

Offering

Offertory

Andante Religioso  
(Mendelssohn)

Presentation of Gifts with Doxology

Hymnal #94

*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, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Make us also restless until all your people, all your creatures, all your creation is cared for and complete. Use our gifts, our hands, our hearts and our lives for your good work. Amen.

**The Life and Mission of the Church**

**\*Hymn**

Open the Eyes of My Heart  
(Songbook #136)

**Going Out to Do God's Word**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

The Heavens Declare  
(Benedetto Marcello)

\*Please Stand if you are able

Should you need a ride to church or events for any reason, contact [donnafellingsvt@gmail.com](mailto:donnafellingsvt@gmail.com)  
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**Greeter and Coffee Hour:** Ruth and Charlie Magill

**Ushers:** Paul Bouchard and Larry Pillsbury

**Scripture:** Bob Driver

# 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.*



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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!

September 24, 2017 ~ 9:30 A.M.

Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery for young children.  
Hearing assistance devices are available – please ask an usher for assistance.

## Centering Words

*I find that I have to remind myself again and again that I have no corner on the truth of God.*  
-Br. Robert L'Esperance, Society of St John the Evangelist

## Prelude

Purer in Heart  
(Franklin Ritter)

## Introit

“Guide Me, O, Thou Great Jehovah”

## Greeting and Announcements

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

## \*Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God  
(Hymnal #102)

## Lighting the Peace Candle

## Call to Worship

*based on Psalm 46*

One: The earth shakes, the mountains quake -- tempting our hearts to fear.

**All: The Beloved is our refuge and our strength,  
a loving Presence in times of trouble.**

One: Rivers overflow their banks, wildfires rage, yet we remember:

**All: The Beloved is our refuge and our strength,  
a loving Presence in times of trouble.**

One: When our children are away from home and out of our sight,  
when those we love disappoint us, we take comfort in knowing:

**All: The Beloved is our refuge and our strength,  
a loving Presence in times of trouble.**

One: Whether we have reached the end of our days or the end of our diagnoses, we  
rest in this truth:

**All: The Beloved is our refuge and our strength,  
a loving Presence in times of trouble.**

**God, you alone are our refuge; you alone are our strength.  
We look to you with faith in troubling times.**

## Opening Prayer

**The Word you spoke and keep speaking, O God, is the life of all that is. The Life you gave and keep giving, O Christ, is the renewal of every broken creature. The Breath you breathed and keep breathing, O Spirit, is the source of creativity, compassion and community that connects and unites us all.**

**Life-giving, Life-restoring, Life-fulfilling God, our worship seeks to honor you, our hearts are devoted to you, and our lives are completely given over to you. Amen.**

## Anthem

The Wonder of Love  
(by Charlotte Lee and Douglas Wagner)

## Listening for God's Word

## Time with Children of All Ages

## Scripture

O.T. Page 62-63

Exodus 16:2-15

## Sermon

Not Exactly What I Expected

Pastor Barb

## \*Hymn

O Breath of Life  
(Hymnal #543)

## Responding to God's Word

## Celebrations and Concerns

**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 in the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **Help us update the Williston Federated Church Family Scrapbook**

We will soon welcome our settled pastor, Rev. Paul Eyer & his wife, Rev. Jackie Lingelbach. As a way of helping both Paul & Jackie get to know our church family better, we are continuing to update the Williston Federated Church Family Scrapbook. If you haven't already done so, we invite you to add a page to the scrapbook with a picture and a little personal information that you want to share about yourself. The scrapbook is on the table as you enter Fellowship Hall. Check out the pages that are already inside for ideas. Take a packet that includes; simple instructions, a piece of card stock and a clear plastic protective cover. Any 8 1/2x11 inch paper will work, so be creative & have fun. When you complete your page, just slip it into the book. Thanks for your help with this project. If you have any question, contact [Carol Bouchard](#) 862-7400.

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### **Friends and Members of the WFC**

Last month Vicki Trueman and I replaced the First Aid Kit found in the kitchen. It dated back to 1988 and was in need of updating. The current kit is clean, easy to use, is FDA approved, and meets OSHA and ANSI 2009 guidelines for 100 people. We enhanced it by adding a penlight flashlight, bandage scissors, and tweezers. We researched some faith based sites for information about first aid kits, and along with our experience as nurses, we came up with a wish list for some other items that we thought would be useful to have on site. Please contact Vicki (876-7417) or me (878-9632) if you would like to donate any of the items in the list. Thank you, Sara Moran

#### **Below is Wish list for First Aid Kit**

Large tote to carry items (1)

Digital thermometer with disposable covers (1)

Small box latex free gloves size medium and large( 1 box each size)

Adhesive elastic bandages size 2 inch and 4 inch(1 each size)

Cold Compresses (2)

Blood pressure monitor: brand Citizen CH-657 (1)

Stethoscope (1)

Fleece blankets (2)

### **Ushers**

The Music and Worship Committee would like to invite you to consider volunteering as an usher during this coming year 2017-18. Ushers provide a vital part of the Sunday service. It provides volunteers an opportunity to see what is involved in producing a meaningful service. It is also nice to be able to greet members and visitors. Being an usher does not involve much work, and guidance will be provided. Also ushers do not have to participate in serving communion on Communion Sunday unless they desire.

