



Williston Federated Church

January 30, 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

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United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church
Federated in 1899



Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

January 30, 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	With powerful words and dramatic gestures, with a quiet conversation and a gentle touch,	Ashley Dubois
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**we respond to God's call to offer
healing and hope to our world.**

With courage to face the injustices around
us, with the willingness to go into the
brokenness,

**we fulfill the call of Jesus
to engage the world.**

With the patience of a teacher of six-year-
olds, with the gentleness of a nurse
helping a patient,

**we offer the Spirit's refuge
for all who live in worry and fear.**

Prelude	"O Lord Most Holy" (F. ABT)	Carolyn Pillsbury
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Welcome/ Greetings	Sharing the Peace of Christ One: Peace be with you All: And also with you.	Pastor Paul Eyer and Congregation
Opening Hymn	“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” Songbook #162 (sing verse 1 and 2) (copyright permission: CCLI #176957 and #20480319)	Choral Ensemble
Prayer for the Day	All: God of incomparable love, you have shown us in Jesus of Nazareth that all people are embraced by your graciousness. May we embrace that universal fellowship which flows from sincere worship. Living closer to you and to one another, may we touch the pulse and purpose of existence, and be enabled to live lovingly and bravely as brothers and sisters of your creation. Amen.	Pastor Paul Eyer and Congregation
Anthem	"Come, Come Unto Me" by Ken Dosso (copyright permission: CCLI #176957 and #20480319)	Choral Ensemble and Carol Schein (piano)

Time w/ Children		Pastor Paul Eyer
Scripture	Luke 4:14-30	Larry Pillsbury
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	“Fulfilled”	Pastor Paul Eyer
Celebrations/ Prayer Requests	Prayer requests may be sent to: WFCPrayer44@gmail.com Private prayer requests may be sent to: pastoreyer@gmail.com	
Silent Reflection		
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.	Pastor Paul Eyer and Congregation

Offering		Pastor Paul Eyer
Offertory	“Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring” (J.S. Bach)	Carolyn Pillsbury
Prayer of Dedication	O God, bless these gifts that they may bring “good news to the poor, release to the captives...[freedom to] the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Amen.	Pastor Paul Eyer and Congregation
Life/Mission of the Church		Pastor Paul Eyer
Closing Hymn	“Here I Am, Lord” UMC Hymnal #593 (sing verses 1 and 2)	Choral Ensemble
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Benediction/ Blessing		Pastor Paul Eyer
Postlude	“In Jesus We Have Hope” (Johann Christoph Bach)	Carolyn Pillsbury

Liturgical
Resources

The **Call to Worship** is adapted from “Lectionary Liturgies” by Thom Shuman, found at <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2019/01/liturgy-with-communion-for-february-3.html>. The **Prayer for Today** is adapted from Bruce Prewer of the United Church of Australia, found at <http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocC/C13epip4.htm>. The **Prayer of Dedication** is adapted from Luke 4:18-19 (where Jesus is quoting from Isaiah 61:1-2) from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Ushers: Jane Stickney & Lois Mason

Greeters: Chris Stewart

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, February 3 at 8am 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 Fellingner 802-355-1700 or by email at [donnafellingervt@gmail.com](mailto:donnafellingervt@gmail.com)

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Dismas House

Every month, even through and in spite of a pandemic, for the third Tuesday of the month, we experience with gratitude, how volunteer cooks from our community of faith plan, prepare and deliver a meal to the table of the residents, staff and volunteers at Dismas House in Burlington.

The next date to participate in this very meaningful volunteer opportunity will be on **Tuesday, February 15th, 2022.**

We aim to provide a main course, a side or salad and if possible a sweet treat.

All the dates of the "third Tuesdays" of 2022 are listed in the Dismas House announcement on the virtual bulletin board (that can be viewed on our church's website at Steeple.org) For more detail regarding Dismas House Dinners, 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), Rev. Jen Mihok (provisional—soon to be ordained—elder in the UMC) of the United Church of Underhill, and Rev. Dr. Becca Girrell (ordained elder in the UMC) of the United Community Church of Morrisville.

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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Women's Bible Study

Greetings Women of Williston Federated Church! It has been suggested that some of the women of the church would like to participate in a bible study group. It could be via zoom or in person as covid conditions improve, or a hybrid of both. The men of our church have a group which meets weekly for one hour to read and discuss bible passages. The format for a women's group could be similar or could use another approach.

The Education Committee of the church has been tasked to see if there is interest, and if so, to coordinate the group's implementation. If you are interested, please contact education committee chairperson, Susan Lamb, 878-1251 or susanlambvt@gmail.com

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**Cookies Needed** - The Vitality Team would like to express our heartfelt thanks, on behalf of the church, to the following community servants: staff at WCS, ABS & CVU as well as our local police, fire & rescue, medical practices and others, for their continued service to our community during the pandemic. Please sign up to make and deliver cookies using [this link](#): Cookies may be delivered at your convenience leading up to Feb. 14th. For more information, contact Carol Bouchard.

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Heifer Project Boxes

Remember those cute Heifer Project boxes which we all took home just before the pandemic began? Is one taking up space in your house? Now is the time to return

them!! Please drop them off at church by February 14th, Valentine's Day. It can be your Valentine to someone in need. If you would like someone to pick up your box, please call Susan Lamb at 802-878-1251. Any additional donations will be gratefully appreciated! Now that Sunday School has resumed, the children will be learning all about the Heifer Project.

Stay tuned for more updates from the Sunday School kids, as they'll be thinking of a wish list of animals they'd like our church to sponsor. In the past, they've been very excited to see what our church's generosity can accomplish. Thank you!

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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](mailto: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 30th 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
(802)857-5296 ext. 8 • kali@vermonthabitat.org

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### **Thank you**

Caitlin Purinton, who has been deployed to Kosovo with the VT National Guard the past 10 months, sends her thanks and appreciation for the cards and letters she has received during her deployment. She will be returning to VT at the end of March and suggests that we not send any additional mail as it can take up to 8 weeks to arrive.

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JUMP Auction

JUMP is holding an Online Auction February 2-11. The theme is "Showing Love for JUMP" Here is the link:

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

Low-income Vermont households need the help that JUMP can provide with utility payments, transportation, and support to purchase essentials like groceries, toiletries, and cleaning supplies. We are inviting your support of JUMP's important community work! Although bidding does not start until February 2nd, visit the [JUMP Online Auction website](#) now to:

- o View items up for bid (check back frequently as items are being added daily)

- o Set up your account so you will be already to start bidding on February 2nd
 - o Donate an item for the auction or become a sponsor
- Help promote the event the JUMP Online Auction website:

- Create Facebook posts and Twitter tweets just by clicking on their icons on the top right hand corner,
- Click on the “Refer a friend” button and fill in the email addresses of friends and family and send them all a notice about the event
- Send your own email by clicking on the email icon on the top right hand corner

Join us in this fundraising event and show your love for JUMP. You will be doing your part in responding to the need that is out there by supporting a local organization that assists Vermont households in need.

Margaret Welch, JUMP Online Auction Coordinator

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### **Souper Bowl of Caring**

Sunday, February 13 is Super Bowl Sunday. This means that it is also **Souper Bowl Sunday**. Along with youth across the country, our youth at Williston Federated Church will again be collecting donations to combat hunger. Traditionally the gifts collected here at Williston Federated Church have gone to the Williston Community Food Shelf. This will be a fun and meaningful way to support our youth and to support this vital ministry.

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Youth gathering

The Williston Federated youth will be gathering at about 11:00 a.m. today (following worship) at the church.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR TODAY

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany—Year C

January 30, 2022

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

I Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30