

Offering

Offertory

Hallelujah, Your Love is Amazing
(Songbook #147)

*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

Jesus, like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have. They offered their company, their table, their bread. We invite you to be with us as we offer you our love, our devotion, these gifts. May our eyes be opened to your holy presence, now and always. Amen.

Going Out to Do God's Word

The Life and Mission of the Church

*Hymn

Halle Halle Halle
(Songbook #88)

*Benediction

Postlude:

Allegretto
(Georg Bohm)

Greeters: Reg Melrose and Vicki Walker Coffee Hour: Carol Bouchard

Usher: Jan and Carlos Mejias

Scripture Reader: Sue Leister

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 30, 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

The Beloved walks beside you, murmuring in your ear.

His teachings unfold like Spring beneath your feet,

His word a green singing in every stone and leaf.

Only later will you recognize it, the truth you've known all along.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Prelude

Foundation
(arr. by Wilbur Held)

Introit

Christ is Alive
(Hymnal #318)

Greeting and Announcements

***Hymn**

The Day of Resurrection
(Hymnal #303)

Lighting the Peace Candle

Call to Worship

One: And so love is unstoppable even by death: Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed!**

Life is not destroyed by having been through hell: Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

One: Light does not stay smothered by the darkest of nights: Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed!**

We are not people of fear anymore. We know now how the story ends:

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Opening Prayer

Holy One, Resurrecting One, may I be transformed today. May the desires and attachments that prevent me from loving perfectly be swallowed up in death. May a new person come forth in me, full of loving kindness toward all beings. With each breath I draw your eternal life: not the life of my making and managing, but life that is pure gift. Re-create me today as a merciful person, flowering with your infinite grace. Amen.

Anthem

Jesus Loves Me
(arr. By Joel Raney)

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children of All Ages

Stewardship moment

Scripture:

N.T. page 119, 120
N.T. page 90

Acts 2:14a, 22-24, 37-41
Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

The Story We Live Into

Pastor Barb

***Hymn**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord
(Hymn #162)

Responding to God's Word

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

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Book Club News:

Thank you to Shirley for hosting our April meeting. We had a delicious dinner as usual and a good discussion of “Where We Belong”.

Our book for May is “Commonwealth” by Ann Patchett. Spanning five decades, *Commonwealth* explores how a chance encounter reverberates through the lives of the four parents and six children involved. Spending summers together in Virginia, the Keating and Cousins children forge a lasting bond that is based on a shared disillusionment with their parents and the strange and genuine affection that grows up between them.

Mary Lue Rodes will host on Monday, May 22 at her home at 334 Commons Rd. Please rsvp to rodes6@msn.com or 802-233-2434.

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 and click on committees.

Williston Federated Church ~ Week of April 30, 2017

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

Tuesday, May 2~ 7:00pm Mission Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 3~ 6:30pm Trustee Meeting

Thursday, May 4~ ~ 8:00am Centering Prayer; 7:00pm Choir Rehearsals;
7:00pm Financial Committee Meeting

Friday, May 5~ 7:00am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, May 7 ~ 9:30am Sunday Worship with Pastor Barb

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### **Pastor Barb's Schedule:**

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

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

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Services for the Month of April

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

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**FYI ~ Rev. Paul Hoffman** will be away on vacation ~ April 25 - May 2.

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2017 APDA (American Parkinson Disease Association) Optimism Walk Vermont

~ Our Sue Leister will be walking in Stowe on May 13. A link for donations has been provided for easy access to the website

<http://apdaparkinson.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=841>

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### **Calling All Graduates!**

We will be recognizing all graduates on Youth Sunday (May 21st). If you have a child graduating from high school, college, or beyond, please send the name, place of graduation, and the next plan (college, work, etc) to Ashley at [ashley0705@gmail.com](mailto:ashley0705@gmail.com) by Sunday, May 14th. Thanks!

### **Our Sanctuary Storm Windows**

A note from Jeff Fellingner, your friendly, neighborhood window restorer-guy. With warmer temperatures now upon us, isn't it nice that the sanctuary windows can be thrown open on Sundays and worshipers can be bathed in lovely breezes?

If you wish to open and/or close the sanctuary storm windows this summer, please take note of the following: - Only the sanctuary window units have functioning storm sashes. The hallway and staircase storm windows are not operable.- The storm sashes that do function are quite HEAVY. Lift firmly under the metal lip at the base of the storm and the sashes' spring-lock pins will lock into their first position about 2 inches up. The spring-locks can then be released by pulling inward on the finger holds and the storm raised further, or lowered back down, from there. - IT IS THE LAST BIT OF LOWERING THAT IS POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS. The sash fit into a U-channel along the bottom edge of the frame when fully closed. The spring-locks disappear into this channel. Therefore, remove your fingers from the spring-lock holds prior to lowering the sash that final 2 inches or they will get pinched! -

Ask for help if you are unsure of the windows' operations....or are not feeling strong! It's a good idea to keep the storms closed when the windows are not in use....They help protect the historic sash from sun, wind and water! Many thanks for being cautious when enjoying your beautiful church windows.

### **Our Labyrinth**

Now is a perfect time to start walking and praying on our labyrinth. The grass is shorter and the days are still not too warm to enjoy the time spent outdoors. Remember if you need them, brochures with suggested prayers are available on the bulletin board inside the hall-way near the door to the labyrinth. Take the time to meditate and enjoy your time outdoors with God.

### **Trustee's Spring Clean-Up Day**

Please join us on Saturday, May 13th anytime from 8:30 to 12:00 to spruce up the outside of our church. We have lots of work to do: power washing, sweeping, raking and many other tasks. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin. Any help is appreciated. We will provide snacks, juice and coffee. Also, if you have rakes, shovels and other tools that you think would be useful, please bring them. Thank you.

**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](http://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

**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](mailto:kmstonevt@aol.com)