



SILENT MEDITATION

Summer Musings

by Sally Witt, CSJ

How small the life
with space for only what I know
or can find with certainty
by moving just one finger on a surface.
I want to cast away
every instrument of instant answers
to enter mystery, that place
that lies in stillness, open to the Spirit.

There I might find room for emptiness,
for nothingness, for waiting;
there my heart may watch
for waves that rise and fall

as on a gentle lake in summer,
and there perceive the depths that gather,
the movement unrestrained by boundaries,
the wild and constant surging into love.

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All people are welcome here

~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ APRIL 19, 2026 ~ THIRD 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 *Ein Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott*

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

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: From the corners of the world, from the confusion of life, from the loneliness of our hearts,

People: gather us, O God.

Leader: To feed our minds, to fire our imaginations to free our hearts,

People: gather us, O God.

***HYMN #335** *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace*

Thomas Tallis (1561)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Henry Chandler

Leader: Since sin and death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Trusting in that promise of God, let us confess our sin.

People: God of power and might, we stand before the empty tomb with awe, pondering a love that is stronger even than death. Can that love save us? Can it forgive our sins and heal our hearts? Can it really be so? It's a day of new beginnings, so we pray that, by your Spirit, we might start afresh. We pray in the name of Jesus, who is raised from the dead, defeating sin, once and for all, for all and even for us. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is good. On all whose lives are open to change, from guilt to grace, from darkness to light, God pronounces pardon and grants peace.

People: Thanks be to God. 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

(3rd-4th centuries)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CHOIR ANTHEM *If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis (1505-85)

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Our response:

God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

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 #105 *O Morning Star

Philipp Nicolai (1599)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON | John 3:1-2; Luke 24:36b-48

Rich Grip

SERMON Seeing Easter Through the Lens of Science

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ORGAN OFFERTORY *How Lovely Shines the Morning Star*



Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Use this QR code

- *DOXOLOGY #48** Thomas Tallis (1561)
- *PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson
- *CLOSING HYMN #65 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*** Martin Luther (1529)
- *BENEDICTION** Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough
- POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress s Our God*** Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)

The flowers this morning are given by Mark and Maggie McDonough
in celebration of Earth Day and the coming of spring.

Our thanks to today's scripture reader, Rich Grip;
liturgist, Henry Chandler;
deacons and ushers, Lindy Bowden, Cheryl Gasperetti, Lynne Welsh, and Marietta
and Karl White;
coffee hour hosts, Gail Brodie and Sunny Velie;
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: Luella Parks; 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 choir; in the Vermont Conference, for the Second Congregational Church of Bennington, and their pastor, Rev. D. Mark Blank; in the UCC for students at Perkins High School and residents of Parkvue Community, located in Sandusky, OH, who are building meaningful one-on-one relationships.

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

Cabinet, Today @ 11:30

Trustees, April 21 @ 3:30

Search Committee, April 22 @ 5:00

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.

DRIVER NEEDED: Thunder Hunt is looking for a driver with a truck or large vehicle to help them move to Grad School in Springfield, MA. Move day is May 19th. Thunder is willing to pay for gas and labor. Please contact Thunder via text at 802-305-3786 or email rufusdeleo@gmail.com.

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.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW
WEBPAGE

<https://dorsetchurch.org>

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

**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
**AVI SALLOWAY
& FRIENDS**
THE PARADIGM • 230 Natural Form Way, Manchester
Suggested donation: \$5 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 Rac 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




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**

The church office will be closed on Thursday April 23 and Friday April 24.

If you have an item you need advertised in the April 26 bulletin, the deadline for publishing is Tuesday, April 21.

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