

SILENT MEDITATION

Sentimental Moment or Why Did the Baguette Cross the Road by Robert Hershon

Don't fill up on bread
I say absent-mindedly
The servings here are huge

My son, whose hair may be
receding a bit, says
Did you really just
say that to me?

What he doesn't know
is that when we're walking
together, when we get
to the curb
I sometimes start to reach
for his hand

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All people are welcome here



~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ JUNE 21, 2026 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~

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 *La Source*

Alphonse Hasselmans
performed by Callie Jeffery

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The world belongs to God,

People: the earth and all its people.

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful,

People: to live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together,

People: justice and peace join hands.

Leader: Open our lips, O God,

People: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Solfeggieto*

Carl Phillip Emmanuel Bach
performed by Elena Frohn

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Keith Michl

God of life, we know of no one who has died from facing the truth, however difficult. But we know many, including ourselves, who have made themselves sick from the stress of avoiding the truth. Loving Christ, give us the courage to face all of the truth you would reveal to us, no matter how much it may sting, that we may turn again and again from fear to love and from death to life.

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**

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 #35 *Gloria Patri

QUILT DEDICATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Little Fountain*

Samuel Pratt
performed by Brynn Niewold

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.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON | Kings 21:1-21 & 25a; Luke 7:36-47

Linda Drunic

SERMON The Sting of Truth

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY *Cascatelle*

Annie Challan
performed by Amiya Tanguturi



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DOXOLOGY #46

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Chanson dans la nuit*

Carlos Salzedo
performed by Kirana Cox

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

POSTLUDE *To a Wild Rose*

Edward A MacDowell
performed by Noor Taneja

The flowers this morning are given by The Zaide Boyce Fund.

Our thanks to today's scripture reader, Linda Drunsic;

liturgist, Keith Michl;

deacons and ushers, Lindy Bowden, Janet Chandler, and

Marietta and Karl White;

coffee hour hosts, Lindy Bowden, Janet Chandler, Robin Chandler, Mary True, and
Kit Wallace;

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: Brian Hiller-Dupont; Steve Hazelton; Betty Hazelton; Kurt Silberschmidt; George Bush; Gretchen Lima; Peter Salmon; Master SGT Ryan Bowles; Scott Wallace; Luella Parks; Ellen Maloney; Jonathan Dickinson; Sarah Faith Dickinson; Oliver Fox Buckner; Angel May Kalenquin; Ann Troumbley; Meghan Gill; Barbara Gill; Eric Perry; Cathy Condon; Emma Ingison; Mark Cassidy; Jimmy Weiss; Jeff Duel; Robin Hoag; Spencer March; Larry Cochran; Damon Wilder; Howard Day; Pete Ianacone; Donna Harris; Tom Drunsic; Linda Bushee; Mason; Jim Goodwin; Lucinda S; Donna Tonic; in the Dorset Church, for the Dorset Harp Colony Campers; in the Vermont Conference, for the First Congregational Church of Hubbardton; in the UCC, for the Children's Nature Playscape in the Kalamazoo Community, which provides a safe, accessible way for patrons to feel more grounded to nature in our growing technological world.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS: Norma O., Bill Auperlee, 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.



Grief Circle

A SACRED SPACE FOR GRIEF & HEALING


Facilitated by Avigail Graetz


Grief touches many parts of life— not only the loss of loved ones, but also relationships, homes, identities, health, dreams, and belonging.

You are warmly invited to a compassionate community gathering where grief, longing, and change can be held with gentleness, honesty, and shared presence.

Through meditation, deep listening, reflective writing, and simple ritual, we create a safe space to acknowledge and honor whatever grief you carry.

Inspiration: Francis Weller's The Five Gates of Grief

 SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH
16:00 – 19:00

 STONE BOWL FARM
1258 Betts Bridge Road
West Pawlet, VT 05775

Bring:

- Journal or notebook
- Pen
- Open heart

 ALL
ARE
WELCOME

 COST:
\$30

Spaces are limited.

Registration: avigailgraetz@gmail.com




For many years, members of the Dorset Church have volunteered to help out at the CFC during the months of July and January. The system has been updated, and is no longer limited to those two months. We are currently in search of volunteers. To sign up, go to communityfoodcupboard.org, scroll down to “volunteer,” and sign up for any time of the year that works for you.

We are also looking for a church member to serve on the Community Food Cupboard Board to replace dear Helen Melhado, who held that position in recent years. She will be greatly missed.

Please contact me, Ginger Foss, at 802-375-4681, or gingervfoss@gmail.com with any questions.



The Church Office will be closed on July 6 in observance of Independence Day.



**Strengthen
the Church**

Collection Date is June 21, 2026

**SENT FORTH IN
LOVE**

A Special Mission Offering of
the United Church of Christ
supporting new church,
leadership, and youth
cultivation through our
Conferences and
National Ministries.

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OF CHRIST

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

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Truth and Justice is holding another postcard-writing session on Wednesday, June 24, at 5 pm in the Vestry. We join to write postcards (in this case to voters in North Carolina) as an easy and meaningful way to help increase voter turnout. We will be writing short, pre-scripted postcards to voters who can make a real difference in upcoming elections across the country. We provide the postcards, addresses, and the scripts. Join us!

Any questions please call Kit Wallace, 802-867-2290

Summer Raffle 2026

The Summer Raffle this year features a painting by Terry Lindsey and a quilt made by the Dorset Church Quilters.

“Windowsill 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:

Elizabeth Karet, Barb Bertram, Ellen Leeds, Maggie McDonough, Kit Wallace, Robin Chandler, Judy Dunn, Mary True, Maripat Barlow-Layne, Lucy Norman, Ginny Longacre.

Raffle Tickets for both painting and raffle are available during coffee hour, or from one of the quilters. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Drawing will take place at the Summer Supper, August 5.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Deacons, July 12 @ 11:30

PFLAG, July 12 from 2-4

Truth & Justice, June 24 @ 5:00

Cabinet, June 28 @ 11:30

The Fellowship of the United
Church of Dorset & East Rupert

Holiday Bake Sale

Saturday, June 27

From 8:30 am - 12 Noon

In front of the Dorset Post Office on
Route 30



A variety of homemade delicacies will be sold sure to
delight your family and friends.

Please call the Dorset Church at 867-2260 with any questions or
to make a donation.

The Dorset Group hosts an open
meeting for Alcoholics Anonymous
here at the Dorset Church in the
vestry every Monday at 8:00pm.

If you would like to receive a daily
devotional, please go to [https://
www.ucc.org/daily-devotional/](https://www.ucc.org/daily-devotional/)

Sunday

June 21

3pm

Dorset
Harp
Colony

Free concert
Dorset Church

June Wish List

Community Food Cupboard

Summer is here! Donations from
our June wish list can help families
with kids at home

(CFC) 802-733-8119



Peanut Butter / Jelly Band-Aids
Canned Tuna Deoderant
Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard
Mac & Cheese Sunscreen
Breakfast Cereal Bug Spray

Thank you!

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