August 31, 2025

Williston-Immanuel United Church Portland, Maine





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ORDER of WORSHIP

10:00 am

Welcome

*Gathering Song

"The River of God"

Linnea Good

Words to ponder

Rev. Reba Delzell

"In high school, I stole a six-foot submarine sandwich from a banquet room in front of several hundred people. I did it because I was in marching band, and we were promised food if we played, and they broke their promise. It was my first and only heist, motivated by justice and hunger."

Greg van Eekhout is an American science fiction and fantasy writer

Music for Centering

"Sunday Afternoon Music"

Aaron Copland

Opening Words

Lydia Hews

*Hymn

"God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

The God Box

Rev. Reba Delzell

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14 NIV

Lydia Hews

Message

"We're going to need a bigger table!"

Rev. Reba Delzell

^{*}Please rise in body or in spirit.

Prayers of the People (Please use any name for God you prefer for the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Lydia Hews

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Musical Offering

Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God, all creatures here below Praise God above you heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn

"Jesu, Jesu"

Benediction

Announcements

Postlude

"Crowded Table"

Brandi Carlisle

The River of God

Psalm 65

by Linnea Good

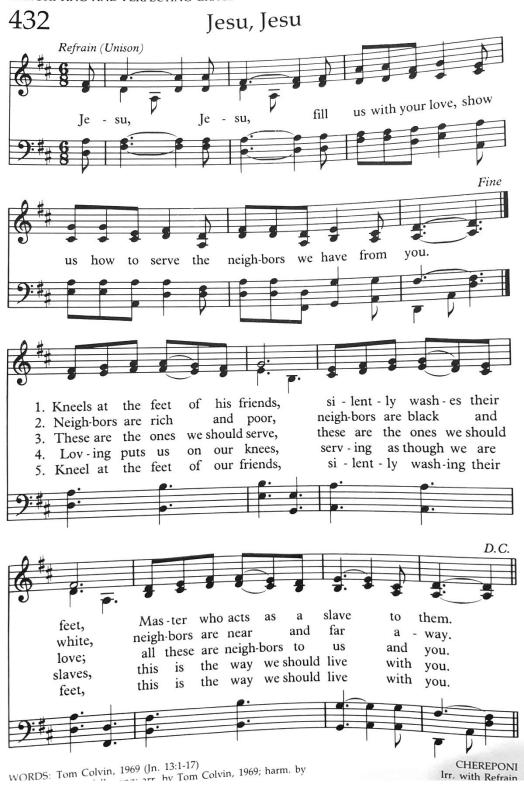


God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872; alt.



Daughter of the English hymnwriter William H. Havergal, Frances Ridley Havergal was a gifted poet and student of several languages, including Hebrew and Greek. She also composed several hymn tunes. Canonbury was adapted from one of Robert Schumann's piano pieces. Tune: CANONBURY L.M. Arr. from Robert Schumann, 1872



Doodle Space

CHURCH STAFF

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Who are we? Williston-Immanuel United Church is an inclusive Christian community that promotes faith, fellowship, social justice and love, compassionately reaching out to our broader community, celebrating our diversity, and affirming everyone's spiritual journey.

Acceptance without conditions, affirmation without discrimination these are the goals of Williston-Immanuel United Church.

For more info about us, go to www.wiuc.org

Mark your calendar

September 14th Sunday is Homecoming & All Church Gathering!