



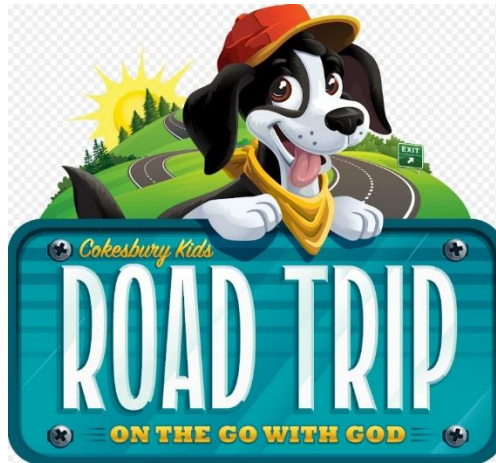
Williston Federated Church

July 20, 2025

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. (Adopted by the Williston Federated Church congregation in 2006.)

Faith  Fellowship  Fun



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United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church
Federated in 1899



Welcome To All Who Worship Here!

July 20, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

2025 Faith, Fellowship and Fun Finale

Childcare is available downstairs for our youngest children.

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 an inclusive community which enthusiastically welcomes and gathers all people to share the wonder of God’s love. Together we seek to find fullness of life through Jesus’ teachings, to reach out into the world to live lovingly and justly as followers of Christ, and to respond actively to human needs. (Adopted by the Williston Federated Church congregation in 2024.)

Call to Worship	One: In the presence of the faithful, we	with
(inspired by	proclaim the name of God, for it is good.	congregation
Psalm 52)	Many: We thank you forever because of what you have done.	
	One: Holy One, we trust in you. We take refuge in your safety. We call your presence our home.	
	Many: We are like olive trees rooted in your soil—growing and fruitful. You nourish us and shine your light upon us.	
	One: Faithful God, in you, we find love and truth, abundance and compassion, community and care.	
	Many: We praise and exalt you, Eternal One. We trust in your steadfast love forever and ever.	

Prelude	“Nocturne in C Sharp minor (No. 20)” by Frederic Chopin	Kai Sedic- Lawton, piano
Welcome/ Greetings		Pastor Paul Eyer

Words of Peace		Pastor Paul Eyer
Lighting the Peace Candle/ Sharing the Peace/Passing of the Peace	One: The peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.	Pastor Paul Eyer and congregation
Opening Hymn	“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” UMC (red) Hymnal #158 (sing all verses) (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)	Kai Sedic-Lawton, piano, and congregation
Prayer for Today	All: Abiding God, we long to renew our minds, restore our souls, and rest our presence before you. Be glorified in our worship. Be honored by our praise. We rejoice in your Spirit among us, especially among the young people whom we celebrate this day. In your many names we pray. Amen.	Pastor Paul Eyer and congregation
2025 Faith, Fun, and Fellowship finale	“Road Trip: On the Go with God”	Puppet show, plus...
Scripture	Joshua 1:9	Cathi Brody
Celebrations/ Prayer	Prayer requests may be sent to: WFCPrayer44@gmail.com Private prayer requests may be sent to: pastoreyer@gmail.com	Pastor Paul Eyer

Requests/
Prayers of the
People

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 Offertory		Kai Sedic-Lawton, piano
Doxology	UMC Hymnal #94 (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)	Kai Sedic-Lawton, piano, and congregation
Prayer of Dedication (unison)	All: Receive the resources we offer in love and hope that needs will be met, lives will be changed, and the world will receive compassionate care. Amen.	Pastor Paul Eyer and congregation
Life/Mission of the Church		Pastor Paul Eyer

Closing Hymn	“Lead On, O King Eternal” UMC Hymnal #580 (sing verses 2 and 3) (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)	Kai Sedic- Lawton, piano, and congregation
Benediction/ Blessing		Pastor Paul Eyer
Postlude	“Waltz in A-flat major, op. 69 no. 1” by Frederic Chopin	Kai Sedic- Lawton, piano
Liturgical Resources	The Call to Worship, Prayer for Today, and Prayer of Dedication were adapted from “Few Things Needed: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost” written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ, from <u>Worship Ways</u> from the United Church of Christ website, found at https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-6c-july-20/	

Ushers: Hillary Andrews and Donna Goodheart
Greeter(s): Polly Malik
Coffee Hour: Carol Bouchard
Online Greeter: Jackie Lingelbach
Online Prayer Coordinator: Kelly Swartz



To give online, use the QR code above.

This Week and Beyond at Williston Federated Church

The Green Alter Cloth

The lovely green altar cloth was given to the church by member Louise Witcher, now deceased, who was known for her outreach to people in need and for her kindness and caring.

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#### Ice Cream on the Town Green this Summer -

Join us July 30th and Aug. 13th from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Town Band Concert. We will be on hand to greet concert goers and hand out ice cream. In case of rain, the concert will be in the WCS auditorium, and we will be outside under the portico. It's a great community outreach. Sign up

on the bulletin board at church. Contact [Carol Bouchard](#) for more information. Sponsored by the Vitality Team.

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Church Book Club

Our Church Book Club is continuing its monthly meetings throughout the summer. Here is our book choices for August 20: 'James' by Everett Percival.

I hope that you can all attend our summer meetings. Lois Mason loismason418@gmail.com.

