



Wilbraham United Church

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

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August 10, 2025

9th 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: For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. J.B. Taylor

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME

***GATHERING HYMN #100**(UMH verses 1 & 5) *God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Patti Colkos

Liturgist: The Holy One speaks and we gather to listen. God pours down the light of blessing and we are made glad. The Lord hears us when we share our prayers and we find fulfillment in the Spirit of God

People: We give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts, for the Holy One hears our prayers and increases the strength of our souls. Thank be to God

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God, We know that you bring wonder and amazement to the stars above and the earth below. We know that you open your hand, and all creation knows of your power and might. We worship you, Oh Lord, with a gladness within our being, that your love should be so great. Come to us and be amongst us, so we may filled with all the knowledge of you. 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

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 50: 1-8, 23

Liturgist: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Liturgist: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before whom is a devouring fire, round about whom is a mighty storm.

People: God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that the people may be judged.

Liturgist: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

People: The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God alone is judge!

Liturgist: "Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

People: Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.

Liturgist: Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me;

People: to those who go the right way, I will show the salvation of God."

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 6: 43-45

“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil, for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.”

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

It's All Good

Rev. Janet

***HYMN #593 (UMH)**

Here I Am, Lord

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Gonna Be A Great Day
Patti Colkos, Deb Trimble

arr. 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 #660** (*UMH verses 1-3*)

God Is Here

***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: Toccata in E Minor

J. Pachelbel

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: Ralph & Sherrie Ridgeway

Liturgist: Patti Colkos

Greeter: Gennie Keddy

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*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.*



Please Pray For:

Catherine Gardner
Larry Harris
Connie Law
Sharon McAbee
Shey McAbee
Michelle McBride
Bill McCullough
Theresa Munn
Terry Nelson
David Pierangelo
Susan Pereira
Jim Trimble
Marilyn
The Hungry
The Homeless

The victims of violence and their families
Our troops, our country and our world

“News for the Pews” for the Week of August 10, 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. 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"**:

- 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



This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Sunday, August 10, 2025

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (ZR)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

Monday, August 11, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 2:30

6:00 p.m. – Phys Ops Meeting (ZR)

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Church Office 8:30 –2:30

8:30 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast Group

2:00 p.m. – Bible Study (ZR)

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Church Office 10:00 – 1:30

11:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30

6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)

Friday, August 15, 2025

Church Office closed

Saturday, August 2, 2025

Church Office closed

Sunday, August 3, 2025

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (ZR)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

Blessing Box



*Hunger doesn't take a summer vacation!
We've seen an uptick in the demand on the Blessing Box in the last few weeks. Please remember the Box when you are at the grocery store!*

Items most in need:
Pasta Sauce & Pasta
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Cereal
Mayonnaise
Granola Bars

A decorative border at the top and bottom of the card features orange and red autumn leaves, some with small red berries. At the bottom, there are three pumpkins of different sizes. The background is a light beige color.

SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 4

1. Our Pumpkin Patch Pumpkins will be delivered and we will need many hands to unload the truck!
2. The Fellowship Commission is planning a Fall Dinner and they will need volunteers to help serve, set up and clean up.

The background is a solid yellow color with several small, white, stylized sunburst or spiral patterns scattered across it. A large, semi-transparent yellow circle is centered on the page.

REMiNDER

AUGUST 18

DEACONS AT 6:30 P.M.

CHURCH COUNCIL AT 7:00 P.M.