

Wilbraham United Church
"I am the vine, you are the branches."

Wilbraham United Church

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

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April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

10:00AM

We ask that everyone wear nametags so that we can be welcoming to all. There are listening devices available for those that may need them. An usher will be happy to assist you. Following the service, everyone is invited to our time of refreshments and friendship in our Zeckhausen Room which is immediately across the hall from the Sanctuary.

GATHERING MUSIC

Piano: When Morning Gilds the Skies

arr. L. Larson

Bells: O When the Saints Go Marching In

arr. B.W. Bisbee

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME

***GATHERING HYMN #312 (UMH)**

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marge Trimble

Liturgist: The Lord has placed gladness in our hearts and has done marvelous things for us. How great is the might of our God, who delivers us from evil and leads us in righteousness.

People: The Lord hears us when we pray and is our refuge in times of challenge. The righteous One is our shield and our defender. Through the great love of our Creator, we are never left alone. Thanks be to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God,

Come to us we pray and strengthen us in our faithfulness. Hear our praise on this day of worship, for we know that you are the Creator of all that exist, the Author of all that is good and just, and our Comforter in times of distress. Touch our lives, and remind us that the reason for our gathering is because we want to know you and love you more. Do not let us falter or stray from you, for you are the Enabler of our joy and the Redeemer of our souls. Amen

***SONG OF PRAISE # 2284 (FWS)**

**There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,
There'll be joy in the morning on that day.**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

RESPONSIVE PSALM - p. 743-744 (UMH)

Psalm 8

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John 3: 1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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 # 186 (UMH)

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28: 16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

SERMON

What came after

Rev. Janet

*HYMN # 327 (UMH)

Crown Him with Many Crowns

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Jesus Is Risen
Chancel Choir

J.M. Martin

*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

*PARTING HYMN # 672 (UMH)

God Be with You till We Meet Again

*FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 665 (UMH)

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

MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH

Organ: Fanfare

W. Mathias

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

The altar flowers this morning are being given in honor of Rick Averill's birthday on the 19th.

Welcome Visitors! *Is this your first visit to United Church? If you wish to be contacted by a member of the church or our pastor, please leave your contact information with one of the ushers or place a visitor card in the collection plate. We invite you to join us in our time of Fellowship after the service. Our ushers or a member of the ministry team will be happy to accompany you and help you find your way!*

*UMH – The “red” United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS – The “small black” book Faith We Sing Hymnal*

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind

Music Director: Roberta Morkin

Technical and Artistic Director: Deb Trimble

Ushers: John and Taylor Colkos

Liturgist: Marge Trimble

Greeters: Chris and Gail Lima



Please Pray For: Catherine Tucker, Connie Law, Shey McAbee, Michelle McBride, Sharon McAbee, Jim Trimble, Bill McCullough, Catherine Gardner, 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 14, 2024

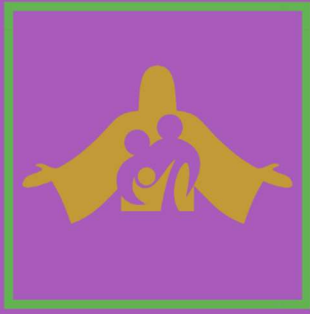
Work of the Interim meetings will begin again on April 21 after the worship service in the Zeckhausen Room. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

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New Members

Individuals who are interested in joining the church are welcome to attend an information session on Sunday May 5th, after worship, in the Zeckhausen Room

New Members will be received into the congregation on Sunday May 19th

A WILBRAHAM UNITED PLAYERS PRODUCTION

THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD

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musical comedy
where you choose
the ending!*

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APRIL 14 & 21 AT 2:30 PM

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Pancake Supper And Community Service Project



**Join us for an evening of fun and community service
assembling Hygiene Kits to support
Church World Service**

**Wilbraham United Church
April 27th 5:00 to 7:00**

This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Sunday, April 14, 2024

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hour (ZR)

2:30 p.m. – WUP Performance (FH)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

Monday, April 15, 2024

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

11:30 a.m. – Women’s Fellowship

2:00 p.m. – Bible Study (ZR)

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

8:30 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast Group

11:00 a.m. – Staff meeting (office)

6:30 p.m. – Boy Scouts (SS Rooms, TS, Youth Rm)

7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

9:20 a.m. – Loaves and Fishes

6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)

7:00 p.m. – Bells (Sanctuary)

8:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir (CR)

Friday, April 19, 2024

Church Office closed

7:30 p.m. – WUP Performance (FH)

Saturday, April 20, 2024

7:30 p.m. – WUP Performance (FH)

Sunday, April 21, 2024

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hour (ZR)

2:30 p.m. – WUP Performance (FH)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

The Great Commission

from Luke 24:36-53.



Easter 3

Jesus sends us to spread the good news!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Moses • Witnesses
- The psalms • Jerusalem

The Great Commission is one of the most important stories in the New Testament. It appears in all four gospels. The most commonly cited version is in Matthew 28:16-20. Read the two accounts. How many differences can you find? If you're wondering why there are only 11 disciples instead of 12, it's because Judas was not around after the crucifixion and Matthias had not yet been chosen to join the disciples.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 496-497

Spark Bible pages 1168-1169

Family Prayer

Dear God, you call us out into the world around us. When we want to stay within ourselves, you ask us to go out and share the good news with all. Help us rejoice in Jesus' love not only for ourselves, but for the world around us. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT

Family Conversations

- 1 Why do you think the disciples gave Jesus some fish to eat?
- 2 Why do you think Jesus talked about Moses and the psalms? What other time does Jesus talk about Moses?
- 3 Some of the disciples traveled all over the world to spread the good news. Where would you travel to spread the gospel?
- 4 Jesus told the disciples that they were "witnesses of these things." What do you think Jesus meant by that? What were they witnesses to?



Eye Spark

After the Great Commission, Jesus ascended into heaven. The next time you see the sun's rays breaking through clouds, remember how Jesus ascended into heaven.



Ear Spark

Jesus greeted the disciples by saying "Peace be with you." The next time you hear the word peace remember that some cultures use this word as a greeting.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Does your church support missionaries or volunteers who are serving abroad? Talk to your pastor and see if your family can write them a letter of support.

For younger kids

Jesus showed the disciples the wounds on his hands and feet to prove that it was really him. If someone didn't believe that you were who you said you were, how would you prove it to them?

For older kids

The apostle Paul traveled all over the world to spread the good news. You can see where he traveled on M14-15 in the back of your Spark Bible. Can you figure out which modern-day countries he visited during his travels?



Lectionary, The Great Commission Family Page.

Spark™ Sunday School

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