



Wilbraham United Church
*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ
and the United Methodist Church*
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July 6, 2025

4th Sunday after Pentecost

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 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: God Bless America

arr. J. Eklund

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME

***GATHERING HYMN #2101** (TFWS v. 1 & 4)

Two Fishermen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marty Lyman

(written by Rev. Kathleen Sheets, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Jesup, IA)

Liturgist: To the fisherman Jesus said:

People: "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

Liturgist: To the tax collector Jesus said:

People: "Follow me."

Liturgist: To the rich man Jesus said:

**People: "Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."**

Liturgist: At the last supper Jesus said: "Follow me."

People: To you and to me and to all of us Jesus says: "Follow me!"

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, we are often of different minds and wills as your people. We come from our separate places to this common space of worship. We come with a desire to hear your word and walk your path. Guide us as we stretch out our hands and arms, our hearts and minds to each other as we join together and follow you into a world that knows peace, justice and love. 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

I Kings 19: 19-21

So Elijah set out from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah and became his servant.

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 9: 57-62

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Do You Follow?

Deb Trimble

***HYMN #2129** (TFWS vs. 1 & 3)

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Teach Me Thy Way, Lord
Marcia Jackson, Organ

G. Clarke

***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 #2137** (TFWS vs. 1 & 4) *Would I Have Answered When You Called*

***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: Allegro Energico

arr. M. Williams

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 to the Glory of God.

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Worship Leader: Deb Trimble

Technical and Artistic Director: Deb Trimble/ Alan Druckenmiller

Guest Musician: Marcia Jackson

Liturgist: Marty Lyman

Greeter: Gennie Keddy

Ushers: Kim Ryan



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Please Pray For: Susan Pereira, Theresa Munn, 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 6, 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)

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. 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 27th - 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 3rd - 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 31st - 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/

A promotional poster for Wilbraham United Church Vacation Bible Camp 2025. The background is a light blue gradient. At the top, the text "Wilbraham United Church" is in blue, and "Vacation Bible Camp 2025" is in large, bold, yellow letters with a blue outline. Below the title, a large, unrolled scroll is shown. On the scroll, the words "Messengers of God" are written in blue. A small blue bird is perched on the top left of the scroll. To the right of the scroll, an angel with large white wings and a golden halo is depicted in a blue robe, holding the scroll. In the bottom right corner, there is a circular callout with the text "Volunteers also needed!". At the bottom of the poster, the dates "July 28 - August 1, 2025" are written in large, bold, yellow letters with a blue outline. Below the dates, the text "enroll at" is followed by the website address "www.wilbrahamunitedchurch.org/vacation-bible-camp". To the right of the website address is a QR code inside a circular frame with a dashed border.

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This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Sunday, July 6, 2025

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (ZR)

1:30 p.m. – WUP (FH)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

Monday, July 7, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

6:30 p.m. – WUP (FH)

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

6:30 p.m. – WUP (FH)

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

9:00 a.m. – WUP (FH)

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

9:00 a.m. – WUP (FH)

6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)

Friday, July 11, 2025

Church Office closed

9:00 a.m. – WUP (FH)

Saturday, July 12, 2025

Church Office closed

9:00 a.m. – WUP (FH)

9:00 a.m. – Electronic Recycling Event

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)

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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