

Offering

Offertory

“Alleluia” verses 1-3 (Songbook #126)
Congregation is invited to sing along

*Presentation of Gifts

(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

Going Out to Do God’s Word

The Life and Mission of the Church

*Hymn

“Hymn of Promise” (Hymnal #707)

*Benediction

Postlude:

“Postlude” (Alexandre Boelby)

Greeters: Melissa Delisle **Coffee Hour:** Judy Crocker and Carol Bouchard

Ushers: Potter Familu

Scripture Reader: Don Thurston

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



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Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

April 15, 2018 ~ 9:30 A.M.

Second Sunday of Easter

Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery for children up to age three.

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

* Where the asterisk appears you are invited to rise in body or in spirit.

A Fellowship time follows worship—Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Centering Words

“I know there is strength in the differences between us.” I know there is comfort where we overlap.” (Ani DiFranco, musician, 21st c.)

Welcome / Call to Worship

Bob Driver, Chair Official Board
Williston Federated Church

One: When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint Jesus’ dead body.

All: Their feet must have been heavy. Their minds must have been racing. Their hearts must have been broken. They crossed the border to the tomb anyway.

One: Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they came to the tomb. They were saying to each other, “Who’s going to roll the stone away from the entrance for us?”

All: They were full of questions and unprepared for what came next. They crossed the border to the tomb anyway.

One: When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. (And it was a very large stone!) Going into the tomb, they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right side; and they were startled. But he said to them, “Don’t be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised. He isn’t here. Look, here’s the place where they laid him. Go, tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you.” Overcome with terror and dread, they fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

All: All these years later, our feet are still heavy, our minds are still racing, are hearts are still broken, and we are still filled with questions.

One: In our worship today, let’s shed our fear, and prepare ourselves for what’s coming next.

All: In our worship today, let’s cross the borders that keep us from love, life, and from one another.

Prelude

“O Savior Hear Me”

(C.W. Von Gluck)

Introit

“Thine Be the Glory”

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Candle

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

*Hymn

“O Perfect Love”

(Hymnal #645)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Though not all is well, some things are out of place, and there is brokenness in us and around us, we still pray this: thank you, God, for light and life enough for the next step. Amen.

Anthem

“My Worth Is Not in What I Own”

(by Keith and Krystyn Getty)

Listening for God’s Word

Blessing of the Children

Gospel reading:

Acts 16:11-15

New Testament page 136

Sermon

“Crossing Borders”

Rev. Kevin Goldenbogen

*Hymn

“Jesu, Jesu”

(Hymnal #432)

Responding to God’s Word

Celebrations & 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 is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please Note the correction of the date for this concert!

A Choir Concert at Williston Federated Church! On **Saturday, May 5** at 7:30 p.m., our fabulous church choir will present a concert here in the Williston Federated Church sanctuary. Also participating in the musical feast will be the Social Band and nationally-recognized soprano Helen Lyons. The proceeds of this concert will go to the Steeple Fund.

Memorial Service for Carol Lewis

Carol Lewis, a beloved member of Williston Federated Church, "crossed over" from this life to the next on the day after Easter. Her memorial service will take place on Saturday, April 21 at 11:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary. A light luncheon will follow in Fellowship Hall. Let us keep her sons Tim and Ken in our prayers.

Anyone who is willing and able to should consider parking at the Williston Town Hall or the Williston Central School and walking or carpooling over, as we are anticipating a large turnout. We may also need assistance with parking attendants. If you know anyone who might be interested in helping with parking, please notify Tony Lamb

The Missions and Social Concerns Committee is working on some local mission projects.

Our first project is to help with the Dismas House Plant Sale on May 11th from 1-4 pm. We will be setting things up and potting plants in preparation for their actual sale two weeks later. If you are available to help, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the entry or contact Carol Wyatt (brucecarol@gmail.com) or Ann Wadsworth (ann.wadsworth1@gmail.com). PLEASE JOIN US!!

About This Mornings Pastor:

Kevin Goldenbogen has been an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ since 1/2008. He loves the Vermont Conference and believes in its evolving mission. Raised in Rochester New York, he attended seminary at Andover Newton Seminary and served from 2000-2005 as the youth pastor at the Congregational Church of Topsfield, MA. He began serving as Senior pastor of Charlotte Congregational Church in September of 2017. He skis, runs, bakes bread, rides a red Vespa, plays recorder, and tries every day to follow Jesus. He is married to the perfect woman and has two boys who he loves beyond words.

Williston Federated Church ~ Week of April 15, 2018

Tuesday, April 17~ 7:00pm Nominating Committee

Wednesday, April 18~ 7:00pm Pastor Staff Committee; 7:30pm AA Meeting

Thursday, April 19 ~ 8:00am Centering Prayer; 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 20~ 7:00am Men's Bible Study

Saturday, April 21~ 9:00am Alanon

Sunday, April 22~ 9:30am Worship Service

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**The COTS Walk is almost here! May 6th** Kicking off from Battery Park, the COTS Walk is a 3.5-mile journey around Burlington, visiting the COTS program and shelter spaces. This is the one day of the year when we invite you to see firsthand how your support makes a difference in our community. Enjoy music from **The Dixie Six** and *free ice cream* from the **Ben & Jerry's** truck! Please come! **Darn Tough Vermont** will donate 100 pairs of socks to guests in COTS shelters in honor of the first 100 people to register for the 2018 COTS Walk

### **Vacation Bible School:**

Welcome to Hero Central where everyone will discover that they have what it takes to be one of God's heroes – Heart, Courage, Wisdom, Hope and Power!

Mark your calendars for a week of fun!

Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

Family Dinner: 5:30pm

Classes for all ages: 6:00-7:30pm

And on July 1st, at our regular service, there will be an opportunity to celebrate this weeklong event.

Volunteers needed! Please check the sign up sheet on the bulletin board for where you can be a part of the fun. We need class guides, activity leaders, decorators and meal servers(and clean up, of course)

Have questions? Contact Heather Lewis, [hmlewis06@gmail.com](mailto:hmlewis06@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:kmstonevt@aol.com)

### **Women of the Church Annual Meeting**

All women who attend this church are part of Women of the Church. We have had several fund raising activities this year and now have the opportunity to decide the best way to share this money with those in need. Please join us after church in the sanctuary on May 6 for a short meeting. If you have spending items you would like to suggest, come to the meeting or contact Susan Lamb ([susanlambvt@gmail.com](mailto:susanlambvt@gmail.com) or 878-1251.) I hope you will join us!

### **Trustee's Spring Clean-Up Day**

Please join us on Saturday, May 12th anytime from 8:30 to 12:00 to spruce up the outside of our church. We have lots of work to do: power washing, sweeping, raking and many other tasks. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin. Any help is appreciated. We will provide snacks, juice and coffee. Also, if you have rakes, shovels and other tools that you think would be useful, please bring them. Thank you.