

Offering

Offertory

Adagio from 2 Organ Concerto
(Johann G. Walther)

*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

Good Shepherd, teach us to follow you: to spread compassion, to work for justice, to make peace, and to love as you have loved us. Good Shepherd, teach us to follow you: to be faithful to calling you gave us and to be shepherds in your name. Amen.

*Hymn

Take Our Bread (Hymnal #640)
Take our bread, we ask you;
Take our hearts, we love you;
Take our lives, O Jesus, we are yours, we are yours.

The Lords Supper

*Choir

Come Share the Lord
(Songbook #123)
We Remember You
(Songbook #64)

Going Out to Do God's Word

The Life and Mission of the Church

*Benediction

Postlude:

Honor Be Given Only to God on High
(J.S. Bach)

Greeters: Dottie Woods Coffee Hour: Vickie Walker and Polly Malik

Usher: Charlie and Ruth Magill

Scripture Reader: Judy Pillsbury

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

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Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

May 7, 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

*There are very few people who realize what God would make of them
if they abandoned themselves into God's hands,
and let themselves be formed by God's grace.*

St. Ignatius

Prelude

Variations
(by G.F. Handel)

Introit

The Strife is O'er
(Hymnal #306)

Greeting and Announcements

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

*Hymn

Christ is Alive
(Hymnal #319)

Lighting the Peace Candle

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 23)

One: Come together this morning to worship God, who is enough for us;

All: We come to find rest, as in soft fields and beside whispering streams.

One: God delights to restore and renew us,

All: God leads us into life-giving ways;

One: When death and evil come close to us, God carries us through,
God protects and comforts us.

**All: When others seek to do us harm, God fills us with strength
and we enjoy overflowing abundance.**

One: We come to worship this morning in confidence
that God's goodness and compassion will fill our days;

**All: We come to worship this morning so that we may stay immersed
in God's life and presence forever.**

Opening Prayer

Good Shepherd, teach us to follow you: to care for all that are close to us, to protect those who are threatened, to welcome those who are rejected, to forgive those who are burdened by guilt, to heal those who are broken and sick, to share with those who have little or nothing, to take the time to really know one another and love as you have loved us. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth
(By John Rutter)

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children of All Ages

Stewardship moment

Scripture:

O.T. page 501
N.T. page 103

Psalm 23
John 10:1-10

Sermon

Bounded or Centered?

Pastor Barb

*Hymn

The Summons
(Songbook #165)

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.

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### **WFC Needs You**

Thank you to all who have stepped forward to serve on a committee beginning July 1st. We are most grateful! The following committees still need a few people: Trustees, Finance, Education and Youth Ministry as well as an Auditor.

We are asking that you prayerfully consider where you might be feeling called to serve. Please speak to a member of the Nominating Committee: Rebecca Dubois, Donna Goodheart, Sylvia Maloney or Carol Bouchard. To learn more about the role of each committee, go to the church web site: [steeple.org](http://steeple.org) and click on committees.

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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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### **Teen Trivia - National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month**

Lund and Planned Parenthood of Northern New England have teamed up to host a sexual health education event in celebration of National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month. Let's Talk About Sex Teen Trivia Night will be held Thursday, May 4th from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Contois Auditorium in Burlington City Hall.

Teens will test their sexual health knowledge and compete for fun prizes while also meeting community organizations that support safe, healthy relationships. Free event. Complimentary light refreshments. Please share widely with teens and young adults! For more information: [www.bit.ly/TPPM2017](http://www.bit.ly/TPPM2017)

### **Williston Federated Church ~ Week of May 7, 2017**

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

**Monday, May 8** ~ 7:30am-12:00 AP Testing

**Tuesday, May 9** ~ 7:30am-12:00 AP Testing; 6:30pm Official Board

**Wednesday, May 10** ~ 7:30am-12:00 AP Testing; 6:00pm Youth Ministry

**Thursday, May 11** ~ ~ 7:30am-4:00 AP Testing; 8:00am Centering Prayer; 7:00pm Choir Rehearsals;

**Friday, May 12** ~ 7:00am Men's Bible Study

**Saturday, May 13** ~ *WFC Spring Clean Up Day—8:30 to 12:00*

**Sunday, May 14** ~ 9:30am Sunday Worship/New Member Induction with Pastor Barb

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Pastor Barb's Schedule:

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

May 11, Thursday ~ 9:00 to 2:00, Church Office

May 19, Friday ~ 9:00 to 2:00, Church Office

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### **Services for the Month of April**

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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American Nurses Association has designated 2017 as the "Year of the Healthy Nurse." Join us during **National Nurses Week**, May 6–12, in thanking our nurses. It's all about celebrating nurses who lead the charge for health and wellness. Thank you!

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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.

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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

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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](mailto:kmstonevt@aol.com)

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