



# Wilbraham United Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ  
and the United Methodist Church*

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**June 4, 2023**

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

**10:00AM**

**GATHERING MUSIC** Piano: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

J.B. Dykes, arr. J.B. Taylor

Bell Choir: *Song of Assurance*

A.B. Sherman

**WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Patti Colkos**

Leader: Make a Joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

**People: It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

**People: Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good;

**People: his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN # 64 (UMH)**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of Light and Love, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace  
and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart  
and wanderings of mind, that, with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections, we  
may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone,  
everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm # 8

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth!

**People: Thou whose glory above the heavens is chanted by the mouths of babes and infants,**

Leader: Thou hast founded a bulwark because of thy foes,

**People: To still the enemy and the avenger,**

Leader: When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast established;

**People: What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him?**

Leader: Yet thou hast made him little less than God, and dost crown him with glory and honor.

**People: Thou hast given him dominion over the works of thy hands;**

Leader: Thou hast put all things under his feet,

**People: All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,**

Leader: The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

**People: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth!**

## \*SONG OF PRAISE # 334 (UMH)

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:26-31

Then God said, "Let us make humanity in our image, to resemble us, so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth."

God created humanity in God's own image, in the divine image God created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea and the birds of the sky, and everything crawling on the ground."

Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be your food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

God saw all that was made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:9-21

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## SERMON

*What Is Man That Thou  
Art Mindful Of Him?*

The Rev. David L. Fobes

## HYMN # 465 (UMH)

*Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

## PRAYERS OF AND FOR THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**Sung Response # 2193 (TFWS)**

*Lord, listen to your children praying,*

*Lord, send your Spirit in this place;*

*Lord, listen to your children praying,*

*Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory Chancel Choir: *God Is Our Refuge*

A. Pote

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

*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

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

page 15 (UMH)

**The Great Thanksgiving  
Words of Institution  
Sharing of the Meal  
Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Lord, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table, by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**\*PARTING HYMN # 545 (UMH)**

*The Church's One Foundation*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 664 (UMH)**

*Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended  
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.*

## FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

**MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH** Organ: *Jubilation*

J.D. Payne

*\*All who are able to stand, may do so.*

*The altar flowers this morning are being given to the Glory of God.*

**Welcome Visitors!** *Is this your first visit to United Church? Please sign a Pew Card.*

*Immediately after the service, we invite you to continue down the central hallway and join us for Fellowship and Refreshment in our Fellowship Hall.*

## **MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY**

**Preaching Today:** Rev. David Fobes

**Music Director:** Roberta Morkin

**Technical and Artistic Directors:** Deb Trimble and Don Schmidt

**Ushers:** Ralph & Sherrie Ridgeway

**Liturgist:** Patti Colkos

**Greeters:** Ruth Karlson & Judy Marek



**Please Pray For:** Jane Godfrey, Shey McAbee, Sharon McAbee, Jim Trimble, Sue Pereira, 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 June 4, 2023**

**Pastoral Coverage:** Contact Judy Hoffman: 413-596-8352 or [imjrhoffman@hotmail.com](mailto:imjrhoffman@hotmail.com) or Ruth Karlson at 413-596-6526 or [ruth@thekarlsons.com](mailto:ruth@thekarlsons.com). The WUC Call to Care team will continue with all routine supportive care and outreach to our members and friends in need.

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PLEASE WELCOME OUR GUEST PASTOR

*Rev. David Fobes*

After practicing maritime and corporate law in New York City for some 35 years, Rev. Fobes elected to take early retirement and attend Yale Divinity School (M.Div. 2003). Rev. Fobes has preached at many churches throughout Massachusetts and currently serves as a member of the Hampshire Association's Church and Ministry Committee.

He and his wife, Ursula, both serve as Deacons at Plainfield Congregational Church, UCC.





# **Wilbraham United Church Annual Program Year Meeting**

**June 11, 2023**

The Annual Program Year Meeting of the Wilbraham United Church will be held immediately after Worship in the sanctuary to transact the following business:

- VOTE ON ANNUAL REPORTS
- VOTE ON 2023-2024 LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS
- VOTE ON BYLAW CHANGES
- ACT UPON ANY OTHER BUSINESS PROPERLY BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEETING

The meeting will be followed by lunch in Fellowship Hall.  
Nan Shepard, Clerk

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

### **Sunday, June 4, 2023**

**10:00 a.m. –Worship**

**11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hour**

**11:30 a.m. – Administration Commission (ZR)**

**5:00 p.m. - Al- Anon (FH)**

### **Monday, June 5, 2023**

*Church Office open 8:30 – 3:30*

**10:00 a.m. – Piece Makers**

**6:00 p.m. – Girl Scouts (YR)**

**7:00 p.m. – Praise Band (Sanc)**

### **Tuesday, June 6, 2023**

*Church Office open 8:30 – 2:30*

**7:00 p.m. – Wilbraham Welcome Project (YR)**

### **Wednesday, June 7, 2023**

*Church Office open 8:30 – 3:30*

**11:30 a.m. – HWRSD Re-unification walk through**

**6:00 p.m. - Al-Anon (YR)**

**6:30 p.m. – Boy Scouts (SS Rooms)**

**7:00 p.m. – Physical Operations Commission (ZR)**

### **Thursday, June 8, 2023**

*Church Office closed*

**6:30 p.m. - Al-Anon (Lib.)**

**7:00 p.m. – Bell Choir (Sanc)**

**8:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir (CR)**

### **Friday, June 9, 2023**

*Church Office closed*

### **Saturday, June 10, 2023**

**10:00 a.m. – Junior Choir (CR)**

### **Sunday, June 11, 2023**

**10:00 a.m. –Worship**

**11:00 a.m. – Annual Program Year Meeting**

**11:30 a.m. – All Church Cook-Out**

**4:00 p.m. – WUP Annual Meeting (FH)**

**5:00 p.m. - Al- Anon (YR)**