Included is a brief survey. Would you kindly and with prayer, fill out and return it in the offering plate. This will assist Music and Worship in planning. Thanks for volunteering.

### **Williston Federated Church ~ Week of September 24, 2017**

**Wednesday, Sept 27** ~ 7:00am Men's Breakfast; 7:00pm AA Meeting

**Thursday, Sept 28** ~ 8:00am Centering Prayer; 7:00pm Choir Rehearsals

**Friday, September 29** ~ 7:00am Men's Bible Study

**Saturday, September 30** ~ 9:00am Alanon Meeting

**Sunday, October 1** ~ 9:30am Worship with Pastor Barb~ "Communion Sunday"

### **Pastor Barb Schedule:**

Friday, October 6– in church office 9:00-2:00

### **Future Services**

October 1, 9:30am with Pastor Barb

October 8, 9:30am with Pastor Barb

October 15, 9:30 with Pastor Paul Hoffman

October 22, 9:30 with Pastor Barb

October 29, 9:30 with Pastor Paul Eyer

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### **Message from Pastor Eyer**

It is no accident that Rev. Paul Eyer's first Sunday as our pastor (October 29) coincides with worldwide celebrations of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.

"Reformation Sunday" is a time to remember that especially profound "new beginning" that was ushered in with the posting of Martin Luther's "95 Theses" on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517.

As we enter a time of "new beginnings" with a new pastor, we are invited to post our own "New 95 Theses." Pastor Eyer suggests that we think about and write down our own hopes and dreams for the future of the church—for Williston Federated Church and perhaps for the wider church.

Submit your own "theses" (your hopes and dreams) to the church office at [office@steeple.org](mailto:office@steeple.org). These "New Theses" will be compiled and then posted at entrances to the church on October 29, Pastor Eyer's first Sunday.

*From Rev. Paul Eyer: I look forward to hearing about your hopes and dreams for the church, I look forward to seeing the "New 95 Theses," and I look forward to serving as your pastor!*

**Apple Pie Making** – Also, in preparation for the Chicken Pie Supper on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, we will gather in the church kitchen October 2<sup>nd</sup>. beginning at 5:00 PM, to make apple pies. Bring a bowl and your favorite peeler. Snacks provided.

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**The storm windows are tricky to operate.** Some are easy others are difficult. To open, carefully lift up the window about 3 inches, the metal tabs will click into a slot Pull both metal tabs toward the center and lift carefully (They are probably heavy) Push up until the metal tabs click in again. To lower pull metal tabs to center lower slowly allow the metal tabs to click in at 3 inches above closing point. Again pull the metal tabs to center but do not hold on to tabs they fit into the fixture at the bottom. Hold onto the rim and close slowly.

**Always close the storm windows and inside windows when leaving the sanctuary. This is to help protect the historic sash from the weather.**

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**Missions Committee wants you to be aware that .....**Sunday, October 1, is World Communion Sunday. It is a time when Christians in many countries around the world break the bread and pour the cup to remember that we are a global community of believers and followers of Christ. Some congregations will celebrate the communion liturgy in a magnificent cathedral, others in a meetinghouse, on a hill-top, or even in a storefront. Each congregation may do it in a different way. But we will all celebrate together.

On this Sunday, we will also take a special offering, to commemorate the day. These gifts will be shared equally between the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church. The UCC offering, “Neighbors in Need,” supports the Council on American Indian Ministry as well as the Justice and Witness Ministries. The UMC provides scholarship assistance to first generation minorities and international students who are pursuing graduate studies. Historically, these groups have not had significant access to higher education. Both offerings serve the marginalized and give hope and support to those in need.

So please give generously on October 1. Thank you in advance.

## **Chicken Pie Supper**

Save the Date of October 14 for this year’s chicken pie supper. Our customers are already calling for reservations so please be thinking about how you would like to contribute to make this dinner another sold out success. We’ll need chicken pies, pumpkin pies, and lots of potatoes and squash. There are many ways to help and have fun, so watch for the sign up poster which will appear very soon. There will be two seatings again this year at 5:00 and 6:00 PM with takeout available. Call Carol Bouchard at 862-7400 to make a reservation for the dinner including take out. Be sure to call early. It is always a sold out event. Thank you, Lois Mason.

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## **Book Club and Pot Luck Dinner**

September Book Club is about to begin. Chosen for this month is *Hillbilly Elegy*: part memoir, part historical and social analysis, J. D. Vance’s *Hillbilly Elegy* is a fascinating consideration of class, culture, and the American dream. At times funny, disturbing, and deeply moving, this is a family history that is also a troubling meditation on the loss of the American dream for a large portion of this country. **Our hostess will be Susan Lamb here in the Fellowship Hall on September 25.**

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**Bishop Devadhar** will be in the Vermont District on Tuesday evening, September 26 at the **Trinity UMC in Montpelier**. He will share in a potluck at 6:00 pm, and begin the evening program at 6:45 pm. The bishop will speak to topics from the audience that evening.

**October 1st is World Communion Sunday.** In order to bring our worship service closer to the world, the music and worship committee is asking the people of the church to bring small items to display on the railing near the altar and in the fellowship hall. Cloth and small items reflecting the art of a particular country are suggested. Also if anyone is interested in providing a type of bread associated with a particular culture please contact Carolyn Pillsbury, someone from the music and worship committee or contact the church office.