

SILENT MEDITATION

“i thank You God for most this amazing”



i thank You God for most this amazing day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees and a blue dream of sky; and for everything which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today, and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing breathing any—lifted from the no of all nothing—human merely being doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

e. e. cummings

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All people are welcome here

~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ APRIL 26, 2026 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~

NURSERY CARE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

Babies and children are invited, welcomed, and encouraged in our worship services. Worship bags filled with activities are available in the narthex for use during the service, and a rocker is located at the back of the sanctuary for parents with babies and toddlers. A small nursery area downstairs in the Vestry, with a livestream of the service, is also available for parents who wish to stay with their children. Children in Pre-K through grade 7 are invited to join us downstairs for church school following the children's message.

INTROIT *God Of The Fertile Fields* (Italian Hymn)

Martin Stellhorn, arr.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

ENTER THE FLAME & THE WORD

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

Leader: We join with the earth and with each other.

People: To bring new life to the land

To restore the waters

To refresh the air

Leader: We join with the earth and with each other.

People: To renew the forests

To care for the plants

To protect the creatures

Leader: We join with the earth and with each other.

People: To celebrate the seas

To rejoice in the sunlight

To sing the song of the stars

Leader: We join with the earth and with each other.

People: To recall our destiny

To renew our spirits

To reinvigorate our bodies

Leader: We join with the earth and with each other.

People: To recreate the human community

To promote justice and peace

To remember our children

Leader: We join with the earth and with each other.

People: We join together as many and diverse

daughters and sons of the one God

for the healing of the earth

and the renewal of all life.

*HYMN #688 *When, In Awe Of God's Creation*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Linda Drunsic

Even After All This Time” by Hafiz (Daniel Ladinsky interpretation)

Leader: Even after
all this time,
the Sun never says to the Earth,
"You owe me."
Look what happens
with a love like that:
It lights the whole sky.

**People: Holy God,
Forgive us when we forget the gift in our every breath,
the care that sustains our every moment,
that grace that can transform our every day.**

**Set us free from the prison of grudging hearts, mean desires,
resentful spirits,
give us the courage to act with justice and generosity,
and draw us into love
that does not calculate or keep scores.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ comes with healing light
into our locked places and shadowy hurts,
resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life.
As God's own forgiven people,
go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world
in the name of Jesus Christ.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: Since God has made us the blessed community, the Church,
let us greet one another with the peace and joy of Christ.
The peace and joy of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*RESPONSE #35 *Gloria Patri*

CHOIR ANTHEM For The beauty Of The Earth

Andrew Carter, arr.

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Our response

O risen Christ, **Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.**

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.

*HYMN #230 *Now The Green Blade Rises*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 58:6-11 and I Corinthians 9:24-27

Ellen Leeds

SERMON One Body, One Earth

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY *She Is The Spirit*

John Bell

*DOXOLOGY # 46

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

*CLOSING HYMN #697 *Creative God, You Spread The Earth*

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

Leader: Deep peace of the morning sun to you.

People: Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Leader: Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

People: Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Leader: Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

People: Deep peace of the gentle night to you.



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POSTLUDE *For Beauty Of Meadows* (St. Denio)

Wilha Hutson, arr.

The flowers this morning are given
in loving memory of Peggy and Jim Gilbert, who both had April birthdays, by their
children and their families.

Our thanks to today's scripture reader, Judy Dunn;
liturgist, Linda Drunsic;
deacons and ushers, Barbara Urso, Richard Urso and Marietta and Karl White;
tech crew, Chris Lima, Patrick Honan, Eliza Olrich, and Puck Bell

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: Scott Wallace, Luella Parks; Nora O.; Ellen Maloney; Jonathan Dickinson; Sarah Faith Dickinson; Helen Melhado; Ann Troumbley; Meghan Gill; Barbara Gill; Eric Perry; Cathy Condon; Bill Aupperlee; Emma Ingison; Mark Cassidy; Jimmy Weiss; Jeff Duel; Robin Hoag; Spencer March; Larry Cochran; Damon Wilder; Pete Ianacone; Michael; Donna Harris; Tom Drunsic; Linda Bushee; Mason; Robert Goepel; Eric Hangen; Jim Goodwin; Donna Tonic; in the Dorset Church, for Earth Day; in the Vermont Conference, for the United Church of Benson, and their pastor, Rev. Jeremy Ashton; in the UCC for the 2026 Earth Summit, whose theme is a future with hope.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS: Craig, Jaxson, and Jacob Smith; Diane; Millie Holland; Michael Chambers; Patrick Denis; Dody Marcotte; Eric Parks; Tim Velie; Kris; Kay Kwasniewski; Robbie Littlewood; Elizabeth LaBerge; Dottie Hinkle; Chip Wilson; Hazel Prouty; James Jankowski; Jameson Gray Pelton; Evelyn Tobin; Shelby Baughn; Cassia Duran; Rich; George Smith; Jack; Jonathan Dickinson; Judy Dunn; Alan Wiegand; Steve Larsen; Steve and Val Smith.

