



SILENT MEDITATION

Begin Small, Then Wait

Begin with an insignificant seed which you will have to water. Then, watch for its tiny shoot. Prayer begins with waiting. Imagine your seedling a great tendril growing like Jack's beanstalk up, up, up, the means by which you climb to heaven and lift others by your rising concern.

Prayer is not a magic bean, but the linking of earth and heaven from which God rains fruitfulness, blessings on the just and unjust.

Twining vines of rising prayers are already God's response and gift. The fact that you can't yet see it doesn't mean it isn't there.

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All people are welcome here

~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ APRIL 12, 2026 ~ EASTER SUNDAY ~

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 *Sonatina in C Major*

W.A. Mozart

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

ENTER THE FLAME & THE WORD

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

**God of grace,
you have given us minds to know you,
and hearts to love you,
and voices to sing your praise.
Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may celebrate your glory
and worship you in spirit and in truth.**

**HYMN #229 That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ellen Leeds

**Holy God,
your grace startles us; it is more than we can imagine.
Again and again you reach out to us, offering love without boundary,
and mercy without exception.
Forgive us for making you too small,
for thinking that you are only our God,
for believing that we have you all figured out.
Expand our vision and enlarge our hearts,
that we might grow in love and understanding,
and more nearly follow Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

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.
Through the grace and mercy of God in Christ Jesus,
we are forgiven and being made new. **Amen.**

***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*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

***CHOIR ANTHEM** *Ave Verum Corpus*

W.A. Mozart

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Our response

Resurrecting God in a doubting world. **Keep us in faith that we may have 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.**

HYMN #220 *O Sons and Daughters, Sing Your Praise*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20: 30-31

David McAneny

SERMON An Easter Overture

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY *Sonatina in G Major*



W.A. Mozart

***DOXOLOGY #46**

Use this QR

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

***CLOSING HYMN #102** *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

POSTLUDE *Viennese Sonata No. 6 in C Major*

The flowers this morning are given by Robin Chandler and Essie Cantus,
in memory of beloved family members.
Our thanks to today's scripture reader, David McAneny;
liturgist, Ellen Leeds;
acolyte and beadle Ann Honan and Pada Bednar;
deacons and ushers, Judy Dunn, Lynne Welsh, and Marietta and Karl White;
coffee hour hosts, the Choir and Hospitality Committee;
tech crew, Chris Lima, Patrick Honan, Eliza Olrich, and Puck Bell;
and Clarissa Lennox contributed the artwork for the front page of the bulletin.

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: Nora O.; Bill Kirby; Ellen Maloney; Ray Tarsi; Jonathan Dickinson; Sarah Faith Dickinson; Helen Melhado; Ann Troumbley; Meghan Gill; Eric Perry; Cathy Condon; Bill A.; Emma Ingison; Auburn; Mark Cassidy; Jimmy Weiss; Jeff Duel; Robin Hoag; Spencer March; Larry Cochran; Damon Wilder; Pete Ianacone; Michael; Oliver Bucholt; Donna Harris; Tom Drunsic; Bella and Baby Enzo; Linda Bushee; Mason; Robert Goepel; Jo, Jeff and Sara; Eric Hangen; Jim Goodwin; Donna Tonic; in the Dorset Church, for our Stewardship Committee; in the Vermont Conference, for the United Church of West Rutland; in the UCC, for Earth Month, and the caretaking of God's Creations.

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.

Northshire Senior Events 2026

2. **Monday, April 20 @ Noon** at the Eagles Club
Free Pizza Party, salad & dessert.
Spring Tea Cup Auction

3. **Sunday, May 17 @ 2:00PM** the Dorset Players present the musical: "Something Rotten" \$29/person
Arrive at 1:30 PM.

*4. **Thursday, July 16**, we leave at 9:15 am for the Log Cabin Theater Holyoke, MA
Reduced cost to \$75.00/ person
Menu-Twin lobsters or Prime Rib
Show-The Corvettes, a 50's & 60's Doo-Wop

5. **Monday, August 10 @ Noon** - BBQ Luncheon at the Eagles Club, cost TBD.

*6. **Thursday, August 27 @ 2:00pm**, Mac Hadyn Theater Chatham, NY
Show-"Hairspray" \$50.00/person. Lunch-TBD.

*7. **Tuesday, October 6** - Lake George Dinner Theater Show-"The 39 Steps", \$75/person.

