

Prayer of Dedication

As you stand among us now, Jesus, in your resurrected glory, may we know the power of your life; may we turn away from death; and may we and these gifts become agents of resurrection, wherever we find ourselves. Amen.

*Hymn

Christ has Risen
(Songbook #166)

Going Out to Do God's Word

The Life and Mission of the Church

*Benediction

Postlude:

Festival Postlude
(Seifert)

Greeters: Rick and Barb Bristol Coffee Hour: Carol Bouchard

Usher: Jane Stickney—Gil and Mary Lue Rodes—Ken Stone

Scripture Reader:

UPLIFTING VERSE FOR THE WEEK.....

"If you're too busy counting your troubles, you'll forget to recount your blessings."
"Where love abounds so do miracles."

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.



*Interim Pastor ~ Reverend Barbara Lemmel 881-3267, barblemmel@mac.com
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Emeritus Pastor ~ Rev. Charlie Magill

Lay Leader ~ Ashley Dubois, Ministers ~ The People of the Church

Church Office Administrator ~ Sally Nowotarski

Music Director ~ Martin Hain, Organist ~ Carolyn Pillsbury

Choir Accompanist ~ Cindy Thurston Nursery Caregiver ~ Michelle Davis

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Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

April 16, 2017 ~ 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

*May God bless you with enough foolishness
to believe that you really can make a difference in this world,
so that you are able, with God's grace,
to do what others claim cannot be done.*

Franciscan Blessing

Prelude

Deo Gracias
(Healey Willian)

Introit

Crown Him With Many Crowns
(Hymnal #326)

Greeting and Announcements

***Hymn**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
(Hymnal #302)

Lighting the Peace Candle

Call to Worship

One: On that first Easter morning, the angel opened the tomb with wonderful and awe-inspiring news:

**All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!
God promises to break into our losses and sorrows with a message
of tremendous joy:**

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

One: May we be renewed until we cannot help but witness to the resurrection:

**All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!
May we roll back the stones in our hearts and shout Alleluia once again:
Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!**

Opening Prayer

**We praise you, Jesus, because Good Friday
met Easter Day and Life has won!** (clap 1X)

The grave could not hold Jesus! (clap 2X)

Faith and love are stronger than death! (clap 3X)

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! (clap 4X)

Alleluia and Amen! (applause!)

Anthem

The Lord Is Risen this Morning
(by Besig and Price)

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children of All Ages

Scripture:

N.T. page 129-130

Acts 10:34-43

N.T. page 33-34

Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon

Earthquake Experiences

Pastor Barb

***Hymn**

Easter People, Raise Your Voices
(Hymnal #304)

Responding to God's Word

Celebrations & Concerns Response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Prayers of the People

The 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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

***Presentation of Gifts**

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

Building a World Beyond War:

Vermont Stands for a World Beyond War Coalition Join other Vermonters on Saturday, April 22nd from 9 AM to 4:30 PM at Winooski School District, 60 Normand Street in Winooski, for a daylong conference, entitled Building a World Beyond War: What Will It Take?

The conference will feature keynote presentations by David Swanson, 2017 Nobel Prize nominee and Director of World Beyond War, and Pat Hynes, Director of the Traprock Center for Peace and Justice. Twelve Vermont-focused workshop sessions will cover topics from nuclear weapons, activism 101, financing a peace economy, militarism in our lives, Israel and Palestine, the F35s, and the internal and external effects of war on our lives.

The Vermont Stands for a World Beyond War Coalition includes the Burlington, Vermont, Branch: Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF); Peace & Justice Center; Save Our Skies VT/Stop the F35s Coalition; Will Miller Green Mountain Veterans For Peace; Vermont Action for Peace; Great Burlington Multicultural Resource Center; Kungsi Keja Tamakoce; Friends Committee on National Legislation; and Justice for All.

The registration deadline is April 18th with a registration fee of \$25 for food. No one will be turned away due to inability to pay. To register, go to the Peace & Justice Center website at www.pjcv.org, looking under the "Upcoming PJC Events" tab. For more information, contact the Peace & Justice Center at program@pjcv.org or call (802) 863-2345 x6.

Book Club and Pot Luck ~ Shirley Rounds will hostess the book club this month on Monday, April 24 at 5:30. The book is "Where We Belong" by Catherine Ryan Hyde. It is about fourteen-year-old Angie and her mom who are poised at the edge of homelessness... again. The problem is her little sister, Sophie. Sophie has an autism-like disorder, and a tendency to shriek. No matter where they live, home never seems to last long.....

