti Colkos**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

A Story of Creation – adapted from Genesis 1

Liturgist: In the beginning, God called forth light from the darkness, and the first day dawned.

**People: And it was good.**

Liturgist: God shaped the sky above and the waters below, giving creation its wide and holy breath.

**People: And it was good.**

Liturgist: God gathered the waters, raised the dry land, and invited the earth to burst with green and growing things.

**People: And it was good.**

Liturgist: God set the sun to rule the day, the moon to guide the night, and scattered the heavens with stars.

**People: And it was good.**

Liturgist: God filled the seas with life, and the sky with wings beating in freedom and delight.

**People: And it was good.**

Liturgist: God brought forth every creature of the land, and shaped humankind in the divine image, breathing into us the breath of life.

**People: And it was very good.**

Liturgist: On the seventh day, God rested, blessing the work of creation and calling all things into Sabbath peace.

**People: And it was very, very good!**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 13:11-13**

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

## **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 # 2193 (TFWS)**

*Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

## **GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 28:16-20**

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*A Wilbraham Trinity*

Rev. Dr. Charles Morkin

**\*HYMN #344 (UMH)**

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES**

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Quiet Faith  
Chancel Choir

H. Sorenson

**\*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 #545 (UMH) vs. 1,2,4,5**

*The Church's One Foundation*

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

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #664 (UMH), verse 2:**

*With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.*

**MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH**

Organ: Recessional in C

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.*

## MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Charles Morkin

**Music Director:** Roberta Morkin

**Technical:** Deb Trimble

**Ushers:** Matt Capen & Steven Mattocks

**Liturgist:** Marge Trimble

**Greeter:** Joyce Emerle



**Rev. Janet Sandquist- Skagerlind:** Pastor (pastor@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org) (413)596-2511 x 103

**Bobbie Morkin:** Music Director (musicdirector@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org) (413)596-2511 x106

**Deb Trimble:** Administrator (admin@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org) (413)596-2511 x100

**David Wapner:** Sexton (wucbuilding@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org) (413)596-2511 x107

*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 31, 2026

Please join us for "**Pizza with Paul**" on Saturday, June 6th, to meet Rev. Paul Nesbit, our candidate for our settled pastor. Drop in any time between 5 and 6:30 in Fellowship Hall.

Please join us for our **Celebration Sunday** service on June 7th. Rev. Paul Nesbit will participate in our service and members will vote on our candidate immediately following this service followed by our Annual meeting.

The **Annual Program Year Meeting** of the Wilbraham United Church will be held June 7, 2026 immediately following worship in the Sanctuary to transact the following business:

- Vote on the 2025-2026 Annual Reports
- Vote on the 2026-2027 Leadership Nominations
- Vote on a Bylaw change as follows:

Article VIII, Section 2, (d)

Current wording: The resignation or removal of a Minister requires sixty (60) days written notice, unless the Minister and Church Council make another arrangement.

Proposed change: The resignation or removal of a Minister requires **ninety (90)** days written notice, unless the Minister and Church Council make another arrangement.

This change is requested to make our By-Laws consistent with the UCC Ministerial Call Agreement wording.

- Act on any other business properly brought before the Meeting

The Meeting will be followed by lunch in Fellowship Hall.

Nan Shepard, Clerk

We are looking for baked goods for our **Arts and Craft fair** on June 6th. They can be dropped off on Friday, June 5th between 4:00 and 5:30 and then again Saturday morning. If you are baking individual items such as cookies, brownies, etc., please prepackage them in zip loc bags. Think about what the quantity should look like priced for \$1.00 per bag. No frosted items please.

On **Thursday June 3**, we will be setting up the large tent for the Arts & Crafts Fair at 5:30. We're looking for a few adult volunteers to help out! If you can assist we will meet on the front lawn of the church.

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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.

