

Offering

Offertory “Come, Now is the Time to Worship” (Songbook #144)

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

All: O God, we thank you for your great generosity. All that we are and all that we have is a gift from you. Help us to serve one another and so reflect your spirit and goodness. Accept these offerings and grant that the cause to which they are devoted may prosper under your guidance.

Holy Communion (The Lord’s Supper)

Communion Hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (Joe Utterback)
Duet with Cindy Thurston and Carolyn Pillsbury

Prayer after Communion

All: Eternal God, having shared in your sacred covenant-renewing meal, let us now also share in your sacred work on earth. As we have received sustenance for our bodies, minds, and spirits, may we share our transformed selves with others here and around the world. Amen.

Going Out to Do God’s Word

The Life and Mission of the Church

*Hymn “You Are Mine” (Songbook #108)

*Benediction

Postlude “Prelude in D Major” (J.S. Bach)

Coffee: The Bristols Coffee: The Magills
Ushers: The Potter Family, Dana, Fran, Jake and Cody
Scripture reader: Sue Leister

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.



Ministers ~ The People of the Church

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

Emeritus Pastor ~ Charlie Magill

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!

June 3, 2018 ~ 9:30 A.M.

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Please join us after worship for a time of fellowship and light refreshments downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

Centering Words

I can disagree with your opinion, it turns out, but I can't disagree with your experience.

Krista Tippett, Becoming Wise, (Penguin Books, 2016) 22

Welcome / Call to Worship

Bob Driver, Official Board Chair
Williston Federated Church

Call to Worship

One: We have come to worship God and to celebrate the presence of Christ,

All: Whom we recognize as we join in the breaking of bread.

One: We gather through the grace of the Holy Spirit, who creates and renews the church.

All: A church that seeks to bring together faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. To you, O God, we offer our worship and praise.

Prelude

“Purer in Heart”

(Franklin Ritter)

Introit

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

Greeting

Lighting the Peace Candle

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

***Hymn**

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

(Hymnal #581)

Prayer for Forgiveness

All: Gracious God, we pray for your forgiveness. When we could promote ourselves, let us honor those who care for us in ways we do not notice. Instead of pushing people into the shadows, may we walk with them in your light. May we open our hands to serve others with the grace, hope, and peace poured into us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: With every instrument possible, but especially with our hearts and lives, may we praise the One who fills us with forgiveness and grace.

All: Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. Amen.

Anthem:

“Communion Canon”

by Ruth Elaine Shram and Niel Lorenz

Listening for God's Word

Scriptures:

I Samuel 3:1-20

Old Testament page 247

Message

“Difficult Conversations”

Pastor Paul Eyer

Hymn

“Here I Am, Lord”

(Hymnal #593)

Responding to God's Word

Celebrations & Concerns and Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People

Pastor: Lord of life and love,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 24 - 28th

God's Heroes Have Courage!

Register at <http://hc.cokesburyvbs.com/WFC> and spread the word about this amazing opportunity for food, fun and fellowship!

We can't wait to see you there!



WANTED: used jewelry in support of UMC Conference Youth Programs - Rebecca Dubois, Lay Delegate from WFC & Carol Bouchard, Equalization Member are seeking donations of new and gently used jewelry to take to Annual Conference in June. The jewelry will be sold to raise money for youth programming in the New England Conference such as: Taizé scholarships - Mission of Peace scholarships - Exploration conferences for youth/young adults sensing the call to ministry - Mission trips - Creating new youth programs within the New England boundaries.

Jewelry may be left in the box on the table as you enter Fellowship Hall through June 10th.

SANCTUARY WINDOWSIf you wish to open and/or close the sanctuary storm windows this summer, note of the following: - Only the sanctuary window units have functioning storm sashes. The hallway and staircase storm windows are not operable.- The storm sashes that do function are quite HEAVY. Lift firmly under the metal lip at the base of the storm and the sashes' spring-lock pins will lock into their first position about 2 inches up. The spring-locks can then be released by pulling inward on the finger holds and the storm raised further, or lowered back down, from there. - IT IS THE LAST BIT OF LOWERING THAT IS POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS.

We, the Williston Federated Church, declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming, Reconciling congregation. With God's grace, we seek to be a congregation that includes all persons, embracing differences of sexual orientation, gender, marital status, age, mental and physical ability, as well as racial, ethnic, or social-economic background. We welcome all to share in the life and leadership, ministry, and fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities and blessings of participation in our congregation

Liturgical resources:

The Call to Worship is adapted from a prayer by Ruth Duck, *Bread for the Journey: Resources for Worship* (New York: Pilgrim Press 1981) at page 70 and the **Prayer after Communion** is adapted from a prayer on page 68.

