

SILENT MEDITATION

“Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime; therefore we must be saved by hope.

Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith.

Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore we must be saved by love.

No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as it is from our standpoint. Therefore we must be saved by the final form of love which is forgiveness.”

Reinhold Niebuhr

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All people are welcome here



~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ JULY 12, 2026 ~ SEVENTH 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 *Tallis' Canon*

Paul Manz, arr.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Creator of the cosmos, of eternity and time;

People: be with us in this time.

Leader: Savior of the world, healer of the nations;

People: be with us in this place.

Leader: Breath of all that lives, of people near and far;

People: stir within our lives.

Leader: God of here and now;

People: be present in our worship, that we may find new ways to be present in our world.

***HYMN #322** *O Word of God Incarnate*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Paula Nassivera

O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you.

Yet always in the midst of this creation-glory,

we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness:

around us in the earth, sea, and sky, the abuse of matter;

beside us in the broken, the hungry, and the poor,

the betrayal of one another;

and often, deep within us, a striving against your Spirit.

O Trinity of love,

forgive us that we may forgive one another,

heal us that we may be people of healing,

and renew us that we also may be makers of peace, joy, and life

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly repentant and seek to renew their lives: Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace.

People: 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 #36 *Gloria Patri

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Our response:
God of grace, **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 #665 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Mark 6:1-12

Judy Dunn

SERMON Thank You Reinhold Niebuhr

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

Wilha Hutson, arr.

DOXOLOGY #46

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN #335 *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace



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***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

POSTLUDE *Liebster Jesu*

J. S. Bach

The flowers this morning are given by Judith Winter and loving memory of Colonel William Winter, for the glory of God.

Our thanks to today's scripture reader, Judy Dunn;
liturgist, Paula Nassivera;
deacons and ushers, Mary True, Sue Crandall, and
Marietta and Karl White;
coffee hour hosts, Judy Dunn and Kris Harvey
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: Steve Hazelton; Betty Hazelton; Kurt Silberschmidt; 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; Marianne Bacon; Robby Littlewood; Tom Drunsic; Linda Bushee; Mason; Jim Goodwin; Donna Tonic; in the Dorset Church, for our Christian Education Program; in the Vermont Conference, for the Pittsford Congregational Church and their pastor, Michael Dwyer; in the UCC, for peace in Columbia.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS: George Bush; 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.

The Tech Crew is currently looking to recruit two additional people to be trained for set up and use of our technology for Sunday service, weddings, and funerals.

If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, please contact Patrick Honan 802-379-0044

Senior Card Group at the Rupert Kittay Library

Dates: Wednesdays, starting July 1 - 31

Time: 1-4 pm

Place: Rupert Kittay Library

2827 VT-153

Rupert, VT 05776

All are welcome to come and join the Senior Card Group to play Hand, Knee and Foot Canasta.

For more information or to join call (802) 394-2444 or email rupertkittaylibrary@gmail.com.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

PFLAG, today from 2-4

Stewardship, July 17 @ 8:00

Trustees, July 21 @ 3:30

No Cabinet Meetings July & August

No Deacons Meeting July & August

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.

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

Summer Raffle 2026

The Summer Raffle this year features a painting by Terry Lindsey and a quilt made by the Dorset Church Quilters. "Windowsil 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. Happy Summer 2026!



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 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 gingervoss@gmail.com with any questions.

UPCOMING FUNERALS

Robert William Ebling, III - Sunday, July 12 @ 2:00

Helen Melhado Hart - Friday, July 17 @ 11:00

Sherrie Baker - Saturday, August 1 @ 12:00

Arthur Ward Gilbert -Monday, August 3 @ 10:00

More Northshire Senior Events 2026

*1. **Thursday, July 16**, we leave at 9:15 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

2. **Monday, August 10 at noon** - BBQ Luncheon at the Eagles Club, cost TBD.

*3. **Thursday, August 27 at 2:00**, Mac Hadyn Theater, Chatham, NY

Show-"Hairspray" \$50.00/person. Lunch TBD.

*4. **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 mashed potatoes and market vegetables.

GF

D. Pasta Primavera with 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 no special menu requests or substitutions are available.

5. **Monday, October 26**, at noon at the Eagles Club-Halloween Theme

Free soup and salad luncheon and dessert.

6. **Monday, December 7**, at 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

Sign up for luncheons at the Eagles Club with Sally McManus at 802-375-9780.

All seniors (age 55 and over or caretakers for someone 55 or older) in the greater Northshire area are eligible to participate. Come join the fun!

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