



# Wilbraham United Church

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

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**July 13, 2025**

**5th Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00AM**

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*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 in the Sanctuary after worship, everyone is invited to a time of Fellowship in the Zeckhausen Room which is immediately across from the Sanctuary.*

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

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

Piano: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. J. Purifoy

## **WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

### **WELCOME**

**\*GATHERING HYMN #432** (*UMH verses 2 & 3*)

*Jesu, Jesu*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Patti Colkos**

Liturgist: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**People: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

Liturgist: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

**People: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

Liturgist: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

**People: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

Liturgist: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

**People: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

## UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God, we gather here in this sacred space at this sacred time, to thank you for your love and for your presence in our lives. We come together to worship you in this community of faith, hoping that we might know your Holy Spirit moving us to glorify your name. Help us hear the Word of Christ such that we might not only be your children but your faithful people as well. In Christ's name, Amen.

### \*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

**Deuteronomy 30: 9-14**

The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

### 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 # 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.*

## GOSPEL READING

**Luke 10:25-37**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## MESSAGE

*Go and Do Likewise*

Reverend William N. Ault

**\*HYMN #441** (*UMH verses 1 & 4*)

*What Does the Lord Require*

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

M. Haugen

**\*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 #671 (UMH)**

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

**\*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: Jubilation

J.D. Payne

**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*

*The altar flowers this morning are given by Marge and Jim Trimble in celebration of Rev. Janet’s birthday on July 16<sup>th</sup> and Deb’s birthday on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

## **MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY**

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. William Ault

**Music Director:** Roberta Morkin

**Technical and Artistic Director:** Deb Trimble

**Ushers:** Bill Lynch & Tom Toman

**Liturgist:** Patti Colkos

**Greeter:** Joyce Pierangelo

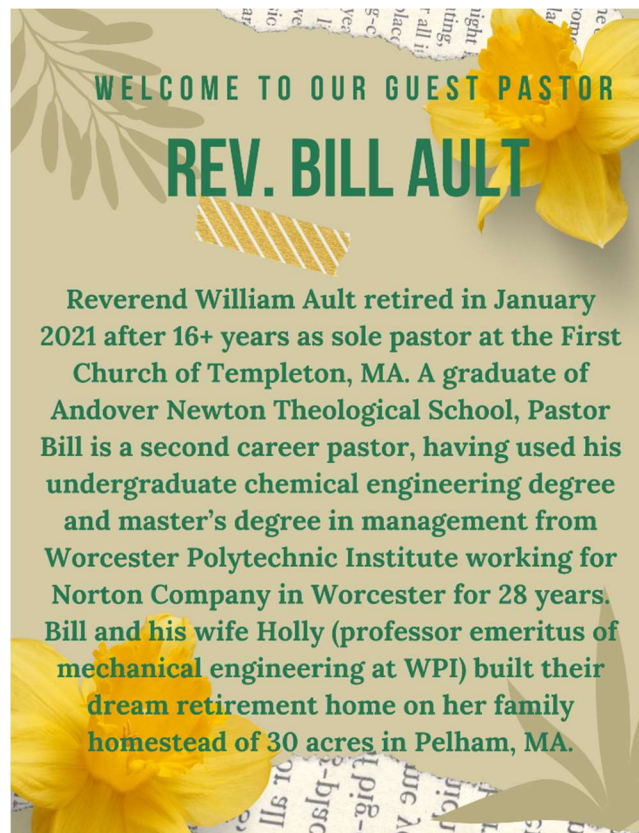
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**Please Pray For:** Susan Pereira, Theresa Munn, Terry Nelson, Connie Law, Shey McAbee, Michelle McBride, Sharon McAbee, Jim Trimble, Bill McCullough, Catherine Gardner, Larry Harris, David Pierangelo, Marilyn, The victims of violence and their families in our country. Our troops, our country and our world.

*If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact Rev. Janet or the Church Office.  
After office hours, Rev. Janet can be reached at (978)350-3463.*



## **“News for the Pews” for the Week of July 13, 2025**

Church Council is looking for Church Members interested in serving as a part of our Pastoral Search Committee. At this point, Council is looking for interest only. The final determination for who will serve will be made by Council and the selected Committee Chair person. If you are interested please reach out to Matt Capen ([mdcapen73@gmail.com](mailto:mdcapen73@gmail.com))

**Shopping Cards** will not be available after the service this morning in the Narthex. Please watch the all church email each week to see if cards are being sold on Sundays during the summer. **Shopping cards can always be purchased in the church office during the week during office hours or on Sunday.** We have recently restocked both Stop & Shop and Amazon cards! There are also plenty of cards for dining out options for those hot summer evenings when you don't feel like cooking!

Please come and join us for our **"Fun Sundays"**:

- July 27<sup>th</sup> - Scavenger Hunt in Sanctuary. Kids will be asked to find items that are in Sanctuary and sketch them during the service. Scavenger sheet will be outside the Sanctuary doors at the beginning of the service. We will have small prizes at end of service for those who participated.
- August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Tropical Sunday- wear tropical clothes. "Jesus is our rock", rock decorating during our church service for children in Fellowship Hall after Moments for Children. Rocks will be placed near our Memorial garden. Special treat after the service
- August 31<sup>st</sup> - Wear your Favorite T-Shirt Sunday. Kids bring a prewashed plain white T-shirt to decorate for Homecoming Sunday. Make your own Sundaes

Volunteer sign-up for **Vacation Bible Camp** can be done through our website! We particularly need adult (over 18) volunteers for Group Leaders! Also in need are folks to assist with signing campers in and out each day! The registration for volunteers is through the same link we use to sign up campers on the church website's Vacation Bible Camp page:

**[wilbrahamunitedchurch.org/vacation-bible-camp/](http://wilbrahamunitedchurch.org/vacation-bible-camp/)**



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

### ***Sunday, July 13, 2025***

**10:00 a.m. –Worship**

**11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (ZR)**

**1:00 p.m. – Private Event (ZR)**

**1:30 p.m. – WUP (FH)**

**5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)**

### ***Monday, July 14, 2025***

*Church Office 8:30 – 2:30*

**6:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)**

### ***Tuesday, July 15, 2025***

*Church Office 8:30 – 2:30*

**6:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)**

### ***Wednesday, July 16, 2025***

*Church Office 10:30 – 1:30*

**6:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)**

### ***Thursday, July 17, 2025***

*Church Office 8:30 – 1:30*

**9:00 a.m. – WUP (FH)**

**6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)**

### ***Friday, July 18, 2025***

*Church Office closed*

**6:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)**

### ***Saturday, July 19, 2025***

*Church Office closed*

**1:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)**

### ***Sunday, July 20, 2025***

**10:00 a.m. –Worship**

**11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (ZR)**

**1:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)**

**5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)**






# SUMMER PLANS

Worship Time Remains at 10 AM

## Staff Vacations (plan accordingly!)

- Rev. Janet will be on vacation June 30 through July 21
- Bobbie will be out June 29 - July 6 and August 18 through August 24
- Deb will be out July 23 and 24
- Dave will be out August 8 - 14



Book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty Music by Stephen Flaherty  
Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Conceived by Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty and Eric Idle

Based on the Works of Dr. Seuss

Seussical™ was originally produced on Broadway by SFX Theatrical Group,  
Barry & Fran Weissler and Universal Studios.

*Performance Dates*  
*July 18, 19 at 7:30*  
*July 19, 20 at 2:30*

**tickets available <https://www.wilbrahamunitedplayers.org/buy-tickets>**

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500 Main St Wilbraham, MA

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