



Wilbraham United Church

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

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August 2, 2026

10th Sunday after Pentecost

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 in the Sanctuary after worship, everyone is invited to a time of Fellowship in the Zeckhausen Room which is immediately across from the Sanctuary.

**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: God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens (excerpt)

arr. L. Larson

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME

Pastor Julie

***GATHERING HYMN #150 (UMH) verses 1 & 2**

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ed McCorkindale

Liturgist: The Holy One wondrously demonstrates steadfast love. Seek refuge at God's right hand.

People: Let God's love flow through us to bless and to heal.

Liturgist: The Holy One hears the hurts of our lives. Seek justice and righteousness for God's glory on earth.

People: Let us be steady and vigilant for God's kin-dom.

Liturgist: The Holy One frees us and validates our lives. Seek the gentle path God makes for us.

All: Let us worship, honor and praise the God who delivers, redeems, and revives. Praise the Holy One!

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Ever Faithful and Persistent God, We turn to you with our whole hearts. We call upon you because we belong to you and you hear our cries of concern as well as our shouts of joy. We come to pray, sing, and draw closer to you, O God. We come to receive clarity and wisdom, to receive and give testimony of your unending love. We come to receive and affirm the beauty of your ways. May we be held by your Spirit today and always. Amen.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

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 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Enough!

Pastor Julie

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Flute Soloist: Stacy Gilmour

Arr. M. Parks

***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

***COMMUNION HYMN see insert**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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

Communion will be served by Intinction. When invited please process down the center aisle to the front of the church to receive the elements. After you have been served, please return to your seat by the side aisles of the sanctuary. If you are not able to process please raise your hand and a server will come to you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***PARTING HYMN ##150 (UMH) verses 3 &4**

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

***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: Come, Creator Spirit (Plainchant Tune)

D. Lasky

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 Todd and Misty Malvosio in celebration of all the August birthdays!

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Julie Olmsted

Music Director: Roberta Morkin

Technical: Deb Trimble

Ushers/Communion: Kim Ryan & Marty Lyman

Liturgist: Ed McCorkindale

Greeter: Sandy Harris



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If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact Rev. Julie or the Church Office.

After office hours, Rev. Julie can be reached at 937-409-1375 (until 8pm, unless it's urgent).

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

HOLY COMMUNION

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Luke 10:1-9

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.

C F G Dm G C G

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

C F G Dm7 C G C

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!

Refrain (first time *p*, second time *f*)

C C7 F Dm G C F C

Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

“News for the Pews” for the Week of August 2, 2026

We will need help setting up the **big tent** for Vacation Bible Camp this morning after worship. If you are able to assist please meet us out on the front lawn! Many hands make light work!

Our Discipleship group is still gratefully accepting donations from their **VBC Wish List** on Amazon. Donations assist with the Arts and Crafts and Decorating that help make VBC at WUC an exciting week for the campers. The link to the wishlist was in Thursday's All Church Email. You can also get the link by emailing admin@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org or by going to the Vacation Bible Camp page on the church's website.

If you'd like to donate snacks for our VBC Volunteers you can leave them in the Zeckhausen Room. Dropping them off before 10am each day insures that we have enough for our hard-working volunteers! Water bottles (small size), juice packs are welcome. Cookies, snack size bags of chips or crackers and fresh fruit are all favorites. Please no nuts!

Please note that because of the children in the building during VBC Hours we ask that you refrain from visiting the church. All of the staff will be involved in the VBC operations and adults present in the building are all required to have a background check. The VBC Hours are 8:30 – 12:30 each day through next Friday.



This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Sunday, August 2, 2026

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship (ZR)

11:00 a.m. – Set up tent for VBC

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

6:30 p.m. – VBC Meeting (ZR)

Monday, August 3, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 12:30

8:30 a.m. - Vacation Bible Camp

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 12:30

8:30 a.m. - Vacation Bible Camp

2:00 p.m. – Bible Study (LIB)

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 12:30

8:30 a.m. - Vacation Bible Camp

Thursday, August 6, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 12:30

8:30 a.m. - Vacation Bible Camp

6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)

Friday, August 7, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 12:30

8:30 a.m. - Vacation Bible Camp

Saturday, August 8, 2026

Church Office closed

Sunday, August 9, 2026

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship (ZR)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)