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April 18, 2021 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 10:00A.M

WORDS OF WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns vs. 1&2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

We confess, merciful God, that we have forgotten your love for us. Though you have shown it to us through your scriptures, through your prophets and through your Son, Jesus Christ, we have chosen our own way. When we are troubled or afraid, we do not turn to you for comfort. When we act in haste and selfishness, we do not seek your mercy. When we are showered with joy and blessing, we do not extend our gratitude to you. Help us to find you, holy God, in our lives and in our hearts. Reshape us and remake us that we might know your love for us. Make our hearts and hands and tongues into instruments of your will in the world. Hear us and transform us as we pray those words which our Savior and Redeemer taught us:

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 133

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? Selah

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Selah Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

SONG OF PRAISE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

GOSPEL Luke 24: 36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

One: Our God is still speaking. All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Pastor Chip

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

BENEDICTION

PARTING HYMN

MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH

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

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing vs. 1 & 5

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Senior Pastor: The Rev. Wallace A Hurd IV **Associate Pastor:** The Rev. Paul Nesbit

Organist: Karen McCarthy

Technical and Artistic Director: Deb Trimble

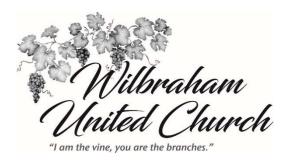
In Our Thoughts Frayers

Please Pray For:

Lisa, Bill and the Gatchell family, Theresa Munn, Herb Vieira, Judy Hoffman, Kathy, Betty Sallade, Daniel, Catherine, Lynne, Emily, Terry, Denise, Ray, Mark, Theresa, Ann, Jane Godfrey, Shey McAbee, Sharon McAbee, Patti Keiser, Sue Pereira, Bev Sawyer, Kathie Birkhaeuser.

The victims of violence and their families in our country.

Our troops, our country and our world.



"News for the Pews" for the Week of April 18, 2021

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This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Tuesday April 20th

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

Wednesday, April 21st

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

Thursday, April 22nd

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

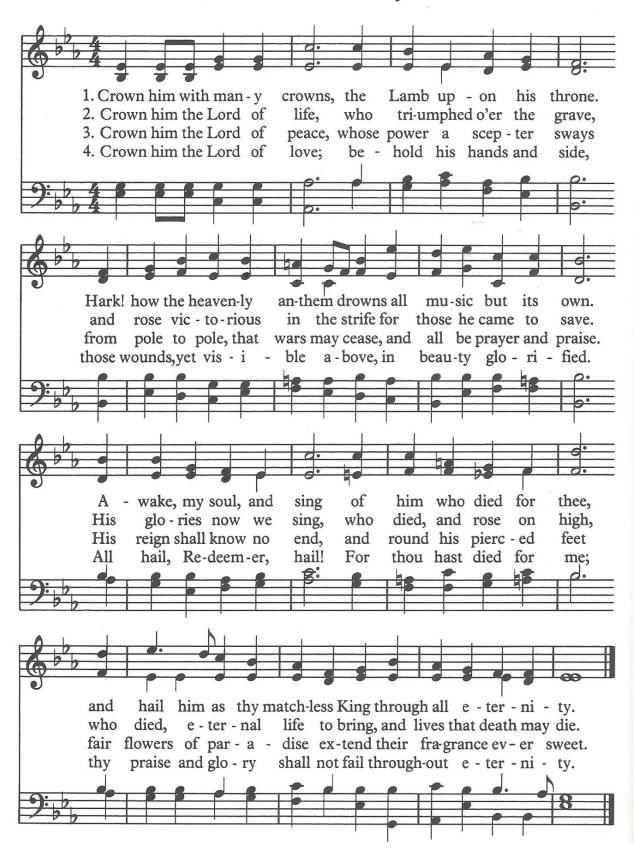
Saturday, April 24th

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

Sunday, April 25th

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship on the Lawn (weather permitting) and on Facebook Live

327 Crown Him with Many Crowns



O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