**GREEN DAY RECYCLING**

# ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27th, 2026**  
**9:00 AM — 2:00 PM**

Wilbraham United Church • Parking Lot  
500 Main Street, Wilbraham MA

**What You Can Bring/ Cost to You:**

- \$5 EACH** Computer Towers, Laptops, DVD Players, VCR's, Small Printers, Stereos, Radios, Alarm Clocks, Speakers, Video Game Consoles, Table Lamps, Fans, Hair Dryers, Curling Irons, Projectors, Paper Shredders, Power Tools, Drills, Cameras, Clocks, Trophies, Frying Pans, Holiday Lights, Other Small Electronics.
- \$10 EACH** Small Household Appliances, Vacuum Cleaners/Robo, Toaster Ovens, Ceiling Fans, Floor Lamps, Air Fryers, Electric Grills, Hot Plates, Small Radiators, Keyboard Pianos, Coffee Makers, Ice Makers, Small Garbage Disposal, Sewing Machines, Car Seats.
- \$20 EACH** Flat Screen Computer Monitors, Microwaves, Dehumidifiers, Air Conditioners, Water Coolers, Large Printers/Copiers, Leaf Blowers, Chainsaws, Heat Lamps, Artificial Christmas Trees, Fire Extinguishers, Propane Tanks (Empty).
- \$25 EACH** TVs up to 26," CRT Monitors, Outdoor Grills, Dorm Sized Refrigerators
- \$30 EACH** TVs between 26" and 35," White Goods, Washing Machines, Dryers, Stoves, Dishwashers, Large Appliances, Large Yard Equipment, Treadmills, Exercise Equipment, Snow Blowers, Lawn Mowers, Rototillers, Large Generators, Motors, Water Tanks
- \$35 EACH** TVs over 36," Large Refrigerators, Ride-On Lawn Mowers.
- \$40 EACH** Projection TVs

**FREE!** (Cash Donations Appreciated)  
**Bicycles (Reusable), Cell Phones, Keyboards, Tablets, Video Game Media and Accessories, Wires, Cables, Batteries, Chargers, VHS/DVD's.**

**ALL TOWNS WELCOME!**  
**RAIN OR SHINE**  
**Questions, Business Clean Outs or Event Hosting?**  
**Contact:**  
GREENDAYRECYCLINGMA@GMAIL.COM  
GREENDAYRECYCLING.NET

CASH PREFERRED, VENMO, CHECKS (OVER \$30)

**WILBRAHAM UNITED CHURCH'S**  
**Vacation Bible Camp**

# Anchor's Aweigh!

**August 3-7 • 9AM - 12PM**  
**FOR KIDS AGES 4 THROUGH 5TH GRADE!**

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/](http://www.wilbrahamunitedchurch.org/vacation-bible-camp/)

## *This Week at Wilbraham United Church*

### *Sunday, May 31, 2026*

10:00 a.m. –Worship  
11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)  
11:00 a.m. – Junior Choir (CR)  
1:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)  
5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

### *Monday, June 1, 2026*

*Church Office 8:30 – 1:30*

10:00 a.m. -Piecemakers

### *Tuesday, June 2, 2026*

*Church Office 8:30 – 1:30*

7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

### *Wednesday, June 3, 2026*

*Church Office 11:00 – 2:00*

6:30 p.m. – Scouts

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

7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

### *Thursday, June 4, 2026*

*Church Office 8:30 – 1:30*

6:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)

7:00 p.m. – Bell Choir (Sanc)

8:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Sanc)

### *Friday, June 5, 2026*

*Church Office closed*

5:00 p.m. – Arts and Crafts Fair

Set up

6:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

### *Saturday, June 6, 2026*

*Church Office closed*

9:00 a.m. – Arts and Crafts Fair

5:00 p.m. – Pizza with Paul (FH)

### *Sunday, June 7, 2026*

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Annual Meeting

11:30 a.m. – Celebration Luncheon  
(FH)

1:30 p.m. – WUP (FH)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

*Please note Reverend Janet will be on  
vacation between Monday May 25 and  
Monday June 8.*