



THE
UNIONED
CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL • BAPTIST • METHODIST

West Rutland, Vermont

1773-1973

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.



HISTORICAL SKETCH

On October 20, 1773 the following people met at the home of The Rev. Benajah Roots, incorporated themselves into a church and signed the Articles of Faith, Covenant, Discipline:

Ebenezer Hopkins	Charles Brewster	Joseph Bowker
Samuel Crippin	Abraham Jackson	Jehial Andrews
David Hawley	John Moses	Sarah Bowker
William Roberts	Enos Ives	Sarah Andrews
Anna Ives	Mehitabel Andrews	

Since then, the church, now called The United Church of West Rutland, Vermont, has had twenty-five pastors and has worshipped in four church buildings (not counting the present "Pratt Hall"):

PASTORS

Benajah Roots 1773-1787	Henry E. Bray 1894-1896
Lemuel Haynes 1788-1818	George I. Adams 1896-1900
Amos Drury 1819-1829	Carlton Hazen 1901-1904
Lucius L. Tilden 1830-1839	Henry P. Higley 1905-1907
Aldace Walker 1840-1862	Edgar S. Vradenburg 1909-1911
Henry M. Grant 1862-1867	Frank E. Davidson 1911-1919
George L. Gleason 1867-1869	Thomas A. Carlson 1919-1926
James R. Bourne 1870-1872	Burton E. Marsh 1926-1931
John K. Williams 1872-1883	Alfred S. Kline 1933-1936
B. Fay Mills 1884-1886	John R. Henderson 1937-1957
J. Webster Bailey 1887-1890	Roger L. Albright 1957-1965
Henry T. Barnard 1891-1893	James D. McLauchlin 1965-1967
	Irving E. French 1968-

CHURCH BUILDINGS

1773-1788 Log Meeting House, near present entrance to Evergreen Cemetery
1788-1855 Wood Frame Church, just south of Pleasant Street Cemetery, then called West Parish, Rutland
1855-1885 First Brick Church, across Pleasant Street from Cemetery
1886- Second Brick Church, corner Chapel and High Streets