

SILENT MEDITATION

A Summer Paean

by Sydney Lea

*Your remembrances are like unto ashes, your bodies
to bodies of clay. (Job 13:12)*

Turns out my ticker needs a pacemaker.
Clay? Ashes? Okay,
I get the point. I mean, I do.
Time to spend less of my day

tuned in to memory, more to right here
where I am—a long way from awful.
The sweats, the phantoms, those dumbass old tiffs
with my mother and more than a handful

of others, fears of nonexistent dangers . . .
I'll let all that go. I'll praise
this A-one morning in early summer
and the merlins who've built their nest

in a tall red oak just yards uphill!
One example of many. I say
and savor those hawks' folk names: *Blue Darters*.
I'll praise each day, or try,

all creatures bright and beautiful,
our sprawling family, our children,
grandchildren, clutch of beloved friends.
Lord, for them all let me keep vigil.

Okay, so flesh is clay. Okay.
But me as some Job? Oh, spare me!
Everything here, right here, right now—
there's my sanctuary.

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All people are welcome here



~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ JUNE 14, 2026 ~ THIRD 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 *Our Muddy Boots*

Eric Hangen

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For the greening of trees and the gentling of friends,

People: we thank you, God.

Leader: For the brightness of field and the warmth of the sun,

People: we thank you, God.

Leader: For work to be done and laughter to share,

People: we thank you, God. We thank you, and know that through struggle and pain in the slippery path of new birth, hope will be born and all shall be well.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *There Was A Day, The Day Was New*

Eric Hangen

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dick Coss

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;

People: for we come to you in love and in trust.

We come to you in expectant hope.

Leader: Heal us and your grieving world of all that harms.

People: By the power of your inexhaustible love, 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: Hear and receive the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
In the spirit of the risen Christ we are being made new.

People: As God's own forgiven people, we will live to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world.

***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

CHOIR ANTHEM *How Can I Keep From Singing*

Traditional American / Jeffrey Honore, arr.

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Rich Grip

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Our response:

Merciful 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.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Epilogue*

Rebecca Clarke

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 18:20-32; Luke 11:1-4

Henry Chandler

SERMON Praying for Sodom

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY *Sonata for Cello and Piano in G minor, Ops. 19, III.*

Andante - Sergei Rachmaninoff

DOXOLOGY #46



***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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MUSICAL INTERLUDE *I'll Bid My Heart Be Still*

Rebecca Clarke

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

POSTLUDE *Doce de Coco*

Jacob do Bandolim

The flowers this morning are given by Lindy Bowden,
to the beginning of summer.

Our thanks to today's scripture reader, Dick Coss;
liturgist, Henry Chandler;
deacons and ushers, Lindy Bowden, Jack Gilbert, and
Marietta and Karl White;

coffee hour hosts, Dorset Scholarship Committee;
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; Jim Goodwin; Lucinda S; Donna Tonic; friends and family of Robert Goepel; in the Dorset Church, for our scholarship recipients; in the Vermont Conference, for the First Congregational Church of Fair Haven and their pastor, Jane LoBrutto; in the UCC, for the celebration of pride month.

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.

PASTOR CHURCH UPDATE

Update – June 14, 2026

Since our pastor search process went public in late April, we have started receiving applications and have been busy reviewing candidate profiles, developing our interview questions, and conducting a mock interview. The interviewing process will include an initial zoom session and at least one in-person interview. We are committed to finding someone who meets the high standards set by Reverend Jim and Reverend Mark, a process that could move quickly but is more likely to take months and could well extend into 2027.

When we have such a candidate, that person will be presented to the full church membership over a weekend that will include an informal get together with the congregation and a Sunday worship service, followed by a vote of the membership.

Because we owe full confidentiality to all candidates, many of whom will not disclose their application to their current church (or other employer) unless and until they are selected by our search committee as our preferred choice for our next settled pastor, we cannot say anything more until we are ready to recommend a candidate.

No one can know how long that process will take, but many churches end up taking a year or two to choose wisely with much discussion and many prayers. In the meantime, we are fortunate that Reverend Mark enjoys our lively congregation as much as we appreciate him and Maggie. We ask for your prayers and are grateful for your patience.

Update – April 26, 2026

The Pastor Search process has gone public with the release of two church profiles. The Search Committee is now accepting applications from pastors interested in serving as the Dorset Church's next settled pastor. The application process is managed through the UCC Vermont Conference which has posted a narrative profile and a more detailed UCC profile prepared by the Search Committee.

See below for narrative profile.

The Search Committee will be posting additional updates, similar to those on this page, as the interview process moves forward, though all applications will be treated with full confidentiality since many candidates are currently serving other congregations.



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**Aldi's Bus Trip
Friday, June 19, 2026
Meet at the Dorset Church
at 9:00 a.m.
Call 867-2260
to reserve your spot!**

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

Deacons, Today @ 11:30

PFLAG, Today 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

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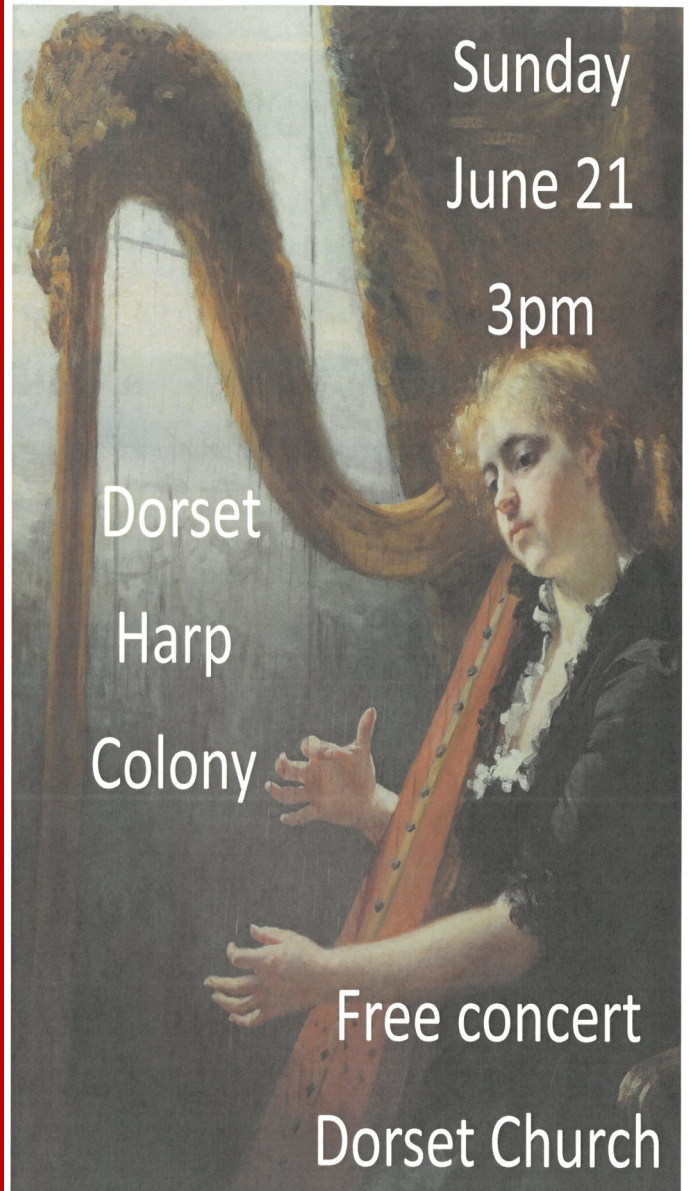
Conference Listening Tour:

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?



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