UNITED CHURCH OF DORSET AND EAST RUPERT ~ APRIL 13, 2025 ~ PALM SUNDAY ~

# Sunday Sunday

#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of this open and affirming Church is to instill in its congregation the consciousness of the presence of God in each individual person, to worship God, to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, to celebrate the Sacraments, and to teach and encourage the application of Christian values individually and collectively. The Church community strives to exemplify responsible stewardship of God's creation and to render loving service to all humankind in the search for righteousness, justice and peace.

Article 2, Constitution & By-Laws of the United Church of Dorset and East Rupert

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#### ~WORSHIP SERVICE ~ APRIL 13, 2025 ~ PALM SUNDAY ~

**SILENT MEDITATION** It Should Be Visible

If from Space not only sapphire continents, swirling oceans, were visible, but the wars—like bonfires, wildfires, forest conflagrations, flame and smoky smoulder—the Earth would seem a bitter pomander ball bristling with poison cloves. And each war fueled with weapons: it should be visible that great sums of money have been exchanged, great profits made, workers gainfully employed to construct destruction, national economies distorted so that these fires, these wars, may burn and consume the joy of this one planet which, seen from outside its transparent tender shell. is so serene, so fortunate, with it waters, air and myriad forms of 'life that wants to live.' It should be visible that this blue green globe suffers a canker which is devouring it. **Denise Levertov** 

**PRELUDE** Ah, Holy Jesus—Helmut Walcha

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

Rev. Dr. Mark Mc Donough

AS WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP, NOW IS OUR TIME TO SPEAK TO GOD

ENTER "THE FLAME" & "THE WORD"

CHURCH BELL

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

- L: Among the poor, among the proud, among the persecuted, among the privileged, Christ is coming to make all things new.
- P: In the private house, in the public place, in the wedding feast, in the judgement hall, Christ is coming to make all things new.
- L: With a gentle touch, with an angry word, with a clear conscience, with burning love, Christ is coming to make all things new.
- P: That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe, that the powerful might stumble, that the hidden might be seen, Christ is coming to make all things new.
- L: Within us, without us.
- P: Behind us, before us,
- **L:** In this place, in every place,
- P: For this time, for all time, Christ is coming to make all things new.

\*HYMN (CH) # 192 All Glory, Laud and Honor

#### \*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem to liberate us from sin. We confess we have not hailed you, our liberator lord, nor gone before you in the world in praise. For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasms that fail, for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us. Forgive us, God. Give us such trust in your power that everywhere we may live for justice and tell your loving-kindness.

#### \*MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

\*UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS May our loving God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

#### \*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 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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI (CH) #35

Glory be to the Father and to Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Our response: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

\*HYMN (CH) # 191 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

AS WE CONTINUE OUR WORSHIP NOW IS THE TIME TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**OFFERTORY** Hosanna to the Son of David David Halls

\*DOXOLOGY (CH) # 46

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen



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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Rev. Mark McDonough

PALM SUNDAY PASSION PRAYER WALK Based on a script by Gretchen Wolff Pritchard

\*SONG Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord—Stephen Schwartz

We invite the congregation to join in our Passion Prayer Presentation!

We ask that you wave your palms when Jesus walks down the aisle on "Hosanna" and use your voices to shout for joy calling out "Hosanna in the Highest!" and "The Messiah!"

We ask that you join in with the angry crowd after the words "Let Barabbas go" with "Barrabas!" Barrabas!

And after the words "Crucify Him" with "Crucify Him!" "Crucify Him!"

Please sing Hymn #198 "Were You There?" after the last candle is blown out.

Feel free to join in the singing of our songs from Godspell!!

\*HYMN (CH) #599 Day By Day

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE All Glory, Laud and Honor - Georg Friedrich Kaufman

Our thanks for our Liturgist, Paula Nassivera
Our thanks to our ushers, Marietta and Karl White
Our thanks for hosting Coffee Hour to: Gail Brodie and Sunny Velie
Participants in the Passion Prayer Walk

Storytellers: Paula Nassivera, Gretchen Lima, Ann Honan

Jesus: Brian Hiller-Dupont

Disciples: Sofia Lima, Brandon Hiller-Dupont, Pada Bednar,

Aden Berry, Markus Berry, Eli Gaiotti

Music Accompaniment: Tom Salmon



**PRAYER LIST** Our prayer list is a network of love and faith in the power of prayer. We receive these names from members and friends of our church who hold these individuals up in their own prayer life for God's healing and strength upon them.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS PRAYER CONCERNS: Michael & Abby Shaw; Wes Stannard; Jimmy Weiss; Jeff Duel; Linda Bushee; Bob Waters; Frank Quaranta; Robin Hoag; Cindy Overstreet; Stephanie Mattison; Spencer March; Damon Wilder, Jonathon Dickinson & Marianne Bacon; Ginny Longacre; Sherrie Baker; Donna Harris; Candy Dodson; Amanda Williams; Jack; Jane McIlwaine; Rev. Pete Hults; for the family and friends of Sharon Bovey Stone; for family and friends of Shuyan Liu; in the Dorset Church for the Sunday School; in the Vermont Conference, for the United Church of Benson and their Pastor, Rev. Jeremy Ashton; and in the UCC, Climate Hope Art Contest winner, 11 year old, Natalie from Bethlehem UCC, Evansville, IN.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS: Corey Cochran; Craig, Jaxson and Jacob Smith; Diane; Millie Holland; Michael Chambers, Patrick Denis; Dick Grip; Linda & Dick Buswell; Dody Marcotte; Janet Harvey; Eric Parks; Tim Velie; Kay Keith; Kris; Kay Kwasniewski; David Parsons; Robbie Littlewood; Sandy Cary; Elizabeth LaBerge; Dottie Hinkle; Chip Wilson; Hazel Prouty; James Jankowski; Jameson Gray Pelton; Judy Dunn; Evelyn Tobin; Cassia Duran; Rich; Bill Wise; George Smith.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WANTED!** People who speak a language other than or in addition to English to assist with the Easter Service. Please call the office to receive your assignment at 802-867-2260.

