

Wilbraham United Church

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

May 9, 2021 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 10:00A.M

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Paul

Leader: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song!

People: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all, to teach us a new song!

Leader: Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song.

People: United in love of one another and God, let us make a joyful noise!

GATHERING HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, v 1 & 3

GATHERING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Almighty and Loving God, all the ends of the earth marvel at your deeds of power. We feel your presence as growth returns to your creation. We rejoice as we remember your faithfulness and steadfast love revealed in the risen Christ. Surround us with that faithfulness and steadfast love. Fill us with generosity and courage so that we may be called your friends and go forth to befriend your world.

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.

PSALTER

Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

SONG OF PRAISE

72 Gloria, Gloria

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Paul

READING FROM CHURCH HISTORY

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

CHRISTIAN LETTER

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory

that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

Come Down, O Love Divine

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

Organist: Karen McCarthy

Technical and Artistic Director: Deb Trimble

Ushers: Skip and Candy Dearborn



Please Pray For: 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, 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 May 9, 2021

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This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Tuesday, May 11

3:30-5:00 p.m. Tea and Conversation with Rev. Paul at Rice Fruit Farm

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

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

Wednesday, May 12

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours with Pastor Chip

Thursday, May 13

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours with Pastor Chip

5:30-7:00 p.m. Office Hours with Rev. Paul

Saturday, May 15

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Offices Hours with Rev. Paul

Sunday, May 16

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

12:00 p.m. Church Without Walls (Court Square)

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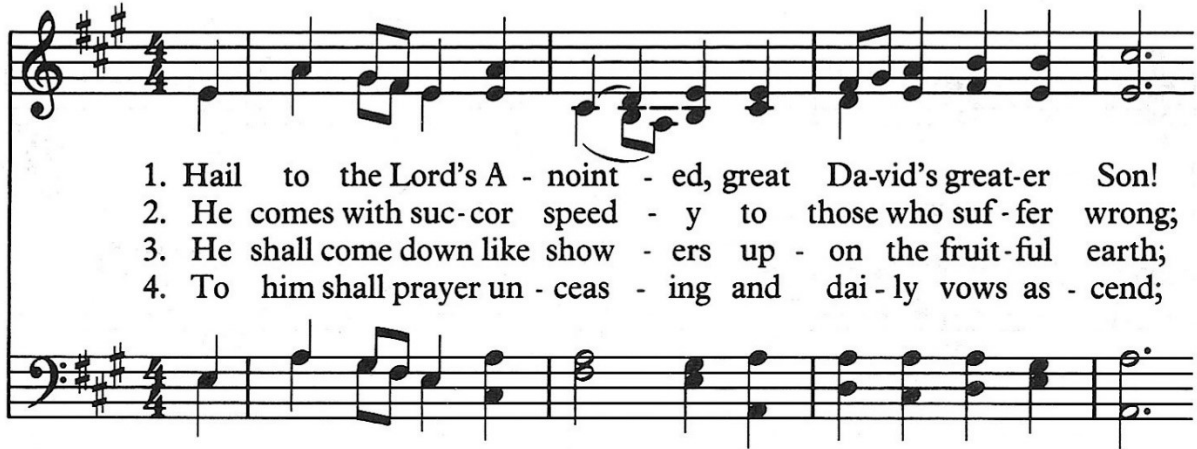
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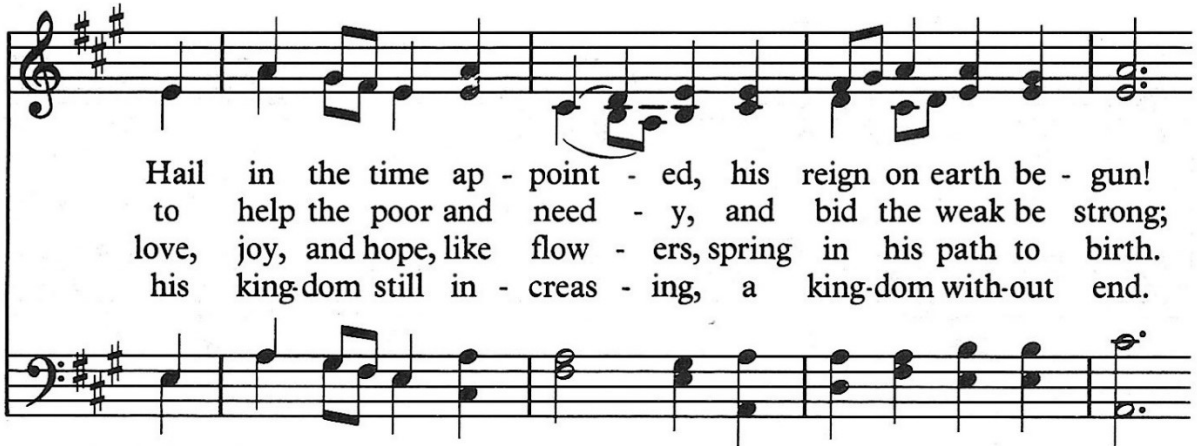
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Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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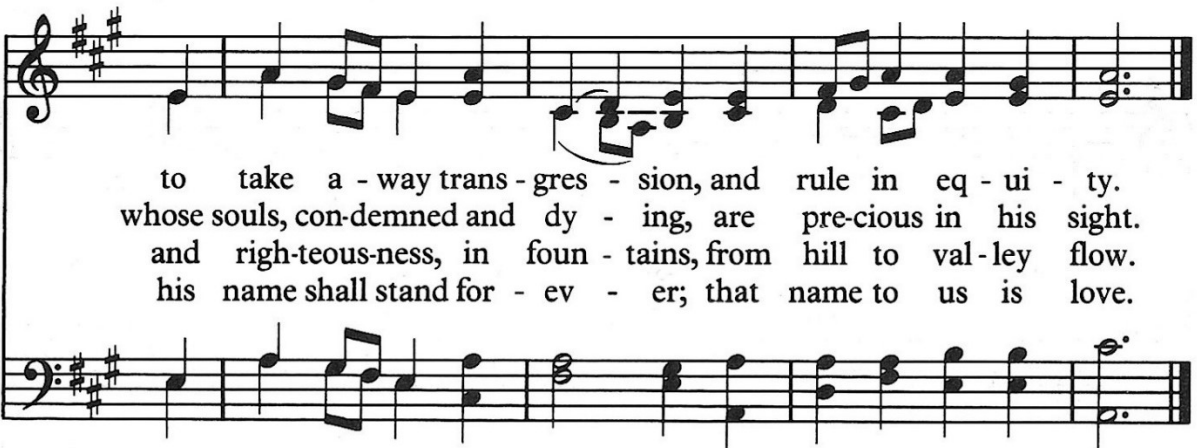
1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da-vid's great-er Son!
 2. He comes with suc-cor speed - y to those who suf-fer wrong;
 3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit-ful earth;
 4. To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;



Hail in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth.
 his king-dom still in - creas - ing, a king-dom with-out end.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap-tive free;
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark-ness turn to light,
 Be - fore him, on the moun - tains, shall peace, the her-ald, go,
 The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 whose souls, con-demned and dy - ing, are pre-cious in his sight.
 and righ-teous-ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val-ley flow.
 his name shall stand for - ev - er; that name to us is love.

Come Down, O Love Divine

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1. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2. O let it free - ly burn, till earth-ly pas - sions turn
3. And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

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