



# Williston Federated Church

Open and Affirming, Reconciling Pledge

*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.*

## 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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United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church  
Federated in 1899



Welcome To All Who Worship Here!  
October 10, 2021, 9:30 AM Access Disabilities Week  
Blessing of the Animals

## Call to Worship

Leader: Listen, for the voice of God comes near!

Ashley  
Dubois

**People: Listen for God's voice.**

Leader: We come to worship the God who became one of us,

**People: Who calls us by name,**

Leader: Who is Love Incarnate,

**People: Who is!**

Leader: Let us gather together in joy and hope –

**People: Let us worship the God of Love!**

## Prelude

Praise God Ye Christians All Together  
Buxtehude

Carolyn  
Pillsbury

## Welcome Sharing the Peace of Christ

Lighting the Peace Candle

Pastor Paul  
Eyer &  
Congregation

One: Peace to with you

**All: And also with you**

## Opening Hymn

“Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord” Songbook  
#136

Choral  
Ensemble

## Prayer for Today

**All: Many people suffer and they know why. Others are straining under burdens which they do not understand, and the load seems heavier. Give rest for troubled minds; give release to hurting bodies; give hope to those in despair; and grant us all strength and**

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Eyer and  
congregation.

inspiration for the journey.  
**Knowing that all things are possible with you, we ask all these things in Jesus' name. Amen.**

<b>Anthem</b>	"Like a River in My Soul" by Tim Osiek	Martin Hain
<b>Time with Children</b>		Pastor Paul Eyer
<b>Scripture</b>	<p>Hebrews 4:12-16</p> <p>12 Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. 14 Since then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.</p>	<p>Gayle Goodwin</p>
<b>Prayer Of Illumination</b>	May the Words of my mouth and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.	Pastor Paul Eyer & Congregation

<b>Sermon</b>	"With Boldness"	Pastor Paul Eyer
<b>Celebrations/ Prayers</b>	<p>Pastor: Lord of Life and Love</p> <p>Congregation: Hear our prayer</p> <p>Prayer requests may be submitted to:</p> <p><b>WFCEPrayer44@gmail.com</b> (public prayer request)</p> <p><b><u>pastoreyer@gmail.com</u></b> (private prayer request)</p>	Pastor Paul Eyer
<b>Silent Reflection</b>	A time for silent Prayers	
<b>Lord's Prayer</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</p>	Pastor Paul Eyer & Congregation
<b>Offering/ Offertory</b>	<p>Mailing: Williston Federated Church          44 No. Williston Rd          Williston, VT. 05495</p> <p>Online:  <a href="http://onrealm.org/WFC/give/giveonline">http://onrealm.org/WFC/give/giveonline</a>          Churches website: <a href="http://www.steeple.org">www.steeple.org</a></p>	

**Offertory  
Music**

Prayer of St. Francis

Carolyn  
Pillsbury

*Greeters: Rick and Barb Bristol  
Ushers: Ursula White and Carlos Mejia  
Online Greeter: Jackie Lingelbach  
Online Prayer Coordinator: Ashley Dubois*

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**Prayer of  
Dedication**

**All: As we bring these gifts to your altar, give us the eyes to see and the hearts to know of your love for all humanity and all creation. May these gifts give evidence of your far-reaching love. Amen.**

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Eyer &  
Congregation

**Life and Mission of Church**

**Closing Hymn** “Lead Me, Lord” UMC Hymnal #473  
(sing twice)

Choral  
ensemble

**Benediction/  
Blessing**

Pastor Paul  
Eyer

**Postlude** Voluntary IV – William Boyce

Carolyn  
Pillsbury

**Liturgical  
Resources**

*The **Call to Worship** was adapted from a liturgy by Roger D. Shaw, in Flames of Spirit: Resources for Worship, Ruth Duck, ed, Pilgrim Press, 1985, at page 61. The **Prayer for Today** was adapted from And Also With You: Worship Resources based on the Revised Common Lectionary, Year B, OSL Publications, 1993, 133, found at <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/born-to-trouble/twentieth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-lectionary-planning-notes/twentieth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-liturgical-resources> .*

## This Week and Beyond at Williston Federated Church

### A Note about the Time with Children

We are delighted to welcome children into our worship service! And we have a special time during the service aimed especially at the youngest among us—and the young at heart! We welcome children to participate in the “Time With Children” in any of the following ways: remain seated in the pew with their family; gather on the first pew; or sit on the chancel steps. Remember that the worship service is being livestreamed to social media. So if you would prefer that your child not appear in this video on our church’s Facebook page, you can keep the children with you in the pew or have them sit on the first pew with their back to the camera. If you have no objection to your child appearing in this livestreamed video feed, then all of the options are open to you.

And then following the Time With Children, the younger set can head off to join Susan Lamb and other volunteers to engage with the children (outdoors if the weather permits). And Michelle Davis is offering nursery care for the youngest children in the Sitting Room. It is a joy to welcome children in our midst!

### Membership Opportunity

All are welcome here at WFC. Being a full member of the church is not a requirement for participation in all aspects of worship, serving on committees, providing outreach and service to others. It is an opportunity to make a public statement of Christian witness. If you are new to the church community, or have been worshipping with us for years, and are interested in joining the church, please speak to Pastor Paul Eyer or a member of the Membership Committee: Carol Bouchard, Ruth Magill, Sally Metro, Janice Mejia, Carol Burbank or Gary Lewis. New members will be received during worship this fall. The date is to be determined.

