

The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory

Precious Memories

Beulah Land Jubilee Gospel Quartet

***Presentation of Gifts with Doxology**

Hymnal #94

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 uplifts;

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Most gracious God, we ask you to take these gifts, which you have graciously, and multiply them, and use them to your glory, in the church and in the world. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Going Out to Do God's Word

The Life and Mission of the Church

*Closing Hymn

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

(Songbook #164)

*Benediction

* Vanderbilt Divinity Library

** Thomas Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies on-line

Uplifting Verse of the Week

*A quote by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin,
"Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God."*

Williston Federated Church

United Methodist Church and United Church of Christ – Federated 1899

An Open and Affirming, Reconciling Congregation

Mission Statement

Our church is a community which seeks, welcomes and gathers people to share the Gospel of God's love, enables people to find fullness of life through Jesus Christ, goes into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ, and responds actively to human need.



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Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

August 21, 2016 ~ 9:30 A.M.

Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery for children up to age three.

Hearing assistance devices are available – please ask an usher for assistance.

A Fellowship time follows worship—Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Centering Words

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home;

I love you and you are mine. [David Haas]

Prelude **Beulah La** **Beulah Land Gospel Quartet**

Greeting and Announcements

*Sharing the Peace of Christ (a brief time of greeting other worshipers nearby)

*Opening **The Summons**
(Songbook #165)

Lighting the Peace Candle

Call to Worship**

Leader: Before we got up this morning and decided to come to church.

ALL: God was waiting for us, to welcome us with grace.

Leader: When we are unsure of what to do; when we falter before the next step,

ALL: We come to listen to God's voice, to learn from the One who teaches us all we ever need to know.

Leader: When we are surrounded by cruelty and injustice; when our fears cripple our souls,

ALL: God delivers us with steadfast love; we are set free to be God's sons and daughters.

Opening Prayer

Father God, we come together this day to worship you. You have called us by name to be here this morning. Some of us respond to that call thru praise and thanksgiving, and some thru guilt and anxiety. Bless us wherever we are. As we come to you this day, we ask that you receive our sacrifice of prayer and praise like sweet incense rising to the heavens.

Listening for God's Word

Special Music **Softly and Tenderly** **Beulah Land Jubilee Gospel Quartet**

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Time with Children of All Ages

Scripture Readings

Reading from Hebrew O.T. Page 698

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Gospel Reading N.T. Page 76

Luke 13:10-17

Sermon **“Called”** **Rev. Paul Hoffman**

*Hymn **He Touched Me**
(Hymnal #367)

Responding to God's Word

Celebrations & Concerns (Requests from the Congregation)

Prayers of the People*

Friends in Christ,

God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgiving and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

.....each prayer concluding with: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Williston Federated Church ~ Week of August 21, 2016

Sunday, August 21- 9:30am Worship Service with Rev Paul Hoffman and guests The Beulah Land Quartet

Tuesday, August 23- 7:00pm Trustee Meeting

Thursday, Aug 25—8:00am Centering Prayer & Bible; 6:00pm Music and Worship

Friday, Aug 26 - 7:00am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, Aug 28- 9:30am Worship with Nancy Stone

The Beulah Land Quartet that will be singing this morning was formed about a year ago. Janet Anderson was the alto for the group until she left for Alaska. The group found another alto and kept singing. Their name is from the hymn Beulah land. This hymn is based on Isaiah Chapter 62 verse 4.

This verse is in reference to the return of the Hebrews from their exile in Babylon and implies that the Hebrews have turned back to the worship of God. The hymn presents the idea that Heaven can be seen from Beulah land. This comes from [John Bunyan's Pilgrim's](#)

Schedule of Services—August

August 28, Nancy Stone

September 4, Brigid Farrell

September 11, Rev. Paul Hoffman, Life member of Ferrisburgh Fire Dept., Chaplain of the Ferrisburgh Fire Dept.

Calling all Cooks and Bakers—Finance will be running a take home dinner in Sept. We are looking for people who would like to bake their favorite meal, soup, bread or dessert. If you are willing to cook or bake an item to sell please sign up on the Bulletin Board, Tell us what you want to create and how many you are willing to make. We will be selling the items in Sept and people will pick up their orders on September 25th after church. Questions Vickie Walker 497-0017 or vwalker56@comcast.net

Friday Morning Men's 7:00am Bible Study is looking at the lectionary readings for the week, thinking about them, and discussing their meaning for our lives. After the meetings everyone who has time is invited to go out to breakfast together. All the men associated with the church are encouraged to join the group, for one Friday or for more. For additional information, contact Ken Stone, kmstonevt@aol.com

WFC Book Club and Pot Luck Supper—The September meeting of the WFC women's book club will be on Sept 21st at Peet Grobler's home. We will be discussing 'That Old Cape Magic' by Richard Russo.

Please let Peet know if you plan to attend so that she can plan her seating. Her address is: 43 Michael Lane, Williston. 802-881-9007. Hope to see you all there, Lois Mason

Community Dinner Summer Happenings

Community Dinners will be serving four breakfasts at the Chittenden Food Shelf on Sunday Mornings. These breakfasts feed homeless people from the Burlington Area. It is a great event for a family activity. Help by serving breakfast at the Chittenden Food Shelf (8:30 to 11 AM). We still need volunteers on Aug 28th contact Vickie Walker 497-0017 vwalker56@comcast.net or Polly Malik 879-6968 ptmalik@myfairpoint.net .

Message from Karen Allen— **Message from Karen Allen—Hello everyone.** We've all seen what's coming. We've gotten lists from the teachers and seen displays in the stores. Yes, it is that time of the year. When you start to do your back to school shopping please pick up some extra art supplies for COW. We will fill a suitcase again with gallon size baggies filled with colored pencils, crayons, markers, construction paper, glue sticks, pipe cleaners, and anything else "artsy" you can think of. I think that it is better to get the smaller packages of crayons or markers so we can easily distribute them. Here is a statement copied from the COW website.

At **Color Our World (COW)**, we believe that art should be a part of everyone's life to allow them to foster spontaneous creativity and meaningful self-expression. For that reason, COW works to facilitate mobile art relief around the world to allow everyone to experience the joy that comes from art. We have designed Art kits that are mobile and filled with crayons, markers, paints, colorful pipe cleaners, construction paper, and most importantly *hope* that can travel the world and provide much needed supplies to communities living in crisis. To do this successfully, art kits are developed to be highly accessible and transportable so that they can easily reach any community or child in need.

Sunday school classes will be starting on September 11. We need teachers for the younger elementary group, ages 4-7 and the middle elementary group, ages 8-9/10. Please contact Karen (KarenWFC@comcast.net) to volunteer. This year the older group-middle school class will be spending the last Sunday of the month up in the sanctuary for the full service.