

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

Want to give electronically? See the back page. If you are new here and have filled out a "Wanna Do Some Good" form, please place it in the offertory plate so that we might donate \$5 to our special offering. If giving a cash donation, please use an envelope and designate where your offering should go.

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

Psalms 65

by Linnea Good

Lightly, strongly ♩ = 120

1 F C F C F B^b
Oh the riv-er of God comes rush-ing from the

5 F C F F/A Gm⁷
moun-tain, The riv-er of God comes roll-ing to the sea.

10 C Am⁷ D⁷ Gm
The riv-er of God draws the wat-ers of Cre-a.

14 B^bm F/C B^b/C F C F
tion, The riv-er of God is the Life that flows thro' you and me.

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872; alt.

1 God, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2 O lead me, God, that I may lead some
 3 O fill me with your full - ness, God, your
 4 O use me, God, use ev - en me just

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan - der - ers a - long life's way; O feed me so that
 ov - er - flow - ing love to know; In glow - ing word and
 as you will, and when, and where, un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with - out de - lay.
 kin - dling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

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*

Jesu, Jesu

Refrain (Unison)

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

Fine

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

D.C.

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
 feet, this is the way we should live with you.

Doodle Space

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Reba Delzell, *Pastor*
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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!