



SILENT MEDITATION

Peonies

by Sarah Rossiter

Full-bosomed blossoms shiver in the jade green bowl, cream-colored petals, rose-tipped, soft as skin between the fingers, drop suddenly like water breaking, such quick release as if they know there's nothing to hold on to, that everything in time lets go, making room for what comes next.

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All people are welcome here



~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ MAY 31, 2026 ~ TRINITY 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 *Nicaea*

Thomas Canning

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

ENTER THE FLAME & THE WORD

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

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 #22 All Creatures of Our God and King*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steve Holman

**Thy presence come between me
And all things evil.**

**Thy presence come between me
And all things vile.**

**Thy presence come between me
And all things of guile.**

**Thy presence come between me
And all things that defile.**

Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of thine eye.

Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Friends, hear and believe the Good News; through the love of God we are forgiven, in the spirit of the risen Christ, we are being made new.

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 of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

RESPONSE #36 *Gloria Patri

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

CHOIR ANTHEM *Thy Perfect Love*

John Rutter

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Our response:

Compassionate God, **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 #61 *All Things Bright and Beautiful



WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Use this QR

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 10:22-27

Liz Schafer

SERMON Changing One's Point of View

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *The Gift of Love*

Brian Hiller-Dupont, vocalist
Don Hiller -Dupont, piano

DOXOLOGY #46

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN #4** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

POSTLUDE *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Rodolf Moser

The flowers this morning are given by the Kohler family
in celebration of our 7th wedding anniversary and all our special May birthdays:
Lynne, Joe, Scott, and Avery.

Our thanks to today's scripture reader, Liz Schafer;
liturgist, Steve Holman;
deacons and ushers, Judy Dunn, Linda Drunic, and Marietta and Karl White;
bulletin cover artist, Clarissa Lennox;
vocalist, Brian Hiller - Dupont;
pianist, Don Hiller-Dupont;
coffee hour hosts, Ginny Longacre and Maggie McDonough;
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/](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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Christian Ed, today @ 11:15

Deacons, June 14 @ 11:30

PFLAG, June 14 from 2-4

Trustees, June 16 @ 3:30

Stewardship, June 19 @ 8:00

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.

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; in the Dorset Church, for our choir—we wish them a relaxing summer off; in the Vermont Conference, for the United Church of Dorset and East Rupert, and their pastor, Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough; in the UCC, for Vicki Garlock, who set a Guinness World Record by visiting the most places of worship within one month in Chicago. She visited 185 places of worship, meeting the Guinness requirements.

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.



Israel Congregation proudly presents
Fostering Jewish Community in Southern Vermont

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

At will donations are gratefully accepted.

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Join us for a celebration of
life for
Dr. James A. Gray.
He passed away peacefully at
the Rutland Regional Medical
Center at age 94. Please join
us on Saturday, June 20, at
1:00 pm, at the Union Church
of Proctor, 5 Church Street,
Proctor, Vermont. After the
service, refreshments will be
served in the Parish House.
All are welcome.



Dear friends:

You are receiving this request for help because you have been a great supporter of BCOA's mission to support new Americans.

In addition to the current internally displaced person (IDP) who is staying temporarily at a board member's home, BCOA just received a new request to support another IDP—a male student graduating from Bennington College this weekend—who will lose his on-campus housing.

Normally, he would have applied for and received work authorization that foreign students graduating from U.S. colleges are routinely granted for one year of practical work in the U.S. Because of his nationality, and the fact that the current administration is not granting work permits to others from his country, he has decided to depart the U.S. before his student status expires on August 1 (an example of the cost of (racial) discrimination: Vermont is losing a realizable tax-paying, young (!) employee).

Because he cannot work legally to support himself, he needs lodging at no cost from June 1, 2 or 3 through approximately July 31, until he sorts out his travels to another country.

Besides being a bright and polite student, he is willing to share a room and help with cooking, cleaning, pet sitting, and other household chores.

Even if you can house him for only a short period of time, please let us know as we collate a housing option for the IDP.

In solidarity,

Anandaroop and Bryan

www.BCOpenArms.org

Choir Appreciation All-Church Potluck Picnic

All are invited to attend this yearly event on Thursday, June 4, in the vestry. Bring a salad or dessert or both to share and join us in celebrating our incredible music director and choir. It's a fun time. The grill will be tuned up and the conversation sizzling! We'll start eating at 5:30.



SAVE THE DATE!

SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

(We'd love to see 3 delegates from each congregation.)

Sunday, June 14, 2:30-4:30pm

Registration starts at 2:00

Federated Church of East Arlington
102 Ice Pond Rd, Arlington, VT 05250

Conference Listening Tour:

Come Play. Come Dream. What Can We Build Together?

This is a pivotal time in our conference and our association as we discern how the Holy Spirit is moving, and what is ours to do and be together. Conference Minister Rev. Dr. Lynn Bujnak and other Board Members will join us to ask these questions:

- ♥ When your church is at its very best, what does that look like?
 - ♥ What are you doing?
 - ♥ Who is involved?
 - ♥ What is the mood?
- ♥ What are your church's greatest assets? (Examples: building, location, faith, relationships, members, outreach programs, trust, etc.)
- ♥ What support do you need to be your best?
 - ♥ How can the Conference support you?
- ♥ What does your community value about your church?
- ♥ What else do you wish they knew or understood about you?
- ♥ What else do you want the Conference to know about your church?

GMALL Presents – Sew Fun: A Tote Workshop

Wednesday, June 10, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the United Church of Dorset

Green Mountain Academy welcomes the owner of The Stitch Witch Vermont, Shondell Dahm, to lead this tote bag workshop. In this hands-on workshop, you'll sew a sturdy, lined tote bag complete with an interior pocket — finished at a roomy 14 inches tall. A pattern will be provided, along with a selection of basic thread colors. To participate, you'll need to bring 1 yard of exterior fabric (canvas, duck cloth, denim, or cotton all work great) and ½ yard each of lining fabric and fusible interfacing. Feeling creative? Upcycled materials like old jeans or shirts are warmly encouraged! If you have a sewing machine, bring it along; if not, we have four machines available for use in class. Registration is \$45 per person. Space is limited. For more information or to register, please call our office at 802-867-0111 or visit greenmtnacademy.org.

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