

Offering

Offertory

“The Servant King”
(Songbook #35)

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** (*unison*)

In response to your call on our lives, O God, we give of ourselves to you. Use us and use these gifts to demonstrate your love for all and to transform the world. Amen.

Life and Mission of the Church

***Hymn**

“We Fall Down”
(Songbook #137)

Going Out to Do God’s Word

Benediction

Postlude

“Postlude in C”
(Christian Cappelen)

*Please Stand if you are able

**Should you need a ride to church or events for any reason, contact donnafellingervt@gmail.com
(802-355-1700)**

NOTE: The lighted flame entering the sanctuary at the beginning of worship symbolizes the Light of Christ coming into our midst. The pastor follows the Light in this procession, seeking to reflect that Light in leading the worship service.

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



Pastor ~ Reverend Paul Eyer 878-5792, pastoreyer@gmail.com

Emeritus Pastor ~ 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!

January 14, 2018 ~ 9:30 A.M.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery for young children.

Hearing assistance devices are available – please ask an usher for assistance.

Centering Words

“What a stunning vocation for the church, to stand free and hope-filled in a world gone fearful – and to think, imagine, dream, vision a future that God will yet enact.”

Walter Brueggemann, 21st Century

Words of Welcome/ Call to Worship

Bob Driver

Official Board Chair, Williston Federated Church

One: From the midst of our real lives with their very real problems,

All: We come to seek courage and strength from the presence of God and the support of one another.

One: As persons who love imperfectly and are imperfectly loved,

All: We come to be renewed by the perfect love of God, proclaimed in the community of faith.

One: As persons who sometimes fall short of our high calling in Jesus Christ,

All: We come to be encouraged to try again. Let us worship, with hearts open to the love of God, with hands outstretched to one another, and with whole selves willing to accept the cost and joy of being Christ’s disciples.

Prelude

“Sicilienne”
(Daniel Gottlob Turk)

Introit

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Greeting and Announcements

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

*Hymn

”Lord, Speak to Me”
(Hymnal #463)

Lighting the Peace Candle

Opening Prayer *(unison)*

O God, in these moments together, may we sense your presence among us. Help us to hear your voice and be open to your call. Fill us with wisdom to discern your guidance and with courage to respond in faith. Amen.

Anthem

“Simple Gifts”

Listening for God’s Word

Time with Children of All Ages

Scripture readings

Old Testament: page 577

Psalm 139:1-18

Gospel: page 92

John 1:43-51

Sermon

“Come and See”

Pastor Paul Eyer

*Hymn

“I Am Thine, O Lord”
(Hymnal #419)

Responding to God’s Word

Prayers for Caitlin Purinton prior to her departure to Afghanistan

Celebrations and Concerns

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

Friday Morning Men's 7:00am Bible Study

is looking at the lectionary readings for the week, thinking about them, and discussing their meaning for our lives. After the meetings everyone who has time is invited to go out to breakfast together. All the men associated with the church are encouraged to join the group, for one Friday or for more. For additional information, contact Ken Stone, kmstonevt@aol.com

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**Dear Friends:** I have tentatively scheduled a United Methodist Volunteer in Mission trip to Florida for the week of April 15 to 21, 2018. I picked Florida because we haven't worked there before, it is frequently affordable to travel to, and Puerto Rico is not yet organized to receive volunteers. There is much hurricane recovery work to be done throughout the world.

If this fits your calendar and you'd like to go, please let me know. I will know details about where we should fly to, what the costs will be, and how many can be in the group as time goes by. As you know, we probably won't know what the work is until a week or so before we travel, perhaps not until we arrive. My hope is that it will not be ALL ceiling work, as our last New Jersey trip was.

I hope to hear from several of you. Feel free to distribute this note widely.

God's blessing,  
Charlie Magill

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*Liturgical resources: The **Call to Worship** was adapted from Bread for the Journey: Resources for Worship, edited by Ruth C. Duck (New York: Pilgrim Press, 1981) at page 27.*

The Powerpoint presentation of projected images was prepared by our Church Office Administrator, Sally Nowotarski.