Shirley lives at 119 Honeysuckle Ln. Please RSVP to 878-6399 or rsrounds1@gmail.com.

Williston Federated Church ~ Week of April 16, 2017

Sunday, April 16 ~ 9:30am Easter Sunday Worship with Pastor Barb

Wednesday, April 19 ~ 6:30pm Pastor Staff Meeting

Thursday, April 20 ~ 8:00am Centering Prayer;

Friday, April 21 ~ 7:00am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, April 23 ~ 9:30am Sunday Worship with Pastor Paul

Pastor Barb's Schedule:

April 20, Thursday ~ 9:00 to 2:00, Church Office

April 26, Wednesday ~ 9:00 to 2:00, Church Office

April 28, Friday ~ 9:00 to 2:00, Church Office

May 2, Tuesday ~ 9:00 to 2:00, Church Office

May 4, Thursday ~ 9:00 to 2:00, Church Office

Services for the Month of April

April 23, 9:30am, with Pastor Paul

April 30, 9:30am, with Pastor Barb

May 7, 9:30am, with Pastor Barb

May 14, 9:30am, with Pastor Barb

May 21, 9:30am, with Pastor Barb

May 28, 9:30am, with Pastor Paul

Kids4Peace summer camp for 6th & 7th graders The Interfaith Camp will run from the evening of June 28 to July 9th and will be located at Plymouth State University, NH. Although this summer's camp will not have international kids joining us, during the first 5 days the K4P kids will join with other kids for a unique program 9:30-3:30 run by the Plymouth State Musical Theater director and a friend from Broadway. At the end of the 5 days, they will put on a musical theater production written from pre-selected stories from our K4P kids. They have done this kind of show before and are pros at it. It is open to Vermont and New Hampshire kids who are currently in 6th and 7th grades.

To learn more and register, go to www.k4p.org/summer2017. You can also talk with Nancy Stone, member of Williston Federated Church, who has been involved as art teacher for the past 8 years



Name	Dedication
Sara Moran	In honor of my mother, Eleanor Webster Bradley
Joe and Sylvia Maloney	In appreciation for our children and Our grandchildren
Bill and Elaine Pellechia	In honor of our children and Our grandchildren
Carol Lewis	In loving memory of Don
Carol Lewis	In loving memory of Reverend David Pearson
The Purinton Family	In loving memory of B & C Allen and C, D & K Purinton
Will and Sally Metro	In memory of John Metro
Goodheart Family	In memory of our parents And our grandparents
Romaine DeCamp	In memory of Peter H. DeCamp, Sr.
Rebecca and Joseph Dubois	In memory of those we have loved



Rummage Sale Results - Many thanks to all who: donated clothing to this year's rummage sale, spent hours sorting, worked during the sale & helped with clean up.

Despite a late spring snowstorm, which may have deterred our usual number of shoppers, the Women of the Church raised \$1200 which will be used in support of mission outreach.

The clothing that did not sell went to the following: The Burlington Boys & Girls Club, Redeemed (a thrift shop for children's clothing, Replays (the UVMC Auxiliary Thrift Store) & Goodwill. The remaining jewelry went to a small church in NY for their annual jewelry sale. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Carol Bouchard - Rummage Sale Coordinator

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**WFC Needs You** - The Nominating Committee has started the process of filling vacancies on the various church committees for the 2017-2018 fiscal year which begins July 1st. We are asking that you prayerfully consider where you might be feeling called to serve the church.

Committees include: Official Board, Trustees, Pastor Staff Relations, Finance, Education, Membership, Music & Worship, Missions & Social Concerns, Youth Ministry and Parsonage Committee as well as Auditors & Communion Stewards. There are openings on all committees & we welcome & value your participation.

Please speak to a member of the Nominating Committee: Rebecca Dubois, Donna Goodheart, Sylvia Maloney or Carol Bouchard. To learn more about what each committee does, go to the church web site: [steeple.org](http://steeple.org) and click on committees.

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Friday Morning Men's 7:00am Bible Study is exploring the New Testament. After the meetings everyone who has time is invited to go out to breakfast together. For more information, contact Ken Stone, kmstonevt@aol.com.