

deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory "The Palms" (Faure)

*Presentation of Gifts

*We give thee but thine own, What e'er the gift may be:
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.*

Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

O Holy One, Bless these gifts so that the world may know your love. Amen.

Going Out to Do God's Word

The Life and Mission of the Church

*Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (Hymnal #278)

*Benediction

Postlude: "Rigaudon" (Andre Campra)

Greeters: Brian & Stephanie Monaghan, Henry & Fay **Coffee Hour:** Sunday School
Usher: Potter Family
Scripture Reader: Sally Metro

Should you need a ride to church or events for any reason, contact donnafellnergvt@gmail.com.

Liturgical Resources: *The Call to Worship and Assurance of Pardon* were adapted from "Lectionary Liturgies" by Thom Schuman, found at <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2015/03/liturgy-wcommunion-for-march-29-2015.html>.
The Prayer of Confession was adapted from *Bread for the Journey: Resources for Worship*, edited by Ruth Duck (New York: Pilgrim Press, 1981) at page 40. *The Prayer of Dedication* was adapted from "No Answer: Prayers for Palm and Passion Sunday" by Rev. Elsa Cook, found at "Worship Ways" from Faith Formation Ministry Team, United Church of Christ, found at http://www.ucc.org/worship_worship-ways.

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

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Lay Leader ~ Ashley Dubois, Ministers ~ The People of the Church

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Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

March 25, 2018 ~ 9:30 A.M.

Palm Sunday

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

*You're coming into town on your donkey tonight
But you'll be going out on a cross
Rickie Lee Jones, Donkey Ride*

Welcome / Call to Worship

Ashley Dubois, Lay Leader
Williston Federated Church

One: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**All: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
we will travel through betrayal and death,
cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

One: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for he is the life we long for,
he is the Word who sustains us.

**All: We wave palm branches in anticipation,
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

One: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna!
Blessed is the One who brings us
the kingdom of God.**

Prelude “The Palms” ~ a Duet with Cindy Thurston (Faure)

Introit “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Candle

Passing the Peace

***Hymn** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (hymnal #280)

Call to Confession

Confession

All: God of steadfast love and purpose, you know how we love to serve you in the sunshine of success and popularity, and how we sometimes shrink away when you ask us to walk through the fire of trial and suffering. Forgive us where we have been unfaithful, and teach us to walk with you steady obedience in both joy and suffering, through Jesus Christ, your faithful servant. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; setting aside anger, God embraces us with love; letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us. This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God! Amen.

Anthem “Draw Nigh to Jerusalem” (by David H. Williams)

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children of All Ages

Scripture: Mark 11:1-11 New Testament page 47

Sermon “Great Expectations” Pastor Paul Eyer

***Hymn** “By Gracious Powers” (Hymnal #517)

Responding to God's Word

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

Prayers of the People

Silent 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

Holy Week/Easter Schedule

March 29, 7:00pm Maundy Thursday at WFC

March 30, 7:00pm Good Friday at Richmond Congregational Church,
(Across from Richmond Library and Post Office)

April 1, 6:30am Sunrise Service at the home of Tony and Susan Lamb at the corner of Beebe Lane and Oak Hill Road near Lake Iroquois. There will be a pot luck breakfast at the Lamb's after the service bringing food is optional.

April 1, 9:30am Easter Service at WFC



Mar 25, 2018, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Williston Fire Departments 26th Annual Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, March 25, 2018 Serving from: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Adults \$8.00 Seniors \$6.00 Kids 2-12 \$ 5.00 Kids under 2 Free

All You Can Eat hearty breakfast, includes: Pancakes, eggs, hash browns, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee, tea.

Come meet the Members of Williston Fire Department who proudly serve this community. Enjoy breakfast, with family, friends, meet your neighbors, touch a truck and support Williston's Emergency Services. Handicapped and Senior Parking will be available at the Fire Station on a first come basis. All other parking will be either along Talcott Road or at the Allen Brook School. We look forward to seeing you on March 25, 2018.

Kids4Peace Summer Camps:

Be the first student from to Williston Federated Church to attend K4P camp. Now there are many options for grades 6 and up. Also, our church has some financial help available so please contact Nancy Stone about that.