Greeters: Romaine DeCamp **Coffee:** Sarah and Brian Meisenzahl

Ushers: Ginger Isham and Jan Mejia

Scripture Readers: Deb Beckett, Caitlin Purinton

Williston Federated Church ~ Week of January 14, 2018

Tuesday, Jan 16 ~ 1:00 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan 17 ~ 7:00pm Pastor Scaff; 7:30pm AA Meeting

Thursday, Jan 18 ~ 8:00am Centering; 11:00am Membership; 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Jan 19 ~ 7:00am Men's Bible Study

Saturday, Jan 20 ~ 9:00am Alanon

Sunday, Jan 21 ~ 9:30am Worship Service

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The red rose on the altar celebrates the birth of Ruby Rose McCoy, born on January 9. Ruby's parents are Eileen and Tim McCoy, and her sister Lucy is a frequent participant in our children's programs.

**Coffee Hour Hosts & Greeters Are Needed** - Sunday morning coffee hour is a great time to catch up with friends & to welcome visitors. Please consider signing up to provide a snack. Coffee hour snacks do not have to be elaborate. The snack can be as simple as a loaf of sweet bread or some crackers & cheese. If you aren't comfortable making coffee, the Membership Committee person in charge that week, can help. Greeters play an important role for anyone visiting our church for the first time. A greeter provides that first word of welcome and directions to the sanctuary. From Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." If you have questions, speak to a member of the committee: Ruth Magill, Vicki Trueman, Sally Metro or Carol Bouchard.

## Taizé Evening Prayer

What is Taizé?

The Taizé Community, an ecumenical monastic community in a small village in the Burgundy region of France, has its origins in World War II. The purpose of its founders was to work ecumenically at furthering peace within the human family by engendering reconciliation and healing of divisions among Christians. The Taizé brothers retain their own faith traditions but [join](#) together in their work for unity, peace, and justice. The Brothers developed a style of prayer consisting of simple meditative chants as well as periods of silence. Today, Taizé is a place of pilgrimage for thousands of Christians, particularly young people, from all over the world.

At St. Paul's Cathedral, Evening Prayer is sung in the manner of Taizé four times a year. A candlelit service lasting about an hour, it includes quiet chant from both within and outside the Taizé community, readings from Scripture, sung and [spoken](#) prayer, incense, icons, and periods of meditative silence. The flexible interior of the Cathedral nave lends itself to this style of prayer, which has been welcomed by many, young and old alike, as a calm and contemplative approach to God at the end of the day.

Upcoming Taizé Evening Prayer Dates

**Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 7 p.m.**

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Sledding Party

The Education Committee will host a sledding party and hot dog cook-out after Church on Sunday, January 28. We will meet at Rossignol Park after Church for sledding, a campfire, hot dogs, hot chocolate, marshmallows, etc. (If the weather doesn't cooperate, it will be postponed to February) Hoping for a great turnout of the young and young at heart!

Dismas House Dinner Sign Up 2018

Williston Federated Church is a partner with Dismas House, Burlington, a transitional housing facility serving former inmates, as well as college students and international volunteers.

On the third Tuesday of each month, church attendees volunteer to provide dinner and eat with the members of the residence. There are usually 10-12 folks sitting around a large table, sharing their day and enjoying a meal together. Several longtime members of WFC have participated in this worthwhile outreach program for many years.

There is a new sign-up sheet for the coming year on the bulletin board in the entryway. Please consider getting involved with Dismas in 2018. If you have any questions about the program, logistics, or would like to partner with someone, please contact: Carol Wyatt, brucecarol@gmail.com, 802-876-7950.

January Book Club and Pot Luck

This month our book club will meet in the Church Fellowship Hall on January 29 at 5:30 p.m.

The book for January is 'The Paying Guests' by Sarah Waters. Susan Lamb and Ann Wadsworth will host the event. Please RSVP to Susan Lamb susanlambvt@gmail.com at 878-1251. Ann Wadsworth ann.wadsworth1@gmail.com at 578-8716.