Dinner choices:

A. Chicken Francaise w/supreme sauce. Seared egg battered chicken served with garlic mashed potatoes and market vegetables GF upon request.

B. Faroe Island Salmon w/garlic lemon dijon sauce. Baked 7 oz center cut salmon served with garlic mashed potatoes and market vegetables, gluten free upon request.

C. Center Cut, Bone in Pork Chop all Natural 8 oz center cut, lightly blackened with pineapple mango mint chutney served with garlic mash potatoes & market vegetables. GF

D. Pasta Primavera w/fresh vegetables tossed in basil pesto sauce GF upon request

All entrees include house salad, rolls, ultimate chocolate cake and hot coffee or tea.

Please note that there will be no special menu requests or substitutions available.

8. **Monday, October 26**, noon at the Eagles Club-Halloween Theme

Free Soup & Salad Luncheon & dessert

9. **Monday, December 7@ noon**, Holiday Luncheon-cost TBD

***BUS TRIPS**

Sign up:

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

Mail to:

Linda O'Leary

65 Songbird Meadows

Dorset, VT 05251

More information & updates are forthcoming.

Sign up for luncheons at the Eagles with Sally McManus at 802-375-9780

All Seniors (ages 55 and over or caretakers for someone 55 or older) in the greater Northshire area are eligible to participate. Come join the fun!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

PFLAG, today from 2-4

Stewardship, April 17 @ 8:00

Truth & Justice, April 15 @ 5:30

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

To all who have helped in the past, thank 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're new to the area or the church. It's a wonderful way to meet people and make new friends.

Volunteers are needed as follows.

SUNDAY, April 26: Set-up immediately following worship (NO COFFEE HOUR)

MONDAY, April 27, through Thursday, April 30 (daytime/evenings): Sorting, arranging, pricing, etc.

** We also need a few people with trucks on-call.

SATURDAY, May 2:

8/8:30-1pm - Sales assistants

1pm onward - Muscles and trucks for cleanup

You can volunteer by:

- Signing up at coffee hour after Sunday's service
- Contacting your department leader if you are a regular

Contacting Candace at 802-989-2416 or cparkssydney@yahoo.com

If you have an item you need advertised in the April 26 bulletin, the deadline will be Tuesday, April 21.

**The church office will be closed,
Friday April 24.**

Adapted from the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn
 Additional materials by Hunter Foster, Eric Price & Sandy Rustin
 Adapted from the Paramount Pictures film written by Jonathan Lynn
 and the board game from Hasbro, Inc.

Performance Dates & Times:

April 10, 11, 17 & 18, 2026 at 7:30PM

April 12 & 19, 2026 at 2PM

CELEBRATE EARTH WEEK

April 17 - 26, 2026

<p>Friday 4/17, 5:30pm Play Every Town Concert Peru Church</p> <p>Tuesday 4/21, 4:00pm Earth Action Short Films Manchester Community Library</p>	<p>Sunday 4/19, 10:30am BBA Jazz Old Parish Church, Weston</p> <p>Wednesday 4/22, 12:00pm RALLY - BRING SIGNS Manchester Roundabout</p>
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AVI SALLOWAY & FRIENDS

Wednesday 4/22, 6:00pm - 8:30pm
 THE PARADIGM • 230 Natural Form Way, Manchester
 Suggested donation: \$5 cash at the door

<p>Thursday 4/23, 4:30pm Smart Housing, Local Energy Manchester Community Library</p> <p>Saturday 4/25, 11:00am Free Bike Repair Manchester Rec Center</p>	<p>Friday 4/24, 10:00am Earth Celebration Walk Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home</p> <p>Saturday 4/25, 1:00pm Tovah Martin Talk & Book Signing Manchester & Bennington Garden Clubs Manchester Community Library</p>
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RUMMAGE SALE CONCESSION STAND

SATURDAY MAY 2, 2026

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

We need donations of cookies, brownies, cakes, scones, and pies, as well as crock pots of chili, soup, and macaroni and cheese. We are excited to once again serve food to the rummage sale workers and we appreciate your support and donations to make the concession stand AND rummage sale a sustainable event. Many hands make light work.

We also need volunteers to set up, serve, flip egg sandwiches, grill hot dogs and sell at the concession stand. We do not want to take much-needed volunteers away from the rummage sale itself, but would welcome children, youth, and parents to join our concession stand team. This is a GREAT time to reach out to neighbors and grandchildren to 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 signup genius link in the near future.

All proceeds from this event go to the Christian Education programs and special mission projects.

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