MEMORIAL SERVICE For Sharon Bovey Stone on Saturday, April 26th at 11:00 AM here at the church. Fellowship will follow the service.

**PASTOR SEARCH** The Transition Team is pausing the small group conversations for Holly Week and Easter and will resume after the Rummage Sale, May 3, 2025.

# **MARCH MEETINGS**

MISSION COMMITTEE
DEACONS
PFLAG
TRUSTEES
SCHOLARSHP APPLICATION
HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE
RUMMAGE SALE MEETING
CABINET

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025 @ 5:00 PM updated THIS MORNING @ 11:30 AM THIS AFTERNOON @ 4:00 PM TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025 @ 3:30 PM THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2025 DEADLINE THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025 AT 10:00 AM TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025 @ 5:30 PM SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025 AT 11:30 AM

**COFFEE HOUR UPDATE** There will be no Coffee Hour on Easter Sunday, April 20th and Rummage Sale Set-up Sunday on April 27th.

#### **BRIDGE TO RUTLAND - THE ARTS MARATHON!**

In the coming months, the Missions Committee will highlight organizations that our church donates to each year. One of these organization is **Bridge to Rutland** (B2R), that offers sponsorship, partnership, and a home for those seeking asylum in the U.S. During the month of April, B2R runs the **Arts Marathon**, their major annual fundraiser. All of the money assists asylum seekers in our local community. Please consider participating in this wonderful event. To find out more go to this website! <a href="https://bridgetorutland.com/annual-arts-marathon/">https://bridgetorutland.com/annual-arts-marathon/</a>

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A NEW MEMBER? The Deacons have scheduled a New Members Series. The first session will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2025 the second session will be held at the Cabinet Meeting on Sunday May 18, 2025 This series is NOT mandatory, but is a wonderfully dedicated lesson between you, this congregation, and our denomination. Please let us know if you would like to add your name to the list of new members, if so, please contact the Church Office at 867-2260 or <a href="mailto:documents.com/documents.com





# The Dorset Church is hiring!

Do you have administrative experience? Would you like to be the friendly face who helps our neighbors when they enter our church? We are looking for part-time help in our office to help fill the hole left when our beloved Jane LoBrutto leaves us in May. For more details, contact Steve Holman,

Steve.holman@holman.com.
Or checkout the ad Indeed

https://www.indeed.com/job/office-assistant-2fca32c920c01d40.





"He is Risen!" Story Hour

Saturday, April 19th 9:00 am Dorset Church Followed by 10:00 am Dorset Green Egg Hunt

All families are invited to the Dorset Church for an Easter Saturday Story Hour. Healthy snacks will be served.

Listen to the reason why so many people celebrate Easter and learn the history of the holiday.

After the story we hope you will walk to the Dorset Green to enjoy the Annual Town Wide Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Dorset Union Store.

Please join us to celebrate Easter!

# DORSET CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE



SATURDAY MAY 3, 2025

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Outside Sales Begin at 8:30 am NO EARLY-BIRD SHOPPING!

# ORDER LILIES FOR EASTER

The lilies will be **\$20** this year and may be ordered by calling the office at 867-2260 or you may email jane@dorsetchurch.org
Please include your dedication for the bulletin.



### RUMMAGE SALE CONCESSION STAND SATURDAY MAY 3, 2025

The Christian Education committee is excited to host the concession stand once again at this year's Rummage Sale.

We are looking for donations of cookies, brownies, cakes, scones, pies, crock pots of chili, soup or macaroni and cheese. We also have a list of other donations needed. We are excited to once again serve food to all of the rummage sale workers and appreciate the support and donations to help make the concession stand AND rummage sale a sustainable event, many hands make light work.

We will also need workers to help set up, serve, flip egg sandwiches, grill hot dogs and sell at the concession stand, but we do not want to take much needed workers away from the rummage sale itself. We need workers, but we are very interested in having children, youth and parents join our concession stand team. This is a GREAT time to reach out to neighbors and grandchildren and invite them to get involved. Please sign up in the Vestry with Paula Nassivera during coffee hour or contact Gretchen Lima at

gretchenlima@aol.com / (802)362-5548, (973) 900-1485, cell. Stay tuned for the link for the signup genius link in the near future.

#### **CHURCH DIRECTORY 2025**

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Kit Wallace (Chair), Steve Holman, Bruce Welsh

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Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson\* (A), Nora Larsen, Secretary; Kit Wallace

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Robin Chandler, Lindy Bowden and Ginger Foss

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Elizabeth Karet (A), Nan Leach, Tom Salmon (ex officio), Pengju Sui (A), Roger Squire, Lynne Welsh

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**SEXTON.....**Lynn and Pete Jennings

\*Member of the Cabinet (A) Appointed