The Dorset Church Quilters are proud to announce they will have a dedication and raffle on June 14 for their new quilt. More details to follow in next week's bulletin.



SPRING RUMMAGE SALE - MAY 2, 2025

To all those who have helped in the past, thanks for your involvement in making the Dorset Rummage Sale such an anticipated event. We couldn't do it without you and hope you will join us again. If you haven't yet participated, you really should give it a try, especially if you are new to the area or to the church. It is a wonderful way to meet people and make new friends.

Volunteers are needed as follows:

SUNDAY, April 26: Set-Up immediately following the service. **NO COFFEE HOUR.**

MONDAY, April 27, through THURSDAY, April 30 (day or evening). Sorting, arrange, pricing etc.

SATURDAY May 2:

8:30-1pm - Sales assistants needed

1pm onward - Muscles and trucks needed for cleanup

You can volunteer by:

1. *contacting your department leader if you are a regular.*
2. *calling Candace at [802-989-2416](tel:802-989-2416) or emailing cparkssydney@yahoo.com*

RUMMAGE SALE NEWS Start cleaning out your closets and mark your calendars! Our famous Dorset Church Rummage Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 2**. Donations are accepted **Monday, April 27, through Wednesday, April 29**. A tremendous amount of hard work goes into sorting, sizing, and preparing items for the sale, so help us by bringing your items to us early in the week.

We will continue to have all of our **Babies' and Children's items** outside as well as **Linens and Crafts, Books**, and our **This and That** tent which will offer household appliances, pet equipment, small furniture and many unusual treasures. **All tents will be open for shopping at 8:30 am.**

The **inside** of the church will be overflowing with clothing and household items at reasonable prices: There will be men's and women's clothing and shoes, ladies boutique, jewelry and accessories, attic treasures, and housewares.

Spring and summer clothing in good condition, jewelry, women's accessories, shoes, linens, kitchen and household items, toys, tools, sports gear, plants, garden equipment, small appliances, and books will be accepted. Other items not listed are also accepted. Please bring only items in good condition and working order! We may accept by approval some larger items. Please contact Sandi at sandihedman@yahoo.com or 802-362-1459 to discuss those items or with questions about donations.

We are sorry but we **cannot accept** children's car seats, encyclopedias, downhill skis and ski boots, helmets, large suitcases or any items with mold.

There will be no Sunday School Today.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Deacons, May 3 at 11:30

PFLAG, May 10 from 2-4

Truth & Justice, May 12 5:30-7:30

Cabinet, May 17 at 11:30 am

The Dorset Group hosts an open meeting for Alcoholics Anonymous here at the Dorset Church in the vestry every Monday at 8:00pm.

All are welcome.

Dorset Church Men's Group Field Trip

Our Men's Group is planning a field trip to Fort Ticonderoga on Saturday, May 16. We will meet at the church at 9:30 AM to carpool. The plan is to arrive at the Fort around 11 AM. We'll return to the church early that evening, after a meal at a local diner.

For more information call Keith at 802-770-2122 or email keith..michl@gmail.com

CELEBRATE EARTH WEEK
April 17 - 26, 2026

Friday 4/17, 5:30pm
Play Every Town Concert
Peru Church

Sunday 4/19, 10:30am
BBA Jazz
Old Parish Church, Weston

Tuesday 4/21, 4:00pm
Earth Action Short Films
Manchester Community Library

Wednesday 4/22, 12:00pm
RALLY - BRING SIGNS
Manchester Roundabout

Wednesday 4/22, 6:00pm - 8:30pm
THE PARADIGM • 230 Natural Form Way, Manchester
Suggested donation: \$15 cash at the door

Thursday 4/23, 4:30pm
Smart Housing, Local Energy
Manchester Community Library

Friday 4/24, 10:00am
Earth Celebration Walk
Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home

Saturday 4/25, 11:00am
Free Bike Repair
Manchester Rec Center

Saturday 4/25, 1:00pm
Tovah Martin Talk & Book Signing
Manchester & Bennington Garden Clubs
Manchester Community Library

Sunday 4/26, 10:00am
Earth Sunday
Dorset Church

AVI SALLOWAY & FRIENDS



Bennington County Choral Society
Benjamin April, Artistic Director

Alleluia for our World

Joined by
**Hoosick Falls Senior High
School Chorus**

SUNDAY | 3:00 PM
APRIL 26
Sacred Heart St. Francis
de Sales Catholic Church
288 Main St, Bennington, VT

Tickets:
Pre-sale: \$20 | At the door: \$25
Students w/ID: \$10 | Under 18: \$5

www.BenningtonCountyChoralSociety.org
Collecting nonperishable items for local food pantry

Northshire Senior Event 2026

Sunday, May 17 at 2:00PM the Dorset Players present the musical: "Something Rotten" \$29/person. Arrive at 1:30 PM. More information & updates are forthcoming.

Call Linda for more details at 802-779-1314 - Make checks payable to: Northshire Seniors

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