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### **Summer Sunday School!**

We need you to step in as Summer Sunday School teachers for our Elementary class!

- Video lessons are provided to make teaching easy and enjoyable.
- It's a fun and rewarding experience where you can connect with kids and share in their growth.
- Your support helps give our regular teachers a much-needed break.

Sign up on the bulletin board downstairs or online

at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044BA5AA29A5F58-50996369-sunday#/>

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Request for Summer Music

Do you have a musical talent you would like to share with us this summer? Williston Federated Church has a few Sundays left in August where we would love to have you perform while the choir is on vacation. It could be playing an instrument, singing a solo or as a group, or even a dance and song routine. No auditions are required. We are also looking for those who could play piano, organ or keyboard during summer Sundays.

Please contact Ted Marcy at 802-578-3797 or by email at tmarcy@uvm.edu if you are interested in either opportunity or you would like to learn more.

Thank you, The Music and Worship Committee

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### **Hear Ye! Hear Ye!**

For those who would like to hear the worship service better, we encourage you to sit in one of the first four pews. You are not alone!

There are also two hearing devices to use. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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Prayer cards

Prayer Cards are available to write prayer requests. (You may find them in the pew rack in front of you.) You are invited to place your completed prayer cards in the Prayer Box (crafted by Chris Stewart) that is now positioned on a table in the Gallery area (the space between the stairs and

the hallway to the sanctuary. Additional prayer cards can be found on that table as well.) Written prayers entered in the Prayer Box will be lifted to God in prayer by Pastor Paul throughout the week.

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**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 live streamed 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 live streamed 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 members of the Education Committee who will engage with the children for a time of crafts and learning. It is a joy to welcome children in our midst!

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Fellowship Time After Worship

Each Sunday after the worship service, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall (downstairs) for coffee and light refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity for informal conversation and building community.

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**Monday Morning Centering Prayer Group**

The Centering Prayer Group meets on Mondays with a start time of 10:45am. The Centering Prayer group gathers via Zoom ONLY for silent prayer and Bible discussion. This is a zoom only meeting. It will open at 10:45; 11-11:20 Silent Prayer; 11:20-12:00 discussion of the Bible Passage of the day along with lunch; 12-1pm continuation of lunch and visiting. For Zoom code or questions, call/text Donna Fellingner at 802-355-1700 or email at [donnafellingervt@gmail.com](mailto:donnafellingervt@gmail.com)

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Monday Women’s Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study chooses books of the Bible to discuss, and we have a great time listening to each other as we try to discern God's word. We meet in person and by ZOOM every Monday afternoon from 1:30-2:30. If you'd like to join us, have questions, wish you knew more about the Bible, please contact Sally Metro at ssmetro9@gmail.com. All are welcome!

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**Men's Social Breakfast**

All the men of the church are invited to breakfast and chat the last Wednesday of every month. Breakfast starts at 8:00 am; cooking at 7:30 am. Come for one or both. Charlie Magill, [cmagillvt@aol.com](mailto:cmagillvt@aol.com).

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Friday Men's Bible Study

Men gather weekly to discuss and try to understand God's Word and how it effects our lives. Join the group in the Fellowship Hall every Friday morning at 7:00 am. The sessions are also on Zoom.

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**Longevity Gathering**

For those who want to live a long, healthy, and happy life, you are invited to be part of the conversation! Helena Katz is leading a "Longevity Gathering" that meets in the choir room the first Sunday of the month following worship. The gathering gets started at 11:00am so that people have a chance to enjoy fellowship and refreshments in Fellowship Hall. Please also see the Longevity Gatherings page on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@LongevityGatherings> Please subscribe to our channel. (NOTE: The choir room is located past the gallery space just beyond the hallway that connects with the sanctuary here on the upper level of the church.)

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Dismas House

Every third Tuesday of the month volunteers from Williston Federated Church provide a meal to the residents and staff at Dismas House in Burlington. We'd like to thank July's volunteers, Dan and Kris Clark for sharing dinner with Dismas, and we continue to welcome offers for future months. You can find the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. One volunteer does not need to be responsible for the entire meal; teamwork is always possible! Volunteers can join those at Dismas for the meal, or they can drop the meal off, whatever works best. Thank you to everyone for supporting this very meaningful outreach! Please reach out to Lizzy Pope at lizzypope@gmail.com with questions. Your coordinating team, Lizzy Pope and Sue Hook

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**Opportunities For Service**

Are you feeling energetic? Need to get some more steps in? Do you feel the desire to serve this church, but can't make another long-term commitment? Are you new to the church or just returning from being away? Or are you only going to be in the area for a short time? Whatever your motivation, we'll take it!!! We are working on a new way to communicate opportunities for folks to serve this church and our community. They are "Opportunities to Serve". Not on a committee or a board but as a person who appreciates this church and wants to give back, by



doing some small bit of work, sharing a talent or ability, or simply lending a hand when another member has a bit of labor that needs doing. There will be a bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs as you exit after worship towards coffee hour or out the door by Fellowship Hall. On it will be written opportunities to serve the church. If you find one there that fits your abilities and your calendar, take it with you. Make contact with the person whose name is on the card and make a plan for how you will fulfill this opportunity. How good it feels to help out!

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Greenworks Ministry – Green Tip for the Week

Keep a zero waste kit with reusable containers, cutlery, cloth napkin and cups in the car.