

# 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.*

## The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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

Vickie Walker  
Tara Zeleny and Polly Garcia

## Offering

Offertory "Open the Eyes of My Heart". (Songbook #136)  
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 of the Offering (*unison*)

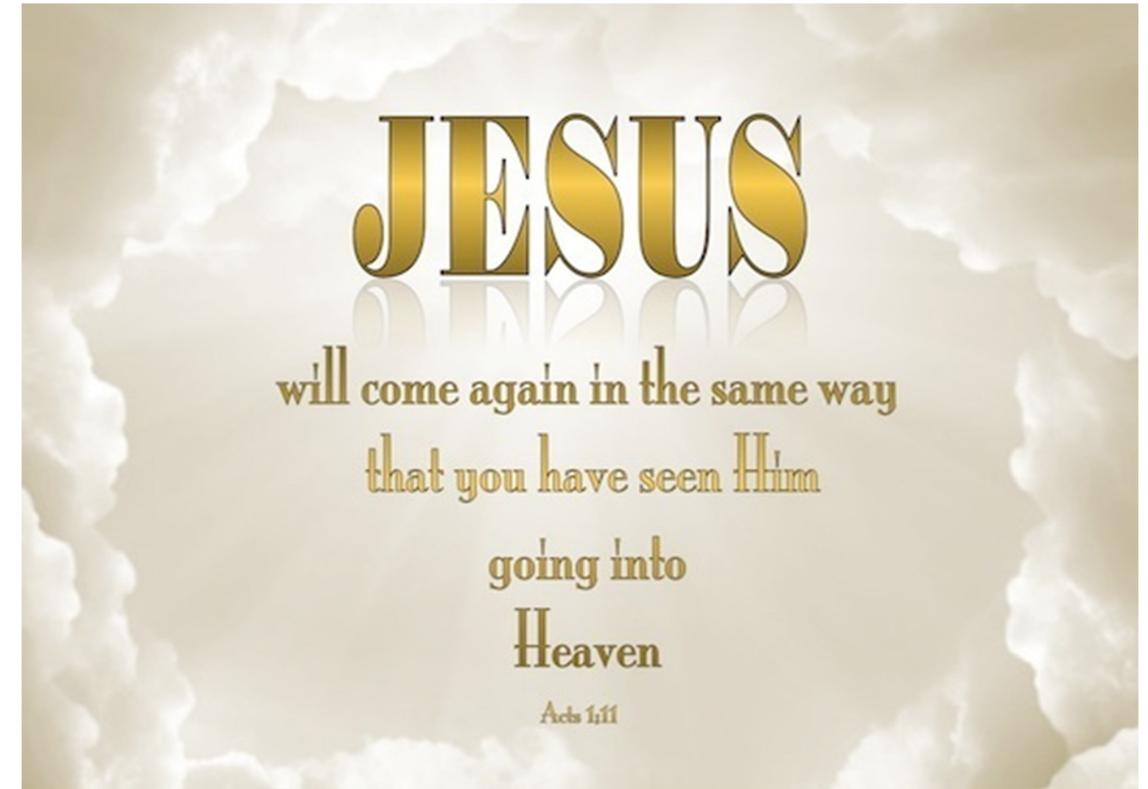
Holy One, we desire to live in your grace like the disciples whom Jesus commissioned with your word. We do not want to squander our lives and resources on meaningless consumption. Open our hearts and our hands to respond always in a generous manner. Give us the courage, instead, to embrace a life centered in your desires for your people and your creation. We offer you these gifts as an act of responding to you in faith. Amen.

## Going Out to Do God's Word The Life and Mission of the Church

\*Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (Hymnal #155)

## \*Benediction

Postlude "Gloria" (Mozart)



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Emeritus Pastor ~ Charlie Magill

Lay Leader ~ Ashley Dubois,

Church Office Administrator ~ Sally Nowotarski

Music Director ~ Martin Hain, Organist ~ Carolyn Pillsbury

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# Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

May 13, 2018 ~ 9:30 A.M.

## Ascension Sunday and Mothers Day

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*

“There’s always another level up. There’s always another ascension. More grace, more light, more generosity, more compassion, more to shed, more to grow.”

Elizabeth Gilbert, author of “Eat, Pray, Love”

### **Welcome / Call to Worship**

Ashley Dubois, Lay Leader

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One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new world has broken into ours—

**All: a world in which justice does come for the poor, freedom comes for the prisoners, and healing for the sick.**

One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new community has been formed—

**All: a community that loves and cares for all members, a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected, a place where all find a place of belonging.**

One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new creation has begun—

**All: all that was distorted is being restored, all that is corrupted is being renewed, all that was broken is being made whole.**

One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,

**All: God’s new world has begun.**

### **Prelude**

“Allegretto”

( by A. Hesse)

### **Introit**

“Jesus Shall Reign”

### **Announcements**

### **Lighting the Peace Candle**

### **Passing the Peace**

### **\*Hymn**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

(Hymnal #92)

### **Prayer for Forgiveness (*unison*)**

**We come, O God, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust.**

**While we sing of your reign over all creation,**

**we have too often acted as though you are powerless**

**in the face of today’s events.**

**Help us to live with confidence in your presence this day**

**and in hope to walk with you all our days. Amen.**

### *Silent Confession*

### **Anthem**

“Carry Me Home”

(arr by Jean Anne Shaffer-

man)

### **Listening for God’s Word**

### **Time with Children of All Ages**

### **Scriptures:**

Acts 1: 1-11

New Testament page 118

### **Sermon**

“Continuing on in Faith”

Rev. Marjorie MacNeill

### **Hymn**

“Christ is the World’s Light”

(Hymnal #188)

### **Responding to God’s Word**

### **Celebrations & Concerns and Prayer Requests**

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

**Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer and Prayer for Mothers Day**

Meet Flame! Flame is a Red Panda and the mascot of VBS! Flame is usually found in the rain forest munching on Bamboo leaves, but he will be with us June 24<sup>th</sup> - 28th! He can't wait to see you there!

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Your Finance Committee

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**Greeters: Coffee Hour:**

**Ushers:** Paul and Carol Bouchard

**Scripture reader:** Ruth Skiff

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