### Need for Ushers

We are in need of ushers! Please prayerfully consider if this may be a way you could serve at Williston Federated Church. If you are available, please contact Cindy Thurston at [cindythurston57@gmail.com](mailto:cindythurston57@gmail.com) with any questions. Thank you so much!

### Thursday morning Centering Prayer Group

This Thursday morning, October 14, at 8am the Centering Prayer group will gather in person and via Zoom for silent prayer and Bible discussion. The session begins with a brief reading and then 20 minutes of silence. After 20 minutes a bell will ring 3 times. Then the Bible passage of the day will be read three times. Participants will talk of the part of the passage that touched them or had questions or special meaning. The gathering lasts about one hour, ending with the Lord’s Prayer also known as the Our Father. For Zoom code or questions call or text Donna Fellingner 802-355-1700 or by email at [donnafellinger@gmail.com](mailto:donnafellinger@gmail.com)

### Dismas House

Every month, for the third Tuesday, we experience, with appreciation, how volunteer cooks from our community of faith provides a meal to the table of the residents, volunteers and staff at Dismas House in Burlington. Jane Stickney and Barb Bristol will provide for October’s 3rd Tuesday, 10/19/21 and the Meisenzahl Family, Brian, Sarah and sons, Andrew and Charlie will take on November 16th, 2021. Thank you, Barb & Jane and Meisenzahl Family.

The remaining “third Tuesdays” of 2021 are listed within the Dismas House announcement on the virtual bulletin board that can be viewed on the church’s website. After November 16th, the remaining “third Tuesday” of 2021 is December 21st. For more detailed information, please contact Peet Grobler at (802) 881-9007 or [peetgrobler@aol.com](mailto:peetgrobler@aol.com).

Thank you for considering to volunteer for the last “Third Tuesday” of the calendar year 2021: December 21, 2021.

Your Missions and Social Concerns Committee.

### Run-Walk for JUMP

You are invited to participate in the virtual **Run-Walk for JUMP**, September 18-October 2. The **Joint Urban Ministry Project**, based in Burlington, provides assistance to low income Vermonters in Chittenden County. It is a faith-based organization that Williston Federated has supported for many years. Services include help with utility payments, transportation, groceries, toiletries, clothing, cleaning supplies. All funds raised will support adults and children in need. This year’s collective goal is \$15,000.

For more information and registration: <https://secure.frontstream.com/virtual-run-2021>.

### **Takeout Chicken Pie Supper October 16<sup>th</sup>**

The Chicken Pie Supper has been part of our church's tradition since 1925. In 2020 the dinner was not held due to the pandemic. This year we are offering a curbside takeout event. In the past, we have served as many as 300 guests in the dining room and an additional 75 take out dinners. The plan this year is to serve 200 staggered takeout meals beginning at 4:15. The meal will include: chicken pie; biscuit, squash, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, cranberry sauce; either apple or pumpkin pie.

As always, we'll need everyone's participation to make this happen. Follow this [link to access the online sign-up](#) for food and workers. A paper sign-up poster for food and workers will be on the bulletin board near the elevator October 3rd. Reservations are required and can be made with Carol Bouchard at 862-7400. Prices are \$13.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Proceeds from this event go to the Women of the Church for mission outreach. Contact Donna Sue Hain with any questions at 598-6612.

### **Virtual Bulletin Board**

We are happy to share that we have created a virtual Bulletin Board for announcements and sign ups that will be accessible through our website. We have also created a tutorial video to guide you through using the bulletin board. Both the tutorial and bulletin board can be found on our website.

### **Time Together**

Please gather in Fellowship Hall after worship for a time to greet one another. Current recommendations do not allow for coffee or food, but we can still share in a time of conversation.

### **Meeting with the Methodist Bishop**

On the evening of Thursday, October 14, you will have the chance to meet Bishop Devadhar of the New England United Methodist Conference. This will be a "hybrid" both in-person (Vermont location TBA) and online (via Zoom). Look for more details regarding the precise time and Zoom access information. Bishop Devadhar will soon be retiring from his role, so this hybrid gathering will afford to greet him before he steps down as bishop.

### **COVID-safe guidelines for use of church facilities**

The reentry committee met on 10/5. Although the infection rate in Vermont and Chittenden county is finally starting to decrease, it is still higher than it was last spring, and the CDC still recommends wearing masks indoors for everyone. As a result, the committee did not make any changes to the guidelines. We are hopeful that the infection rate will continue to decline and that children under the age of 12 will be eligible for vaccination by early November.

As a reminder, all people are requested to wear masks while inside the church building whether they are vaccinated or not with the following exceptions:

- People presenting worship services may remove their mask while presenting in the chancel area.
- Masks may be removed while receiving communion.
- People working alone in an office may remove their masks if no one else is around.

Indoor food and beverage consumption is not allowed except for communion.

Outside groups are expected to adhere to our guidelines with the exception of the daycare and preschool, who are subject to guidelines set for by the licensing agency for daycare facilities.

Questions and comments may be directed to Martin Hain at [mhainvt@gmail.com](mailto:mhainvt@gmail.com).