

SILENT MEDITATION

And Despite Everything,
by Barbara Crocker

in this hard year where I lost it all and more,
here comes May, which is more than I deserve,
dripping in lilacs and bleeding hearts
against a grass so green, it takes your breath away.
And I still have breath, pink lungs to send it in and out,
a heart that's still beating in spite of itself, and skin
that feels blessed to be caressed by this sun-kissed
wind, this cloudless day.



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All people are welcome here

~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ MAY 3, 2026 ~ FIFTH 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.

PRELUDE *Day by Day* - Blott en Dag

Mark Hayes, 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: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have set your glory above the heavens.

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established,

People: who are we human beings that you are mindful of us, mere mortals, that you care for us?

Leader: Yet you have made us a little lower than yourself, and crowned us with glory and honor.

People: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

***HYMN #493** *Somos Uno en Cristo*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Joel Ario

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, hear and receive the Good News: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. 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 #45** *Dios Padre, Dios Hijo*

CHOIR ANTHEM *Tu Has Venido a la Orilla*

Cesareo Gabarain

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Our response

O God of love, **Raise us to new life in Christ.**

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.

***SONG** *Guantanamera, guajira Guantanamera*

Jose Marti

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 9:1-6, 10-15, 17-19; John 21:15-18

Al Lindsey

SERMON Changing Our Minds

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

COMMUNION HYMN #111 *Santo, Santo, Santo*



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Use this QR code

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: it is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: . . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels,
prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and
place, who forever proclaim the glory of your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth
Are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Taize during distribution (as needed) Hymn #520, 522 and 523

*CLOSING HYMN # 442 *We Are Walking*

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

POSTLUDE *Wonderful Words of Life*

Phillip Bliss/David Hamilton, arr.

The flowers this morning are given by
Sue Westin and John Pitcher.

In memory of their mothers Jean Pitcher and Dell Buswell.

Our thanks to today's scripture reader, Al Lindsey;
liturgist, Joel Ario;

acolyte and beadle, Brandon Hiller-Dupont and Sophia Lima;
deacons and ushers, Robin Chandler,

John Pitcher, Dick Coss, Kate Coss, Lindy Bowden and Marietta and Karl White;
coffee hour hosts Richard and Barbara Urso;

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 Drunic; Linda Bushee; Mason; Robert Goepel; Eric Hangen; Jim Goodwin; Donna Tonic; the family and friends of Burr Sprague; in the Dorset Church, for our congregation; in the Vermont Conference, for the Brandon Congregational Church, and their pastor, Rev. Sara Rossigg; in the UCC for Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, who welcomes dialogue to explore the cooperative work of Strengthening the Church across the UCC.

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.

If you would like to receive a daily devotional, please go to <https://www.ucc.org/daily-devotional/>

Search Committee Update

On April 22 our profiles were listed on the VT & National UCC websites to advertise our full-time position for a Settled Pastor for our church. Rev. Paul Sangree, VT UCC Associate Minister, felt our profiles were incredibly well done and will help attract candidates. It's important for the committee to keep the application process strictly confidential. This is important to candidates who are currently employed and are likely applying without the knowledge of their employer.

Our next steps will be focused on developing interview questions and agreement on our process. Steve Holman has stepped into the position of Correspondence Secretary to be sure candidates are kept well informed as they participate in the process. Rev. Paul reminded us that the process may take as long as 18-24 months from now. So please keep your expectations in line with that time frame. Meanwhile, we are blessed to have Rev. Mark tending to our flock with his vast experience, pearls of wisdom, guiding hands, and sense of humor.



May Wish List



Community Food Cupboard

May is for Moms !!

Honor a Mom who has everything by making a food gift for a Mom who does not.

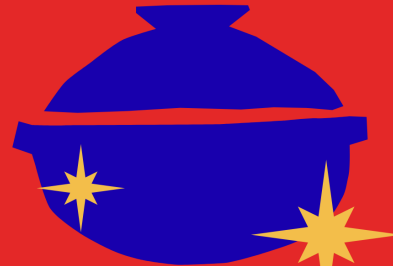


- Protein Bars
- Easy to pack snacks for kids
- Brownie/Cake mix and Frosting
- Diapers size 3 & up/Wipes
- Peanut Butter/Jelly
- Body Wash/Shampoo/Soap
- Feminine care products

Thank you!
CFC

Drop-off locations: Manchester Town Hall, Shaw's, Manchester Library, Dorset Post Office, Christ our Savior Parish, First Congregational Church, Dorset Church. (communityfoodcupboard.org) 802.733.8119

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE POTLUCK



5:30 PM APRIL 26TH PAWLET

YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT

Bringing neighbors together for an evening of food, connection, and skill-building. We'll share a potluck meal (please bring something to share), get to know our neighbors, and learn about how we can expand mutual aid and safety in our community.

This gathering is designed to equip people to begin forming Mutual Aid & Safety Hubs in their own neighborhoods -- rooted in care, solidarity, and love for our neighbors.

LOCATION:
PAWLET COMMUNITY
CHURCH
38 VT133 - PAWLET,
VT 05761

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/4QABAFU](https://bit.ly/4QABAFU)



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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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.

Chili and Salad Organizing Dinner

Tuesday, May 12, at 5:30

(Dorset Church)

Truth and Justice, along with other members of IFC, are organizing a Breaking Bread Heritage Festival at Adams Park in Manchester on Indigenous Peoples' Day/ Columbus Day weekend (Oct. 10, 2026). The festival will include food, storytelling, and community connection, honoring indigenous peoples of Vermont and immigrant traditions that continue to shape Vermont. The goal of the festival is to build understanding and connection through education, awareness, and a joyful afternoon of shared community.

If you would like to learn more about this exciting event or volunteer to help, please come to the dinner at Dorset Church on Tuesday, May 12th at 5:30 PM. We hope to see you there!



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supporting new church,
leadership, and youth
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STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

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Northshire Senior Event 2026

Sunday, May 17, at 2:00 the Dorset Players present the musical "Something Rotten" for \$29/person. Arrive at 1:30 PM. More information and updates are forthcoming. Call Linda for more details at 802-779-1314. Make checks payable to: Northshire Seniors.

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