

*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 (unison)

All things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Going Out to Do God's Word

The Life and Mission of the Church

*Hymn "How Majestic Is Your Name" (Songbook # 54)

*Benediction

Postlude "Tocaata in G Major" (Wm. H. Pachelbel)

Greeters: Matt and Wendy Bliss **Coffee Hour:** Jan Mejia

Ushers: Ginger Isham and Ursula White

Scripture reader: Bruce Wyatt

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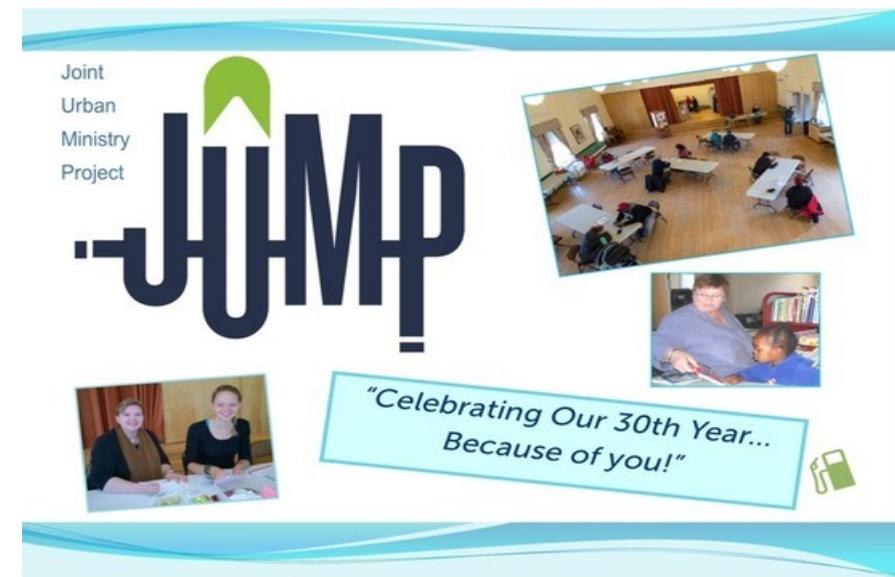
Williston Federated Church

*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.

“CELEBRATING Our 30th Year...Because of you!”



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

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Lay Leader ~ Ashley Dubois,

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!

April 29, 2018 ~ 9:30 A.M.

Fifth 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

"We are leaves of one branch, the drops of one sea, the flowers of one garden."

Jean Baptiste Lacordaire, 19th century

Welcome / Call to Worship

Ashley Dubois, Lay Leader
Williston Federated Church

One: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

All: so God seeks and saves the lost.

One: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

All: so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

One: As a parent receives a returning wayward child,

All: so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

One: Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

All: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prelude

“Prelude & Fugue”

(J.O. Armand)

Introit

“O Worship the King”

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Candle

*Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

(hymnal #529)

Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Easter (unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem

“Shut De Do”

(Randy Stonehill, arr by Tom Fettke and Thomas Grassi)

Listening for God’s Word

Time with Children of All Ages

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Carol Wyatt

Co-Chair, Missions and Social Concerns Committee

Scriptures:

John 15:1-8

New Testament page 109

Sermon

Wanda Hines

Director, Joint Urban Ministry Project (JUMP)

*Hymn

“They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love” (Songbook #86)

Responding to God’s Word

Celebrations & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

Stewardship Moment

Ellie Casey

Offering

Offertory

“There Is a Redeemer”

(Songbook #61)

Congregation is invited to sing along.

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 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

FUN RUN & WALK ...

Since Carol Lewis spent her last days at the Respite House, it has been suggested that a way to honor Carol would be to participate in the Respite House **FUN RUN & WALK** on Saturday May 5 at Malletts Bay School in Colchester. If you prefer not to walk or run volunteer helpers are needed. Information about volunteering is on the VNA Respite House web site. Please contact Donna Fellingner if you would like to help form a group to walk or run. donnafellingervt@gmail.com [802-355-1700](tel:802-355-1700)

Carol Lewis Funeral ...

There is a video available of the funeral done for Carol Lewis. If you are interested in receiving a copy, please contact the office.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR...

The flowers on the altar are donated in loving memory of Tim Bradish. "Fifty years have passed, my friend. The memory of your smile, your laugh, and your gentle spirit lives on in my heart." Nancy (Lane) Harris

Liturgical Resources: The **Call to Worship** is adapted from a liturgy by Ruth Duck, UMPH Methodist Publication. The United Methodist Book of Worship: Regular Edition Black Abingdon Press. The **Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Easter** was adapted from THE BOOK OF WORSHIP (1965, ALT.) UMPH Methodist Publication. The United Methodist Book of Worship: Regular Edition Black Abingdon Press. The **Prayer of Dedication** was adapted from a liturgy by Hoyt L. Hickman, UMPH Methodist Publication. The United Methodist Book of Worship: Regular Edition Black Abingdon Press.

Guest speaker: We are pleased to welcome as our guest speaker today Wanda Hines, Director of Joint Urban Ministry Project (JUMP). Among her previous places of service, Wanda been Director of the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf, the state's largest direct food relief agency. During the Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall following the worship service, a display table about JUMP will be in place and Wanda will be available to share even more information. Please make Wanda feel right at home here at Williston Federated!

Williston Federated Church ~ Week of April 29, 2018

Tuesday, May 1st ~ 7:00pm Mission Meeting

Wednesday, May 2 ~ 7:00pm AA Meeting

Thursday, May 3 ~ 8:00am Centering Prayer; 6:00pm Music and Worship; 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 4 ~ 7:00am Men's Bible Study

Saturday, May 5 ~ 9:00am Alanon, 7:30pm Steeple Benefit Concert

Sunday, May 6 ~ 9:30 Worship Service

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### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY TO HELP SUPPORT DISMAS HOUSE:**

Come join the Missions and Social Concerns Committee on Friday, May 11, from 1-4 PM, and help pot plants and set up for the annual Dismas House perennial plant sale. Bring a pair of gardening gloves and hand tools, if you have them. For those wishing to carpool, we will meet at church at 12:30 PM. Otherwise, meet us at 1033 Pine St, Burlington. If interested, please sign-up on the bulletin board in the entry. The Perennial Plant sale will be between 9:00 and 5:00, Wednesday May 23 through Saturday May 26th at 1033 Pine Street in Burlington.

## 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)

## WANTED POTS AND PLANTS:

Dismas House is looking for donations of 6" and smaller plastic pots that can be used for their perennial plant sale in May. They would also appreciate any perennials that you are dividing that they can pot and sell. Contact Carol Wyatt, [brucecarol@gmail.com](mailto:brucecarol@gmail.com), 876-7950, or Donna Fellingner, [donnafellingervt@gmail.com](mailto:donnafellingervt@gmail.com), 355-1700. Thank you so much.



## Vacation Bible School Update!

Excited for VBS but can't make it all five nights? That's ok! Register now and come when you can! You don't want to miss out on the fun! Visit the website, <http://hc.cokesburyvbs.com/WFC> to register for classes. Classes for ALL ages!

We only need a few more volunteers! Stop by the bulletin board to see how you can help!

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

## A Musical Feast 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 evening of great music will be the superb Social Band and nationally-recognized soprano Helen Lyons (a former member of WFC). The proceeds of this concert will benefit the Steeple Fund.

## 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.