# Wilbraham United Church

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*and the United Methodist Church*
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**November 22, 2026** **Reign of Christ 26th 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, 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: Lamp Unto My Feet — M. McDonald
Bell Choir: Let All Things Now Living — arr. A.L. Page (ASCAP)

**WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**WELCOME** **Rev. Paul**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** **Joe Hegarty**

One: Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.
**All: Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.**
One: Praise be to God who provides for us.
**All**: **May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.**

***GATHERING HYMN and Parade of Food** *(UMH) #694 Come Ye Thankful People Come*

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

***SONG OF PRAISE** ***(TFWS) # 2029***

***Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's servants.***
***Blessed be the name of our God now and ever.***
***From the rising of the sun may the Lord be praised.***
***Praise to the Name 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**

**OLD TESTAMENT** **Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

"When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.
When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house."
Our God is still speaking **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** **Psalm 100**

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
**All: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**
One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.
**All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.**



**GOSPEL** **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.
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God!**

***HYMN – (***TFWS) #2008* *Let All Things Now Living*

**SERMON** **Rev. Paul**

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES**

Invitation to Give
Offertory
Chancel Choir: *Lamp Unto My Feet with Thy Word* arr. M. McDonald
Guitar: Nick Capen
Bass: Taylor Colkos

***Doxology *(UMH)* #94**

***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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

***PARTING HYMN** *(UMH) #102* *Now Thank We All Our God*

***BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (UMH) #665**

***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: *Nun danket alle Gott* arr. A.L. Travis

***BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**Welcome Visitors!** *Is this your first visit to Wilbraham 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 Alesia Peck and Wendy Wilkinson in loving memory of their mother Lois Peck.*

*Please be aware that our services are livestreamed and recorded for our online community. While we focus the cameras primarily on the pulpit, chancel and lectern, wide shots of the sanctuary may include congregants. If you or your family prefer not to appear on camera, please ask an usher to direct you to our designated non-camera seating area. Thank you for helping us worship together both in person and online!*

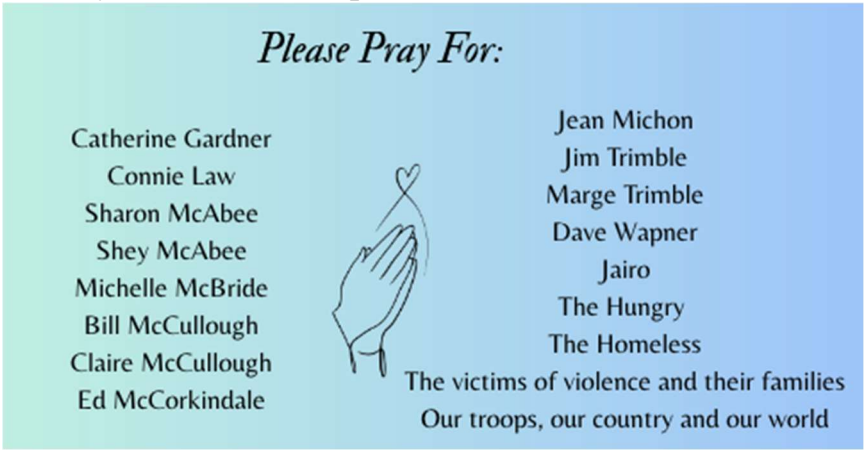
## MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

**Pastor**: Rev. Paul Nesbit
**Music Director**: Roberta Morkin
**Technical**: Deb Trimble
**Ushers:** The Ridgeways
**Liturgist:** Joe Hegarty
**Greeter:** Sandy Harris

Wilbraham United Church
"I am the vine, you are the branches."

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



# “News for the Pews” for the Week

*NOTES from SAFE CHURCH: Please note there is an **AED** and **FIRST AID KIT** located in the main hallway by the mailboxes. A **FIRST AID** kit is also located in the Kitchen.*
***In case of an emergency, please follow the ushers’ directions to exit the sanctuary.***

Church School Monitors Needed!
Monitors will be provided with a two-way radio and earpiece to communicate with our Sunday School teachers if assistance is needed. Please reach out to Discipleship or Rev. Paul to sign up. Training will be provided.

Wilbraham United Church now has **merchandise!** Did you ever wish you could wear a Wilbraham United Church T-shirt or hat, or carry a tote bag with a picture of the church on it? Well, now you can! T-shirts for adults and kids, sweatshirts, mugs, tote bags, something for everyone. *This is a fundraiser for our church sponsored by the Fellowship Commission.* We’ve recently added a full zip sweatshirt jacket to inventory. Be sure to check it out! Everything is online (https://www.wilbrahamunitedchurch.org/wuc-merchandise/)

Looking for a drummer for our **Praise Band**. Rehearsals are flexible and fun. Hope to play once a month or every other month for our 10:00 church service. If you are interested, you can contact Bobbie Morkin (musicdirector@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org) or Patti Colkos (tricia30@charter.net)

The sign-up sheet for **Altar Flowers** for Sundays in 2027 is now on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Sponsoring the Altar Flowers is a lovely way to honor a loved one. The donation to cover the cost of the flowers is $35.

Can you display a **Holly Fair** *sign* on your lawn and/or know a person or place of business who would be willing to host one until December 12th? High traffic areas are great. Contact Bill Sanderson (linwood36@yahoo.com) to take a sign.

HELP needed to *supervise parking* for the **Holly Fair**. We need 5 volunteers for 8 a.m. to around 11:30 a.m. Once the early crowd starts to leave parking will take care of itself. To volunteer contact Bill Sanderson (linwood36@yahoo.com)

Our **Food Drive** collection is today; it allows us to provide a Thanksgiving Meal to a family who may need assistance. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

# ***This Week at Wilbraham United Church***

***Sunday, November 22, 2026***
**10:00 a.m. –Worship**
**11:00 a.m. – Fellowship (ZR)**
**5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)**
**WUP SHOW(FH)**

***Monday, November 23, 2026***
*Church Office 9:30 – 2:30*
**10:00 a.m. – Pastor's Office Hours**
**10:00 a.m. – Piece Makers**
**4:00 p.m. - Hospitality Comm. Mtg.(lib)**
***5:00 p.m. – Pastor's Office Hours***
**6:00 p.m. – Finance (ZR)**

***Tuesday, November 24, 2026***
*Church Office 9:30 – 2:30*
**8:30 a.m. -Men's Breakfast Group**
**2:00 p.m. -Bible Study (ZR)**
**7:00 p.m.– Evening Bible Study(ZR)**
**7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)**

***Wednesday, November 25, 2026***
*Church Office 9:30 - 2:30*
**11:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting (Office)**
**4:00 p.m. –Turkey Trot Setup (FH)**
**6:30 p.m. - Scouts (TS)**

***Thursday, November 26, 2026***
*Church Office Closed*
**7:00 a.m. – Turkey Trot (FH)**
**6:00 p.m. - Broom Sisters (11B)**
**6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)**

***Friday, November 27, 2026***
*Church Office closed*
**WUP SHOW(FH)**

***Saturday, November 28, 2026***
*Church Office closed*
**WUP SHOW(FH)**

***Sunday, November 29, 2026***
**10:00 a.m. –Worship**
**11:00 a.m. – Fellowship (ZR)**
**3:00 p.m. -Handbell Concert (Sanc)**
**5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)**
**WUP SHOW(FH)**

*Pastor's office hours this week have changed due to the holiday.

We joyously invite you to our ***Handbells for the Holidays*** Concert, Sunday November 29 at 3:00 p.m.

