

Offering

Offertory

Shout to the Lord
(Songbook #94)

*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

*Unison Prayer of Dedication \dagger

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.

The Life and Mission of the Church

*Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other
(Hymnal #560)

Going Out to Do God's Word

Benediction

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things...and the God of peace be with you.
Phil. 4:8

Benediction Song

El Shaddai
(Hymnal #123)

Postlude

Psalm 19 The Heavens Declare
(Benedetto Marcello)

*Please Stand if you are able

\dagger The Abingdon Worship Annual 2011

Greeters: Jean Bing **Coffee Hour:** Ruth Magill and Carol Bouchard

Usher: Carmyn Stanko and Ruth Skiff

Scripture Reader: Nancy Stone

Should you need a ride to church or events for any reason, contact donnafellingerVT@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

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Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

June 25, 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

“Don’t be intimidated. Eventually everything is going to be out in the open, and everyone will know how things really are... Don’t be bluffed into silence by the threats of bullies. There’s nothing they can do to your soul, your core being. Save your fear for God, who holds your entire life—body and soul—in his hands. Matt. 10:26-28 The Message.

Prelude

Sicilienne
(Maria Theresia von Pardis)

Introit

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

Greeting and Announcements

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

*Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
(Hymnal #89)

Lighting the Peace Candle

Compassionate God, we are horrified at violence in so many parts of the world.
It seems that none are safe, and some are terrified.

Hold back the hands that kill and maim; turn around the hearts that hate.
Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace – peace that passes our understanding
but changes lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Call to Worship

One: Precious Lord, at times you seem far away.

All: Our faith is sorely tested.

One: Do not hide your face from us forever.

All: We put our trust in your steadfast love.

One: How long must we bear this pain?

All: How much more can we lose before we break?

One: Yet we place our trust in your goodness and mercy.

All: Our hearts will rejoice in your salvation.

Opening Prayer

God of pain and suffering, you embrace us in our need. As we enter this house of worship, you already know our deepest need; you embrace our most desperate hopes. Come to us and quicken the spirit that languishes within us. Live in us this day, that we may be a people who rise above the storms that threaten to overcome us. We ask this through the one who came that we might have life and have it abundantly. Amen.

Anthem

This Is My Father’s World
(by Maltbie Babcock and Lee Dengler)

Listening for God’s Word

Time with Children

*Hymn

O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
(Hymnal #57)

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures:

O.T. page 17

Genesis 21:8-21

Gospel Lesson:

N.T. page 10

Matthew 10:selected verses

(The Message)

Sermon

Pain and Fear

Rev Paul Hoffman

*Hymn

O Lord, Hear My Prayer (2x)
(Songbook #133)

Responding to God’s Word

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

Prayers of the People. Response: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

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 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.

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