



Williston Federated Church

January 16, 2022

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.



Pastor – Reverend Paul Eyer phone: 802-878-5792 email: pastoreyer@gmail.com

Emeritus Associate Pastor – Charlie Magill

Lay Leader – Ashley Dubois

Church Office Administrator – Pamela Osborne

Music Director – Martin Hain

Organist – Carolyn Pillsbury

Choir Accompanist – Carol Schein

Nursery Caregiver – Michelle Davis

Sunday School Coordinator – Jenny Rousseau, Ed.D

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United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church
Federated in 1899



Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

January 16, 2022 9:30 a.m.

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

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

A Fellowship time follows worship—please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

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.

Call to Worship	One: We come this day in need of God's steadfast love. All: God is the fountain of life. One: We gather this day, seeking God's guidance and love, All: God is the fountain of grace. One: We worship this day, with anticipation. All: God is the fountain of joy.	Ashley Dubois
Prelude	"Melodie" by W.Faulkes	Carolyn Pillsbury
Welcome/ Greetings	Sharing the Peace of Christ One: Peace be with you All: And also with you.	Pastor Paul Eyer and Congregation
Opening Hymn	"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" UMC Hymnal #66 (sing verses 1 & 2)	Choral Ensemble
Prayer for the Day	All: O God, we find our common life in this community of faith.	Pastor Paul Eyer

United and blessed by your grace, we seek to serve all people. Amen.

Anthem	"African Psalm" by Patrick Liebergen	Choral Ensemble and Carol Schein (piano)
Time w/ Children		Pastor Paul Eyer
Scripture	John 2:1-11	Matt Bliss
Prayer of Illumination	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 and Congregation
Sermon	"Grace and Glory"	Pastor Paul Eyer
Celebrations Prayer Requests	Prayer requests may be submitted to: WFCPrayer44@gmail.com (public prayer request) pastoreyer@gmail.com	Pastor Paul Eyer
Silent Reflection		

Lord's Prayer	<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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</p>	Pastor Paul Eyer and Congregation
Offering		Pastor Paul Eyer
Offertory	<p>“Wake up your Heart and I Sing” By Johann Cristoth Bach</p>	Carolyn Pillsbury
Prayer of Dedication	<p>All: O God, combine these financial gifts with other gifts: gifts of healing, of hope, of compassion. And may all of these gifts become rivers of grace flowing through the lives of everyone around us. We offer our gifts to you in this hope, as we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.</p>	Pastor Paul Eyer and Congregation
Life/Mission of the Church		Pastor Paul Eyer
Closing Hymn	<p>“The Trees of the Field (You Shall Go Out With Joy)” Songbook #27</p>	Choral Ensemble

Benediction/
Blessing

Pastor Paul
Eyer

Postlude “Recessional”
By F.W.Asper

Carolyn
Pillsbury

Liturgical Resources *The **Call to Worship, Prayer for the Day, and the Prayer of Dedication** were adapted from “Lectionary Liturgies” by Thom Shuman, found at <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2019/01/liturg-with-communion-for-january-20.html>*

Ushers: Paula, Delaney and Dylan LeBlanc

Greeters: Bruce and Carol Wyatt

Online Greeter: Jackie Lingelbach

Online Prayer Coordinator: Ashley Dubois

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 Michelle Davis to engage with the children. It is a joy to welcome children in our midst!

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### **Thursday morning Centering Prayer Group**

This Thursday morning, January 20 at 9am the Centering Prayer group will gather via Zoom ONLY and in person 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 three 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 Fellinger 802-355-1700 or by email at [donnafellingervt@gmail.com](mailto:donnafellingervt@gmail.com)

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Dismas House

On January 18th, we start a new year of "3rd Tuesdays". This is our opportunity to bring together a meal for the residents and committed staff and volunteers at Dismas House. We always aim to gather a main course, a side dish or salad and if possible a sweet treat. Sometimes the side dish takes the form of a salad and a loaf of bread. For more detailed information, contact Peet Grobler at (802) 881-9007 or peetgrobler@aol.com.

