

SILENT MEDITATION

Bread of Heaven

by Sarah Luther

John 6:30–35

Consider the loaf—rye, barley, spelt, corn, oat, wheat—leavened or not, quick or slow, sweet or sour, rising in a warm corner, rolled out, or ready to be dropped from a spoon: egg bread, or bread made with nothing but flour mixed with a little water, and perhaps salt or oil. Flatbread, biscuits, corn pone, fry bread, naan, lavash, focaccia, injera, shaobing, pan dulce—bread, UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage of humanity. How long can a human being live without it? Or the human spirit? Consider how bread soaks up whatever is poured over it or it's dipped in, how it accepts whatever is put inside it or spread upon it: how it serves, can even be, a kind of hand. In Zarephath, a widow, soon to starve along with her son, fed hungry Elijah from the only bit of flour and oil she had left. On a mountain near the Sea of Galilee, a small boy gave five barley loaves and two fish that others might be fed. Then, on the mountain, in Zarephath, a few loaves, a handful of flour, became much. And much more.

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All people are welcome here



~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ JUNE 7, 2026 ~ SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTACOST~

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 *Faith of Our Fathers*

Charles Callahan

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

ENTER THE FLAME & THE WORD

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us meet God in this gathering.

People: We gather together to praise God, to offer our hopes, to hear again God's call, and to strengthen our faith.

Leader: God calls us to honor all persons, be kind to our neighbors, and to praise God's holy name,

People: Let us worship God.

***HYMN #635** *Faith of Our Fathers*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rich Grip

**God of perfect love,
You continually bring forth life,
transforming sadness to joy,
despair to hope,
death to life.
We look to you to change our hearts,
to take away the sin that burdens us,
and to restore us to the people you would have us be.
Forgive us, redeem us, transform us,
this we pray. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, hear and receive the Good News: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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 and joy of Christ. The peace and joy of Christ be with you,

People: And also with you.

***RESPONSE** #35 *Gloria Patri*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Paula Nassivera

Recognition of Teachers and Helpers

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANTHEM *The Unicorn Song*

Shel Silverstein

CHOIR ANTHEM *Cantate Domino*

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Our response:

Hear us, O Lord, **be gracious to us.**

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** #392 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:19-23

Ellen Leeds

SERMON Living Peace, Finding Balance

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

DOXOLOGY #46

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



*COMMUNION HYMN #393 *One Bread, One Body* (refrain only)
Taize during distribution: 111, 296, 414, 430, 523, 569 (as needed)

Use this QR

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: . . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever proclaim the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*CLOSING HYMN #631 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

Blessing and laughter and loving be yours,
the love of a great God
who names you
and holds you
while the earth turns and the flowers grow
this day
this night
this moment
and forever.



The flowers this morning are given by Don and Sue Hinkel.

Our thanks to today's scripture reader, Rich Grip;
liturgist, Ellen Leeds;
acolyte, Sophia Lima;
deacons and ushers, Lindy Bowden, Ginger Foss, Robin Chandler, Mary True, and
Marietta and Karl White;
coffee hour hosts, Dotty Thompson and Sunny Velie;
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: 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; Pete Ianacone; Donna Harris; Tom Drunic; Linda Bushee; Mason; Robert Goepel; Jim Goodwin; Donna Tonic; in the Dorset Church, for our Dorset Quilter's Group—congratulations on another beautiful handmade quilt; in the Vermont Conference, for the Federated Church of East Arlington, and their pastor, Andris Berry; in the UCC, for Climate Hope Affiliates, who are encouraging its members to advance awareness of the climate crisis through relationships with legislators, the media, and their communities.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS: Nora 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.

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supporting new church,
leadership, and youth
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The Dorset Group hosts an open meeting for Alcoholics Anonymous here at the Dorset Church in the vestry every Monday at 8:00pm.

Our Vote is our Voice!

The Truth and Justice Committee invites you to join us as we kick off our first midterm postcard-writing campaign on Monday, June 8, at 5pm. Midterms are fast approaching, and this is our best opportunity to make a meaningful change! Meet us at church to sign and send postcards supporting the Senate and House races for candidates that stand for our values. All are welcome to write with us or take postcards to sign and send from home. We're also accepting donations for postage! Please contact Rich Urso at rich.rbu@gmail.com if you have questions.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Deacons, June 14 @ 11:30

PFLAG, June 14 from 2-4

Trustees, June 16 @ 3:30

Hospitality, June 18 @ 10:00

Stewardship, June 19 @ 8:00

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?

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

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



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