



Wilbraham United Church

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

February 28, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 10:00A.M

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Paul

GATHERING HYMN

The God of Abraham Praise vs. 1 & 4

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

Pastor Chip

Merciful God,

we confess that our sin turns us from you
again and again.

We are a sinful generation
longing for your mercy.

We want not only to save our lives,
but to gain the whole world as well.

We are too often ashamed to show our faith
to the world around us.

Have mercy on us as we 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 22:23-31

Praise the Lord, you that fear God;

Stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

neither turns away from them;

when they cry to the Lord, they are heard.

My praise is of God in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall give praise:

“May your heart live forever!”

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.

For sovereignty belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust fall before God.

My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve God;

they shall be known as the Lord’s forever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn

the saving deeds that God has done.

SONG OF PRAISE

Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN TESTIMONY “A Way Through”

Rev. Dr. Yvonne Delk

I am clear that before we can have healing and renewal in the land we have to engage in truth-telling and truth-facing. Facing the truth that can set us free can be seen as a call for a new way of being, a new way of speaking and a new way of acting and witnessing. As we face the inequities and human sufferings that seem to be entrenched in our land, the spirit of truth can lead us to God's justice. As we face the poverty, brokenness, violence, isolation which threaten to destroy our cities, the spirit of truth can lead us to places of turning, redemption and new behavior.

GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

One: Our God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Paul

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Chip

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

PARTING HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

BENEDICTION

Rev. Paul

MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH

*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

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 Pam Burch, Family of Nancy Schenk, Bill and the Gatchell family, Theresa Munn, Herb Vieira, Judy Hoffman, Kathy, Betty Sallade, Daniel, Catherine, Lynne, Emily, Terry, Denise, Ray, Theresa, Ann, Jane Godfrey, Shey McAbee, Sharon McAbee, 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 February 28, 2021

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This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Tuesday, March 2nd

3:30-5:00 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, March 3rd

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

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

Thursday, March 4th

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, March 6th

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

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Office Hours with Rev. Paul in the Zeckhausen Room

Sunday, March 7th

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

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

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The God of Abraham Praise

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1. The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2. The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath de - pend.
 3. The heaven-ly land I see, with peace and plen-ty blest;
 4. The God who reigns on high the great arch-an-gels sing,

An - cient of Ev - er - last - ing Days, and God of love;
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up-borne, to heaven as - cend.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty, and end - less rest.
 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" cry, "Al - might - y King!

Je - ho - vah, great I AM! by earth and heaven con-fessed;
 I shall be-hold God's face; I shall God's power a - dore,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:

I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
 and sing the won-ders of God's grace for - ev - er - more.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 Je - ho - vah, Lord, the great I AM, we wor - ship thee!"

Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
 to guide the fu - ture, as in a - ges past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,

leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

in ev - ery change God faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven - ly friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

482 Lord, Have Mercy

Repeated sections are sung first by the Leader and then by All.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e -

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. mer - cy.
 le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. le - i - son.

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Shalom to You

Unison D

Sha - lom to you now, sha - lom, my friends.

Em A7 D

This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols Em, A7, and D are placed above the staff.

May God's full mer - cies bless you, my friends.

Bm Em A7 D

This system contains the next two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols Bm, Em, A7, and D are placed above the staff.

In all your liv - ing and through your lov - ing,

G Em A F#m

This system contains the next two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols G, Em, A, and F#m are placed above the staff.

Christ be your sha - lom, Christ be your sha - lom.

Bm Em A7 D

This system contains the final two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols Bm, Em, A7, and D are placed above the staff.