Thank you for considering to participate in this meaningful volunteer opportunity. Your Missions and Social Concerns Committee.

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### **The Future is Federated**

Are federated churches like ours the wave of the future? As long-standing denominational structures seek to adapt to a dramatically changing cultural landscape, will congregations affiliated with more than one denomination become more widespread? In a time of great challenges for churches, do federated congregations offer a pathway to a hopeful future?

On the first three Wednesdays in February, we will join with members of another federated congregation—the United Church of Underhill—in exploring these questions and learning more about the denominations (United Methodist and United Church of Christ) with which our respective congregations are connected.

These sessions, which will take place via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 9, and 16, will be facilitated jointly by our own Rev. Paul Eyer (ordained UCC pastor) and Rev. Jen Mihok (provisional—soon to be ordained—elder in the UMC) of the United Church of Underhill.

These conversations promise to be compelling, looking at issues that have divided the denominations (such as LGBTQ+ marriage equality) as well as understanding the dynamics that hold us together (“connection” and “covenant”). You don’t want to miss it!

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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.

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### **Time Together**

You are invited to 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.

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Update from the Re-Entry Committee

The Re-entry Committee met on Jan 4. Given the increase in infection rates, the committee decided not to make any changes to the guidelines. Masks are required in the building except for presenters during worship services or while working alone in a closed office. The ensemble will start wearing masks while singing during worship services. Food and beverage consumption other than communion is not allowed unless alone in a closed office. As a reminder, these guidelines do not apply to the daycare. The daycare is responsible for establishing their own guidelines. We are all looking forward to the day when things will be better and we can have less stringent guidelines regarding masks and physical distancing.

Please send your questions or comments to Martin Hain at mhainvt@gmail.com.

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## **Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity – Message from Kalie Wood**

As we head into the New Year, I wanted to reach out and offer a unique volunteering experience like no other. Our Williston ReStore is getting a much needed make over and we could not be more excited. We are still moving forward with our remodel **Sunday January 31st through Sunday February 6th**. As we will be closed to the general public at that time, it will be staff and volunteers in the space.

If you are interested in joining us, we would love to have you. Whether you want to swing a sledge hammer, help build an air lock or help us sort through our donations, we will have plenty of fun activities to do.

As we are getting closer to the ReStore reset, I wanted to offer your teams the ability to join us in an exciting opportunity that goes to benefit Chittenden County.

We look forward to having teams or individuals join us! If you have any questions or are looking to reserve your day, please let me know.

Kalie Wood, Volunteer Coordinator Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity  
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### **JUMP Auction**

Save the Date!!! JUMP is having an Online Auction fundraiser February 2 -11. The theme is "Show Love for JUMP". The auction website is:

<https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/auctionhome.action?auctionId=341699061>

We have great items for you to bid on and more are being added each day.

JUMP's primary goal, amid the COVID pandemic, has been to remain open and ensure all economically disadvantaged families have dependable access to help meeting basic needs. The JUMP FLEX program delivers aid to purchase groceries, transportation help, utility assistance, personal hygiene and cleaning supplies. These vouchers assist not only in meeting basic needs but also help those "living on the edge" to preserve key funds for other essentials. Please visit [www.jumpvt.org](http://www.jumpvt.org) to learn more about the great work of JUMP. The JUMP Online Auction will help pay for the services JUMP provides.

If you would like to donate an item, gift card or service to JUMP's Online Auction or become a sponsor, please email "[auction@jumpvt.org](mailto:auction@jumpvt.org)" with the information.

Join us in this fundraising event and show your love for JUMP. You will be doing your part in responding to the needs of our community by supporting a local organization that assists Vermont households.

Thank you,

Margaret Welch, JUMP Online Auction Coordinator

## **LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR TODAY**

**The Second Sunday after Epiphany—Year C**

January 16, 2022

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 36:5-10

I Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11