

Offering

Offertory

Blest Be The Tie That Binds
(Arr. By Franklin Ritter)

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**

Holy God, may the tithes and offerings we bring to your altar this day not be a testimony to our worthiness, but to our readiness – readiness to be emptied of pride, that we might be instruments of your peace, love, and compassion in our hurting world. We pray in the blessed name of Jesus, who shows us your Way. Amen.

***Hymn**

Let Us Be Bread
(Songbook #93)

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
Broken and shared, life of the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured.
Let us be one in the Lord.

The Lord's Supper

Music

Toccata for Elevation
(Frescobaldi)

Life and Mission of the Church

Going Out to Do God's Word

Benediction

Postlude

Deo Gratias
(Noel Goemanne)

*Please Stand if you are able

Should you need a ride to church or events for any reason, contact donnafellinger@vt@gmail.com
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Greeter and Coffee Hour: Music and Worship Committee

Ushers: Jane Stickney and Donna Goodwin

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

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Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

October 1, 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

The glory of God is a human being fully alive.
St Irenaeus, 2nd century bishop

Prelude

Kyrie
(Francois Couperin)

Introit

Jesus Shall Reign

Greeting and Announcements

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

*Hymn

I Sing the Almighty Power of God
(Hymnal #152)

Lighting the Peace Candle

Call to Worship for World Communion Sunday

One: We will sit down where feet tire from the journey.
We will sit down where grief bends the back.

**All: We will sit down under roofs wrecked by artillery and hurricane.
We will sit down where earthquakes have cracked walls.**

One: We will sit down where bread bakes on thin charcoal.
We will sit down where there is no grain in baked fields.

**All: We will sit down with those who dwell in ashes.
We will sit down in shadow and in light.**

One: We will sit down, making friends out of strangers.
We will sit down, our cup filled with new wine.

**All: We will sit down and let love flow like language.
We will sit down where speech needs no words.**

One: We will sit together at the table with no edges.

All: We will sit to share one loaf, in Christ's name, in one world.

Opening Prayer

God of all the world, God of peace, God of presence, as your holy people we enter into prayer: There is no place we can go where you are not. You are our God and we are your people. You go with us into this day, in this week, and into this world, always. Thank you! Amen.

Anthem

Jabula Jesu
(Zulu folk song arr by Stephen Hatfield)

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children of All Ages

Scripture

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N.T. page 197

Matthew 21:28-32
Philippians 2:1-13

Sermon

Complete Joy!

Pastor Barb

*Hymn

I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy
(Hymnal #174)

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.

****Registration Is Now Open****

Fall Vitality Event 2017

Presented by: Vermont Conference, UCC & Partners for Sacred Places

Join us on October 14, 2017 for a special Vitality event at which we will explore: Growing a congregation's membership, ministry, financial stewardship, leadership and vision through community engagement and outreach!

Take this opportunity to learn from other congregations about their innovative outreach and community partnerships, large and small including:

- Creating new ministries
 - Leading conversations on major local issues;
 - Launching a major "community-wide" capital campaign;
- Or just asking your neighbors how you might work together.

Keynote speaker [Tuomi Forrest](#) is the Executive Vice President of [Partners for Sacred Spaces](#). He has offered technical advice and consultation to thousands of congregations of all faiths on the care and active community use of their historic religious buildings since joining Partners in 1997. These topics and more will be shared and discussed in this inter-active day-long educational program.

Registration is \$25 per person (which includes lunch!) and you can sign up by clicking the Registration button below. **We look forward to seeing you October 14th in Montpelier**

Williston Federated Church ~ Week of October 01, 2017

Tuesday, Oct 3 ~ 7:00pm Mission Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 4~ 7:30pm AA Meeting

Thursday, Oct 5 ~ 8:00am Centering Prayer; 6:00pm Music and Worship; 7:00pm Choir Rehearsals

Friday, Oct 6~ 7:00am Men's Bible Study

Saturday, Oct 7~ 9:00am Alanon Meeting

Sunday, October 8 ~ 9:30am Worship with Pastor Barb

Pastor Barb Schedule:

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

Tuesday, October 10, in office 9:00-2:00

Thursday, October 12, in office 9:00-2:00

Friday, October 20, in office 9:00-2:00

Future Services

October 8, 9:30 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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#### IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM PASTOR EYER

I have created a new email account, [pastoreyer@gmail.com](mailto:pastoreyer@gmail.com), that I am planning to use for most of my church-focused correspondence. I encourage you to use this address going forward.

I realize that many of you have already entered my “[Verizon.net](#)” email address in your address books and email lists, and that is fine. I will continue to use the “[Verizon.net](#)” address. But I intend for the [pastoreyer@gmail.com](mailto:pastoreyer@gmail.com) address to be used for most church-related purposes.

ALSO .....

## HOPES AND DREAMS FOR A DAY OF NEW BEGINNINGS

From Rev. Paul Eyer

for the October 2017 newsletter (“thE-Steeple”)

A time of new beginnings offers a time for new hopes and dreams. As we prepare to begin our ministry together, I invite you to write down your hopes and dreams for Williston Federated Church. And then I encourage you to submit those thoughts to the church office (via email at [office@steeple.org](mailto:office@steeple.org), via regular mail or hand-delivered).

My first Sunday with you will be October 29, a day on which many churches will be observing the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the posting of Martin Luther’s “95 Theses,” the event which launched the Protestant Reformation, a profound new beginning.

I hope that you will offer your own “theses” giving voice to your hopes and dreams for Williston Federated Church and perhaps for the wider church as well. These “New Theses” will then be compiled and many will be posted at the entrances to the church for Sunday, October 29.

(NOTE: in 2017, we rejoice that we serve side-by-side with our Catholic brothers and sisters in many meaningful ecumenical ministries. Each year Williston Federated and other Protestant Churches join with local Catholic churches for a community-wide Thanksgiving service. And Pope Francis has personally participated in some Protestant celebrations of the Reformation in this 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. In observing “Reformation Sunday” on October 29, we will focus on ongoing opportunities to reform and advance the church—our church and the church universal—while at the same time honoring our Christian brothers and sisters of every denominational stripe. )

There is still time for your “theses” to be included. I look forward to hearing 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!

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

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Missions Committee wants you to be aware thatSunday, 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 hilltop, 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.

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