



Wilbraham United Church

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"I am the vine, you are the branches."

January 24, 2021 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 10:00A.M

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Chip

GATHERING HYMN

The Summons Vs. 1, 4, 5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Rev. Paul

O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith. Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose. Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Give us the wisdom to hear your call, the strength to answer your call, and the courage to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray

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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PSALTER

Psalm 62:5-12

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

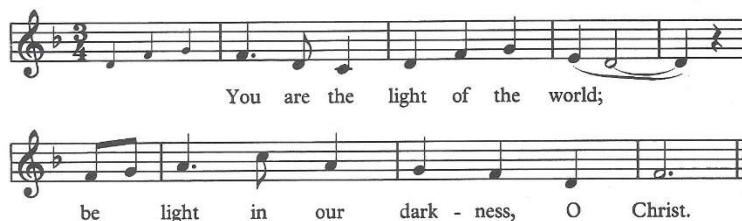
Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

SONG OF PRAISE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

CHRISTIAN LETTER

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

One: Our God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Pastor Chip

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Paul

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

PARTING HYMN

Two Fishermen vs. 1, 2, 4

BENEDICTION

Pastor Chip

MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH

*Go now in peace, Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go.*

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Senior Pastor: The Rev. Wallace A Hurd IV

Associate Pastor: The Rev. Paul Nesbit

Director of Music Ministries: Mark Jacobson

Technical and Artistic Director: Deb Trimble



Please Pray For:

Family of Nancy Schenk, Members of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Presbyterian Church in Springfield, the family of Ellie Engle, Theresa Munn, Herb Vieira, Catherine, Emily, Terry, Denise, Ray, Theresa, Jane Godfrey, Shey McAbee, Sharon McAbee, Pam Burch, Patti Keiser, Sue Pereira, Natalie True, Bev Sawyer, Kathie Birkhaeuser, The victims of violence and their families.

Our troops, our country and our world



“News for the Pews” for the Week of January 24, 2021

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This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Monday, January 25th

7:00 p.m. Governing Board (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 26th

3:30-4:30 p.m. Office Hour with Rev. Paul in the Zeckhausen Room

7:15 p.m. Bedtime Bible Stories (Facebook Live)

7:30 p.m. Bible Study Happy Hour (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 27th

10 a.m-2 p.m. Office Hours with Pastor Chip in the Zeckhausen Room

7:15 p.m. Prayer Service (Facebook Live)

Thursday, January 28th

10 a.m-2 p.m. Office Hours with Pastor Chip in the Zeckhausen Room

5:30-7:00 p.m. Office Hours with Rev. Paul in the Zeckhausen Room

Saturday, January 30th

9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Drive-up Food Drive (back parking lot)

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Knit, Stitch, Pray (Zoom)

Sunday, January 31st

8:45-9:45 a.m. Church School Classes (Zoom)

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship (Facebook Live)

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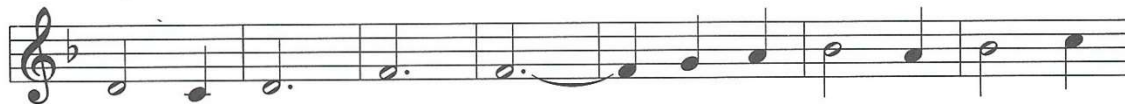
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1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? ____ Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? ____ Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? ____ Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? ____ Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. ____ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? ____ Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you kiss the lep - er
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you use the faith you've
 nev - er be the same. ____ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, _ will you let my name be known, _ will you
 stare ____ should your life at - tract or scare? ____ Will you
 clean, _ and do such as this un - seen, ____ and ad -
 found ____ to re - shape the world a - round, _ through my
 go ____ where your love and foot - steps show. ____ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? ____
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? ____
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? ____
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? ____
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. ____

Two Fishermen



1. Two fish - er - men, who lived a - long the
 2. And as he walked a - long the shore 'twas
 3. O Si - mon Pe - ter, An - drew, James, and
 4. And you, good Chris - tians, one and all who'd



Sea of Gal - i - lee, stood by the shore to
 James and John he'd find, and these two sons of
 John be - lov - ed one, you heard Christ's call to
 fol - low Je - sus' way, come leave be - hind what



cast their nets in - to an age - less sea. Now
 Zeb - e - dee would leave their boats be - hind. Their
 speak good news re - vealed to God's own Son. Su -
 keeps you bound to trap - pings of our day, and



Je - sus watched them from a - far, then called them each by
 work and all they held so dear they left be - side their
 san - na, Ma - ry, Mag - da - lene who trav - eled with your
 lis - ten as he calls your name to come and fol - low



name. It changed their lives, these sim - ple men; they'd
 nets. Their names they'd heard as Je - sus called; they
 Lord, you min - is - tered to him with joy for
 near; for still he speaks in var - ied ways to

Refrain

nev - er be the same.
 came with-out re - gret. "Leave all things you have and
 he is God a - dored.
 those his call will hear.



come and fol - low me, and come and fol - low me."