

## **SILENT MEDITATION**

### **In the Union Cemetery**

by Barbara Crocker

just above the three short blocks  
of my little town, the oldest graves,  
dating from the early 1800s, are dark  
and covered with lichen. A few obelisks,  
here and there, but mostly lower stones,  
and one tall statue of a doughboy  
from the Great War, the War to End All Wars,  
rising above the field of granite. I am drawn  
to the heartbreak of the small lambs  
from a time when childhood was riskier.  
And the fat cherubs, even though they look  
like they'd be more at home in a Renaissance palace.  
When I go past our mechanic's stone, the one  
with the etching of his favorite muscle car,  
I can't help but smile. And there, at the top  
of the hill lined with arborvitaes, is our stone,  
just letters and numbers carved in rose granite.  
My name's there, too, and soon I'll join you,  
pull up the green coverlet, and hope  
the leaves will cover us with their yellow rain.

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**All people are welcome here**



~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ MAY 24, 2026 ~ THE SUNDAY BEFORE MEMORIAL DAY ~

## 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** *Now Thank We All Our God*

Georg Friedrich Kaufmann

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

**ENTER THE FLAME & THE WORD**

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

**People: Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.**

Leader: Then shall the lame leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

**People: And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing.**

Leader: Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness,

**People: and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

*\*HYMN #722 This Is My Song*

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ruth Stewart

Leader: Bless to us, O God, this day, fresh made.

**People: In the chorus of birds, bless us.**

Leader: In the scent of blossoms, bless us.

**People: In the wet grass and bright flowers, bless us.**

Leader: Bless us and heal us for we come to you in love and in trust. We come to you in expectant hope.

**People: Heal us and your grieving world of all that harms. By the power of your Resurrection restore us to new life, set us on new paths, bring us from darkness to light, help us to choose hope. 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**

**\*RESPONSE** #36 *Gloria Patri*

## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

## **CHOIR ANTHEM** *Nella Fantasia*

Ennio Morricone

Translation:

In my fantasy I see a world of justice,  
where all people live in peace and honesty. (Refrain)

I dream of a world where spirits will be always free;  
they will be ever free like floating clouds  
full of humanity within the deepest soul.

In my fantasy I see a world of radiance,  
where darkest nights are ever brighter. (Refrain)

In my fantasy I feel the caress of the warm wind  
that breathes over the city like an old friend (Refrain)

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

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

**Our response:**

Lord, send out your Spirit, **and renew the face of the earth.**

## **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** #85 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS** Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

Maggie McDonough

**SERMON** Freedom



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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**ORGAN OFFERTORY** *Aria on for All the Saints*

David Cherwien

**DOXOLOGY** #46

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #720 *O Beautiful For Spacious Skies*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

**POSTLUDE** *Benedictus*

Gordon Young

The flowers this morning are given by the White Family;  
in memory of John.

Our thanks to today's scripture reader, Maggie McDonough;  
liturgist, Ruth Stewart;  
deacons and ushers, Lynne Welsh, Judy Dunn, and Marietta and Karl White;  
coffee hour hosts, Caroline Sargent and Nora Larsen;  
tech crew, Chris Lima, Patrick Honan, Eliza Olrich, and Puck Bell.

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

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

Christian Ed, today at 11:30

Deacons, June 14 @ 11:30

PFLAG, June 14 from 2-4

Stewardship, June 19 @ 8:00

Trustees, June 23 @ 3:30

**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; Luella Parks; Nora O.; Ellen Maloney; Jonathan Dickinson; Sarah Faith Dickinson; 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; Friends and Family of Hiland Clough; Friends and Family of Helen Melhado; in the Dorset Church, for our Fellowship Committee; in the Vermont Conference, for the Union Church of Proctor and their pastor, Rev. Jenei Rossigg; in the UCC, for the historic St. Johns United Church of Christ in Milton, PA., as their community recovers from a collapsed bell tower.

**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!



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

## More Northshire Senior Events 2026

\*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!

## Summer Raffle 2026

The Summer Raffle this year features a painting by Terry Lindsey, and a quilt made by the Dorset Church Quilters. "Window sill Peony" is donated by the artist, Terry Lindsey, owner of Tilting at Windmills. Thanks to Terry for her generous participation in the annual raffle, year after year. "Orange Blossom" is this year's quilt made by the Dorset Quilters. Thank you to Elizabeth Karet, Barb Bertram, Ellen Leeds, Maggie McDonough, Kit Wallace, Robin Chandler, Judy Dunn, Mary True, Maripat Barlow-Layne, Lucy Norman, and Ginny Longacre.

Raffle Tickets for both painting and quilt are available at coffee hour, or from any of the quilters. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Drawing will take place at the Summer Supper, August 5. Happy summer 2026!





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



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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**

**RSVP**

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