

## **SILENT MEDITATION**

The Merger Poem

by Judy Chicago

And then all that has divided us will merge.  
And then compassion will be wedded to power  
And then softness will come to a world that is harsh and unkind.  
And then both men and women will be gentle.  
And then both women and men will be strong.  
And then no person will be subject to another's will.  
And then all will be rich and free and varied.  
And then the greed of some will give way to the needs of many.  
And then all will share equally in the Earth's abundance.  
And then all will care for the sick and the weak and the old.  
And then all will nourish the young.  
And then all will cherish life's creatures.  
And then all will live in harmony with each other and the earth.  
And then everywhere will be called Eden once again.

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**All people are welcome here**



~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ MAY 10, 2026 ~ SIXTH 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** *Bouree in B minor*

J. S. Bach

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dick Coss

**ENTER THE FLAME & THE WORD**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dick Coss

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

**People: and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

Leader: Day to day pours forth speech,

**People: and night to night declares knowledge.**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**People: the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.**

Leader: In keeping them there is great reward.

**People: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts  
be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

*\*HYMN #2 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Mary True

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## **MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Dick Coss

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**

Dick Coss

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 #36 *Gloria Patri***

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM *The Unicorn Song***

### **PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

**Our response:**

God of goodness and mercy, **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 #686 *Of Women, and of Women's Hopes We Sing***

## **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 22**

Elizabeth Karet

### **SERMON Bob Dylan sings, "Oh God said to Abraham, 'Kill me a son.'"**

An exploration of responses

Rabbi Michael Cohen

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *Whatever God Ordains is Right* J. S. Bach/Hal H. Hobson, arr.

**\*DOXOLOGY #46**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

**\*CLOSING HYMN #75** *I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rabbi Michael Cohen

**POSTLUDE** *Little Prelude in D minor*

J. S. Bach

The flowers this morning are given by Lindy Bowden,  
to our children, and a future with hope.  
Our thanks to today's guest speaker, Rabbi Michael Cohen;  
scripture reader, Elizabeth Karet;  
liturgist, Mary True;  
deacons and ushers, Mary True, David McAneny, and Marietta and Karl White;  
coffee hour hosts Hospitality Committee and Christian Education Committee;  
tech crew, Chris Lima, Patrick Honan, Eliza Olrich, and Puck Bell.

### **Pentacost Sunday Update**

Next Sunday, May 17, is not Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost Sunday is May 24. But May 24 is also Memorial Day weekend and that Sunday our focus for worship will be on honoring military service members who have died.

So, we are moving our Pentecost Sunday worship to the 17th, and to celebrate the day you are encouraged to wear red or, clothing indicative of your ethnic heritage. Pentecost Sunday is when we celebrate the Holy Spirit being poured out on all people with red representing the fire of the Holy Spirit, and our ethnic clothing showing the rich diversity of people blessed by the Spirit.

### **Rummage Sale Concession Stand – Thank You!**

**Record Total: \$2,292.00**

Thank you for making the Christian Education Concession Stand a wonderful success—despite the weather! We're grateful for all who donated, volunteered, and supported this effort. Special thanks to our local supporters: Dorset Union Store, Williams Store, Dorset Bakery, Willoughby's Donuts, Gringo Jack's, Dawn's Comfort Cooking, Shaw's, and Price Chopper. Proceeds will support local, national, and international missions, as well as special Christian education projects, such as Advent curriculum, wreath-making supplies, and compostable products. Thank you for your generosity!  
Much gratitude, peace, and prayers, from Gretchen Lima, Paula Nassivera and the Christian Education Committee

**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:** George Bush; Gretchen Lima; Peter Salmon; Scott Wallace; Hiland Clough; Luella Parks; Nora O.; Ellen Maloney; Jonathan Dickinson; Sarah Faith Dickinson; Helen; Oliver Fox Buckner; Angel May Kalenquin; George Bush; 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 our Search Committee; in the Vermont Conference, for the Federated Church of Castleton and their pastor Rev. Rob Noble; in the UCC, for people of faith at Ecumenical Advocacy Days who called on Congress to protect people, peace, and the planet.

**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/>**



**Aldi's Bus Trip  
Friday, May 22.  
Meet at the  
Dorset Church  
at 9:00 a.m.  
Call 867-2260,**



May 25 is the Memorial Day Parade with the hospitality picnic to follow. We are looking for food, especially salads, to feed the masses. Please sign up in the vestry or see Kris Harvey.  
Thank you!

## 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 to carpool. The plan is to arrive at the Fort around 11:00. 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](mailto:keith.michl@gmail.com)**

**Sage City**  
SYMPHONY  
HEARING MUSIC SINCE 1870

**SPRING CONCERT**

Michael Finckel, Artistic Director



Veille Prière Buddhique ~ Lili Boulanger

With a combined choir  
from area Choruses



Double Concerto for Violin and Cello ~ Johannes Brahms



Michael Emery ~ Violin



Michael Finckel ~ Cello



Symphonic Metamorphosis of Themes by  
Carl Maria von Weber ~ Paul Hindemith

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Sunday May 17, 2026  
4:00pm

Greenwall Auditorium  
VAPA Building  
Bennington College

Concert is free and  
open to the public

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.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

PFLAG, May 17 from 2-4

Truth & Justice, TBD

Cabinet, May 17 at 11:30



**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](http://communityfoodcupboard.org)) 802.733.8119

## 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 12, at 5:30. We hope to see you there!



## If You Must Know



While firmly rooted in the fertile ground of Scottish traditional music, harpist Rachel Clemente and piper Dan Houghton's gritty, avant-garde musical interpretations put them at the forefront of Celtic folk musicians in New England. They are both avid tunesmiths and their repertoire reflects this as it features many original compositions as well as traditional melodies.

Monday, June 8, 6:30 pm  
Reception to follow

**RSVP**

by clicking on this image  
or calling 802-362-4578

This program is brought to Israel  
Congregation with the support of the  
Mindy Bloom Cultural Affairs Fund.

At will donations are  
gratefully accepted.



Truth & Justice will temporarily  
suspend from weekly meetings.  
The committee is reworking their schedule.  
Thank you for your patience.  
Kit Wallace



## 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.

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

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