

Offering

Offertory

Part of My Heart
(by Jim Brickman)

*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

Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, giver of every good and perfect gift, in gratitude we give these gifts to you. With them, we consecrate ourselves to your service. Use us and that which we have given for your work in the world, that both gift and giver may be a blessing to those who receive. Amen.

Going Out to Do God's Word

The Life and Mission of the Church

*Hymn

Lord of the Dance
(Hymnal #261)

*Benediction

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in every good, so that you may do God's will, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21

Benediction Song

Go Now in Peace
(Hymnal #665)

Postlude:

We're Marching to Zion
(By Robert Lowe arr. By Richard A. Nichols)

Greeters: Carmyn Stanko

Coffee Hour:

Usher:

Scripture Reader:

Should you need a ride to church or events for any reason, contact donnafellinger vt@gmail.com

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
Minister of Pastoral Care ~ Rev. Paul Hoffman 371-9770, plhoff123@gmail.com

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

44 North Williston Road, Williston, VT 05495

Church Office: (802) 878-5792, e-mail address: office@steeple.org, Website: www.steeple.org

Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

April 23, 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

*Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now,
you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are
receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

1 Peter 1:8-9

Prelude

In Silence and Peace
(by Liam Lawton arr. By Paul A Tate)

Greeting and Announcements

***Hymn**

Christ is Alive
(Hymnal #318)

Lighting the Peace Candle - *The Serenity Prayer*

Hymnal #459

**God, grant me the serenity to accept things that I cannot change, the courage to
change the things I can, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.**

Amen

Call to Worship +

One: This is the Good News— the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

All: **Hallelujah!**

One: This is the Good news— the light shines in the darkness

And the darkness can never put it out.

All: **Hallelujah!**

One: This is the Good news— once we were no people, now we are God's people.

All: **Hallelujah!**

One: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

All: **Hallelujah! Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Christ, our living hope, breathe your Spirit upon us.

Fill us with your faith and love, that we may believe and live the Easter miracle.

Help us so to believe where we have not seen, that others will see in us the

**living Christ, arisen and changing the world, even today. In faith and hope we
pray. Amen**

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children of All Ages

***Hymn**

Christ Is Risen
(Hymnal #307)

Epistle Reading: N.T. page 232

1 Peter 1:3-9(New Int.Version)

Gospel Lesson: N.T. page 115

John 20:19-31

Sermon

Eye Witnesses

Rev. Paul Hoffman

***Hymn**

Ask Me What Great Thing I Know
(Hymn #163)

Responding to God's Word

Stewardship moment

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

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

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 tres-
passes, 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.**

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

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.

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