



# Wilbraham United Church

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

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**July 20, 2025**

**6th 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: Amazing Grace

arr. J. Rouse

## **WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

### **WELCOME**

**\*GATHERING HYMN #117**(UMH verses 1-3)

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Bob Mantler**

Liturgist: We live in a strange world, where evil is covered as “good” in the papers.

**People: “Good” gets either no coverage or is seen as boring.**

Leader: Yet, Your standards remain in our hearts somewhere.

**All: Draw Your Will forward in us, clarify our hearts and our minds and lead us to Your Way.**

### **UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let me bring love.**

**Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.**

**Where there is discord, let me bring union.**

**Where there is error, let me bring truth.**

**Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.**

**Where there is despair, let me bring hope.**

**Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.**

Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.  
O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love,  
for it is in giving that one receives,  
it is in self-forgetting that one finds,  
it is in forgiving that one is forgiven,  
it is in dying that one awakens to eternal life.

**\*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**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** (UMH P. 747)

**Psalm 15**

**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 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

## MESSAGE

*Priorities*

Rev. John Madsen-Bibeau

\*HYMN #110 (UMH verses 1 & 3)

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

With One Voice

G. Holst

Alan Druckenmiller, Tuba

\*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 #378 (UMH verses 1 & 6)

*Amazing Grace*

\*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: Ricercare on "St. Anne"

G. Young

*The Call to Worship is an adapted version of a collect seen at [Lectionary.com](http://Lectionary.com).*

*The Prayer of Invocation is the "Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi"*

**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 Susan Pereira in loving memory of her husband John Pereira Jr on the 17th anniversary of his passing, and in celebration of her grandson John Pereira IV on his 16th birthday.*

### **MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY**

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. John Madsen-Bibeau

**Music Director:** Roberta Morkin

**Technical and Artistic Director:** Deb Trimble

**Ushers:** John Colkos & Steven Mattocks

**Liturgist:** Bob Mantler

**Greeter:** Judy Marek

### **Wilbraham United Church Staff**

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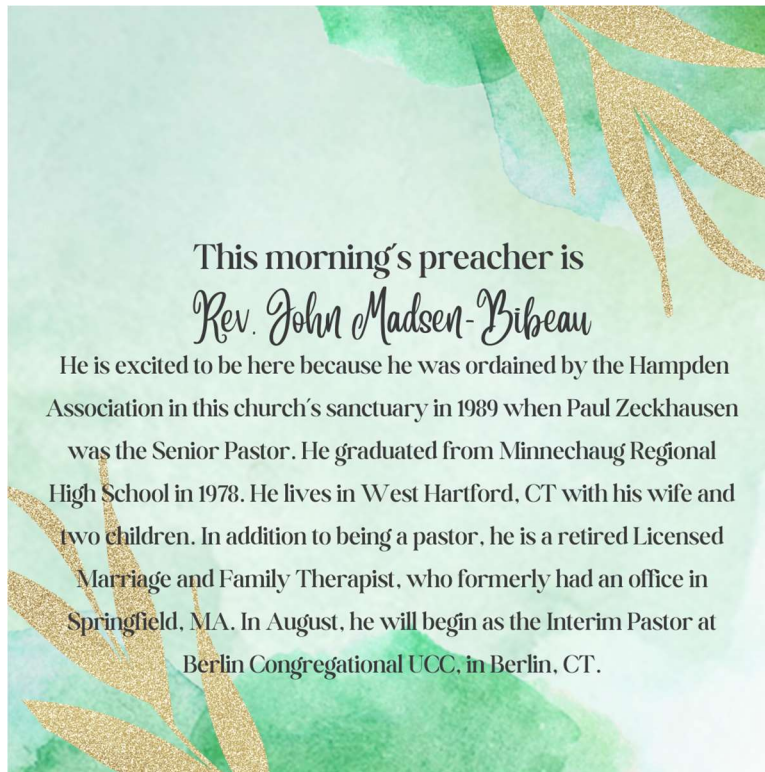
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**Please Pray For:** Susan Pereira, Theresa Munn, Terry Nelson, Connie Law, Shey McAbee, Michelle McBride, Sharon McAbee, Jim Trimble, Bill McCullough, Catherine Gardner, Larry Harris, David Pierangelo, Marilyn, The victims of violence and their families 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 20, 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 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 are fully stocked for both Big Y and Stop & Shop. 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

This is the last week to sign up for Vacation Bible Camp! We still have room for campers and volunteers. Sign-ups for **Vacation Bible Camp** can be done through our website! The registration is 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 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)**

### ***Monday, July 21, 2025***

*Church Office 8:30 – 1:30*

**9:00 a.m. – WUP (FH)**

### ***Tuesday, July 22, 2025***

*Church Office 8:30 – 1:30*

**5:30 p.m. - Discipleship Meeting (ZR)**

### ***Wednesday, July 23, 2025***

*Church Office CLOSED*

### ***Thursday, July 24, 2025***

*Church Office CLOSED*

**6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)**

### ***Friday, July 25, 2025***

*Church Office 8:30 – 1:30*

### ***Saturday, July 26, 2025***

*Church Office closed*

### ***Sunday, July 27, 2025***

**10:00 a.m. –Worship**

**11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (ZR)**

**11:30 a.m. –Fellowship Comm. Mtg**

**5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)**

**6:30 p.m. – VBC Volunteer Meeting (ZR)**

# 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

