

SILENT MEDITATION

As kingfishers catch fire, dragonflies draw flame

Gerard Manley Hopkins

As kingfishers catch fire, dragonflies draw flame;
As tumbled over rim in roundy wells
Stones ring; like each tucked string tells, each hung
bell's
Bow swung finds tongue to fling out broad its name;
Each mortal thing does one thing and the same:
Deals out that being indoors each one dwells;
Selves—goes itself; myself it speaks and spells,
Crying *What I do is me: for that I came.*

Í say móre: the just man justices;
Kéeps gráce: thát keeps all his goings graces;
Acts in God's eye what in God's eye he is—
Chríst—for Christ plays in ten thousand places,
Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his
To the Father through the features of men's faces.

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All people are welcome here



~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ MAY 17, 2026 ~ PENTACOST 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.

PRELUDE *In Christ There is no East or West*

Paul Bouman

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

ENTER THE FLAME & THE WORD

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise and glory to you, creator Spirit of God; you come like the wind of heaven, unseen, unbidden.

People: Like the dawn you illuminate the world around us; you grant us a new beginning every day.

Leader: You warm and comfort us. You give us courage and fire and strength beyond our everyday resources.

People: Be with us, Holy Spirit, in all we say or think, in all we do, this and every day.

**HYMN #237 On Pentecost They Gathered*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Caren McVicker

**Almighty God,
you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples,
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.**

We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.

**We do not listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.**

Have mercy on us, O God.

**Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Spirit of God comes like the sun after weeks of rain, warming tired, aching hearts, and healing our wounded spirits.

People: Basking in the light and warmth of God's grace, we rejoice to receive God's refreshing and enlivening Spirit.

***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. Peace and joy be with you.

People: And also with you.

**RESPONSE #36 Gloria Patri*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

CHOIR ANTHEM *The Peace of God*

John Rutter

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Our response:

God, in your 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 #245 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Acts 2:1-18; I Cor. 12:5-12

Keith Michl

SERMON Catching the Spirit of Unquenchable Love



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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *O Word of God Incarnate*

Johann Gottfried Walther

DOXOLOGY #46

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

***CLOSING HYMN #592** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

May the liberating Spirit lead us into the freedom of wind and sunshine,
the playful Spirit lead us into the dance of the stars and planets,
the comforting Spirit lead us into the embrace of friends,
and the fiery Spirit lead us into an inextinguishable passion for justice.

POSTLUDE *This Little Light of Mine*

Harry Dixon Loes / Mark Hayes, arr.

The flowers this morning are given by the McGuffun Fund.
Our thanks to today's scripture reader, Keith Michl;
liturgist, Caren McVicker;
deacons and ushers, Judy Dunn, Sue Westin, and Marietta and Karl White;
coffee hour hosts, Kris Harvey and Judy Dunn;
tech crew, Chris Lima, Patrick Honan, Eliza Olrich, and Puck Bell.



The Church Office will be closed on May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

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, Today from 2-4

Truth & Justice, TBD

Cabinet, Today at 11:30

Trustees, May 19 at 3:30

Hospitality, May 21 at 10:00

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: Kurt Silberschmidt; 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; 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 Hospitality Committee; in the Vermont Conference, for the Congregational Union Church of South Wallingford, and their pastor John Hill; in the UCC, for Rev. Jennifer Sowell who was elected to serve as the next Associate General Minister of the United Church of Christ.

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.



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!



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

to reserve your spot!



Wednesday, May 20, from 2:00 to 3:30 at The United Church of Dorset.

Green Mountain Academy welcomes author Valerie Abrahamsen to talk about women in the Roman Empire. How much do we really know about women's lives in the ancient world, and how much has been obscured, mistranslated, or simply overlooked? This presentation takes a fresh look at women across Graeco-Roman cults, Judaism, and early Christian communities, drawing on both literary sources and archaeological findings to reveal roles far more expansive than traditional accounts suggest.

Registration is \$20 per person. For more information or to register, please call our office at 802-867-0111 or visit

greenmtnacademy.org.



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!
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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

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



Pentecost

PENTECOST

SUNDAY



Israel Congregation proudly presents
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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

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Northshire Senior Event 2026

Thursday, July 16, we leave at 9:15 for the Log Cabin Theater in Holyoke, MA.

Reduced cost to \$75.00/ person

Menu-Twin lobsters or Prime Rib

Show-The Corvettes, a 50's & 60's Doo-Wop

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

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