The Prayer for Forgiveness and the Assurance of Pardon were adapted from a liturgy by Rev. Thom Shuman found at <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>. The **Prayer of Dedication** was adapted from "Life In Liturgy" (Disciples of Christ) found at <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/2018/05/29/pentecost-2-proper-4b/>.

Williston Federated Church ~ Week of June 3, 2018

Monday, June 4~ 7:00pm Trustee Meeting

Tuesday June 5 ~ 7:00pm Mission Committee

Wednesday, June 6~ 6:30pm Finance Committee; 7:00pm AA Meeting

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

Friday, June 8~ 7:00am Men's Bible Study

Saturday, June 9 ~ 9:00am Alanon

Sunday, June 10~ 9:30 Worship Service

FATHERS DAY CARDS FOR STEEPLE

I would like to thank everyone who purchased one of my handmade Mother's Day cards. We raised \$100, which have been donated to the Steeple Fund. Due to the success of this effort, I will be selling Father's Day cards in June, donating all proceeds again to the Steeple Fund. Melissa Delisle

ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for Sunday June 17. Please join us following our worship service that day for this important congregational meeting.

Book Club Summer Reading

Thank you to Jane Stickney for hosting the May meeting. Our book choice for September is 'The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley' by Hannah Tinti. Good Reads gives this description: **A father protects his daughter from the legacy of his past and the truth about her mother's death in this thrilling new novel from the prize-winning author of *The Good Thief*.** Enjoy your summer reading and let me know if you would like to host the next meeting.

SUMMER WORSHIP

The Music and Worship Committee is asking for your input on the pro's and con's of holding services in the Fellowship Hall vs. Sanctuary (or both). Please take a moment to add your comments, thoughts or suggestions to the poster board during coffee hour (or any time you're in the building). You may also email your input to Donna Fellingner: donnafellnergvt@gmail.com. Thank you.

GIVE A PHONE...Save a Life - New England Conference UMC in partnership with Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence, is launching a cell phone drive. The used cell phones that we collect will be reprogrammed to call 911 and other emergency numbers, without the need of a cellular service plan and without a fee. If you have a cell phone you no longer need, please drop it in the basket on the table outside Fellowship Hall through June 10th. Rebecca Dubois, Conference Delegate and Carol Bouchard Equalization Member to New England Conference UMC will deliver to NEAC June 14th.

This Sunday, June 3, today, at 2:00 p.m., Laura Cadmus, daughter of Marcia Cadmus (and a daughter of our congregation) will appear before an Ecclesiastical Council as a candidate for ordination by the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ. This Ecclesiastical Council, which will take place at Barre Congregational Church in Barre, VT, is usually the final step prior to ordination itself.

At this meeting, Laura will make a presentation based upon her ordination paper. The presentation and examination is meant to demonstrate Laura's readiness for ministry, her grasp of Christian history and theology and her ability to think about the relation between the church and the world. The examination is not limited to the presentation or the ordination paper of the candidate, but may include other questions pertaining to readiness for pastoral ministry.

A PLEA FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE - We have been working diligently for the past two months to fill vacancies on the various church

committees. We have reached out to 33 folks. Some of you have responded yes to our invitation to serve and for that we say thank you! We still have several positions to fill on these 5 committees: Education, Youth Ministry, Finance, Trustees and Pastor Staff Relations. We are only asking for a one year commitment. That's one meeting each month beginning in July. Please consider where God might be calling you to serve and contact a member of the Nominating

WFChurch Labyrinth

Do you like to stop, take time away from your busy schedule, think about your life, your relationship with God, listen to your inner self? Are you contemplative? Have you walked the labyrinth on our WFC lawn?

A labyrinth is not a maze, there is a single path that leads from the outside into the center. At the Bethany UCC church in Montpelier there is an indoor labyrinth that leads to a view of a picture window that depicts Jesus; it can be a very moving experience to walk and pray. The French cathedral at Chartres has a world famous labyrinth. The Costal Maine Botanical Gardens has a stone labyrinth that you can walk in bare feet and feel the smooth stones. Williston Federated Church has a grass labyrinth outlined in brick. It was built by a group of parishioners about 5 years ago.

The labyrinth needs maintenance. Every two weeks it needs to have the grass on the bricks cut with an edge trimmer. A few bricks need to be replaced. Some bricks have settled into the ground too far or have tipped onto their sides and need to be reset.

Is there a group of people who would like to accept responsibility for keeping the labyrinth available? If you would like to be a part of the upkeep please leave your contact information with Ruth Magill, rmagillvt@aol.com, 879-6238.