Currently in 6th or 7th grade

VERMONT/NEW HAMPSHIRE CAMP

Dates are June 24 - July 1 and the location is Plymouth State University in Plymouth, NH. We have a new program for this age group with lots of exciting activities. Sign up now! More details here: www.k4p.org/summer2018 Tuition is \$800

(The website lists other options for tuition: \$600 is for those needing financial assistance; \$1,000 to cover the \$800 tuition plus donated additional money for subsidy to help others attend.)

Currently in 8th grade

INTERNATIONAL CAMP

This camp includes teens from Jerusalem as well as across North America. Located in Hendersonville, North Carolina, with a field trip to Atlanta. The priority deadline is February 15th; registrations will be accepted on a rolling basis until all places are filled. August 1 - 12. All the details can be found here:

www.k4p.org/international-camp

Currently in 9th grade

GLOBAL INSTITUTE

This camp is based in DC Dates: July 8 - 18 All the details can be found here:

www.k4p.org/global-institute

Currently in 10th grade or beyond

We have exciting camp counselor opportunities and more. Email Jeff Mandell at jeff@k4p.org

Thought for the Week

**Good timber does not grow with ease;
the stronger the wind, the stronger the trees. J. Willard Marriott**

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Missions Committee

Ushers: Monaghan Family ~ Brian, Stephanie, Fay and Henry

Scripture Reader: Sally Metro

Help Enhance Our Worship Services: Do you enjoy the images projected at the front of our sanctuary during worship services? Would you like to help those images to be displayed? We are looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to operate the remote control device during worship. This consists of clicking a button at the correct time to advance the image on screen. (You would be provided with an annotated bulletin and thumbnail "script" so that you will know when to advance the frame each time.) The goal is to have a team of remote control device operators who can rotate responsibility for this role each week or each month. Please let Pastor Paul (pastoreyer@gmail.com, [802-878-5792](tel:802-878-5792)) know if you are interested in helping in this way.

Different Types of Prayer for Lenten Devotion

During the weeks of Lent, there will be a table in the Gallery with instructions for different types of prayer: Lectio Divina, Composing Prayer, Intercessory Prayer, and Walking Prayer. The sanctuary is open during the week during day-care hours: 8am to 5:00pm Monday thru Friday

A Thank You to Nancy Stone ~ our own resident artist is once again sharing her collages, entitled "Point of Choice, with us for Lent. Please view them in the gallery area. Nancy writes:

"These acrylic-collage scrolls grew out of two month's sketching and painting during rehearsals of the rock opera "Jesus Christ, Superstar," a 1989 Lyric Theater production. Some Flynn Theater architectural motifs are used for the same reason that Andrew Lloyd Webber wrote the contemporary music...so that people today can respond to messages that transcend time."

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Williston Federated Church ~ Week of March 25, 2018

Wednesday March 28 ~ 7:00am Mens Breakfast; 7:30pm AAmeeting

Thursday March 29 ~ 8:00am Centering Prayer; 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Services; 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday March 30 ~ 7:00am Men's Bible Study; 7:00pm Good Friday Services held at Richmond Congregational Church

Saturday March 24 ~ 9am Alanon

Sunday March 25 ~ 6:30am SonRise Easter at Tony and Sue Lamb's House  
9:30am Worship Service

**Thanks to everyone who is participating in the Heifer Project!** The boxes are due back at Church on April 8th."

**EVENING PRAYER in the manner of TAIZE will be held on Monday, March 26, 2018 7 p.m. at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 2 Cherry Street, Burlington VT**

This service includes scripture readings, times of silence, spoken prayer, and music from the Taizé Community. The Rt. Rev. Thomas Ely, Episcopal Bishop of Vermont will offer a Meditation and The Most Rev. Christopher Coyne, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington will act as Officiant.

Parking is FREE at St. Paul's during the services of Holy Week. Come EARLY and bring friends. Anyone wishing to rehearse music, contact Liz Thompson 373-7597 or [ehthomps@UVM.edu](mailto:ehthomps@UVM.edu) for details/rehearsal time(s).