

## **SILENT MEDITATION**

### **Actors' House**

by Steven Peterson

*John 14:2*

This house is ours for just a month or two  
When we're in town, performing in a play.  
Nobody lives here; we're just passing through.  
Outside, the clapboard's scuffed as some old shoe.  
If paint was once applied, that paint was gray.  
This house is ours for just a month or two.

Inside, the rooms are clean but spare, the hue  
Is eggshell, just like everywhere today.  
Nobody lives here; we're just passing through.

We find a half-filled bottle of shampoo,  
A dried-out vase clutching a dried bouquet.  
This house is ours for just a month or two.

Now come rehearsals, then the first previews.  
The run's six nights a week plus matinees.  
Nobody lives here; we're just passing through.

Yet there's another house, with many rooms,  
Prepared for us beyond our acting days.  
That house we had for just a month or two?  
It's there to tell us: We're just passing through.

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**All people are welcome here**



~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ JULY 5, 2026 ~ SIXTH 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** *Simple Gifts*

Russell Schultz - Widmer

**WELCOME**

Rev. Julie Demaree

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Robin Chandler

**ENTER THE FLAME & THE WORD**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: On this weekend of celebration, we remember those who dreamed of freedom.

**People: We give thanks for these gifts, entrusted to us.**

Leader: We remember the courage of those who sought liberty and justice.

**People: We acknowledge that we have not always lived those ideals.**

Leader: Like Paul, we know the struggle within: the good we wish to do, we do not always do.

**People: We know the weariness of divided hearts.**

Leader: Yet Christ still calls:

**People: "Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."**

Leader: Come, not because we have perfected freedom, but because God is still creating it within us.

**People: Come, let us worship the One whose yoke is easy, whose burden is light, and whose love sets all people free.**

\***HYMN** #722 *This is My Song*

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Robin Chandler

**Holy and Loving God, on this weekend when we celebrate our nation's birth, we give thanks for dreams of liberty, for courageous sacrifices, for democratic ideals, and for the many blessings we have received. Yet we confess that our history, like our own hearts, contains both beauty and brokenness. Like Paul, we find ourselves divided. We speak of freedom, yet bind one another with fear. We seek peace, yet nurture resentment. We long for unity, yet cling to our separations. We confess the wounds carried by this nation, the divisions that still fracture communities, and the ways power has often overshadowed compassion. We confess our personal participation as well—the ways we contribute to conflict, avoid difficult truths, or lose hope that change is possible. Forgive us, O God. When we grow weary, remind us that transformation begins with surrendering ourselves to Your love. Renew our minds. Restore our joy. Teach us again the freedom for which You created us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## **MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, hear the Good News: Paul cries, "Who will rescue me from this body of death?" and immediately answers, "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" The struggle within us is real, but it is not the final word. Christ does not wait for us to become perfect. He meets us in our weariness. He welcomes us in our uncertainty. He lifts burdens we were never meant to carry. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and continually being made new.

**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 #36 *Gloria Patri***

## **PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

**Our response:**

**Compassionate God, you are good to all.**

## **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 MEDLEY**

### **Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor**

Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!

### **Climb Every Mountain**

Climb every mountain, search high and low,  
Follow every byway, every path you know.  
Climb every mountain, ford every stream,  
Follow every rainbow, 'til you find your dream.  
A dream that will need all the love you can give,  
Every day of your life, for as long as you live.  
Climb every mountain, ford every stream,  
Follow every rainbow, 'till you find your dream

### **Let There Be Peace On Earth**

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally,  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

## **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 David McAneny

**SERMON**

Rev. Julie Demaree

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### OFFERING

**ORGAN OFFERTORY** *America, the Beautiful*

**DOXOLOGY** #46

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**COMMUNION HYMN** *O Come to Me, the Master Said*

To the tune of: Kingsfold

1. O come to me, the Master said, my Father knows your need:  
And I shall be, the Master said, your bread of life indeed.  
By faith in him we live and grow and share the broken bread,  
And all his love and goodness know, for so the Master said.
2. Abide in me, the Master said, the true and living vine;  
My life shall be, the Master said, poured out for you as wine.  
His body to the cross he gave, his blood he freely shed.  
Who came in love to seek and save, for so the Master said.
3. Believe in me, the Master said, for I have called you friends,  
And yours shall be, the Master said, the life that never ends  
And so, with sin and sorrow past, when death itself is dead,  
The Lord shall raise us up at last, for so the Master said.

### COMMUNION

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: ...Therefore, with all the saints, all who have gone before us, and all creation, we praise 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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

Calvin Hampton



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## Hymn During Distribution *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

1. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey, here together on the road;  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you, in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God and heaven, we shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

## Distribution of Bread and Cup

### Prayer

**We thank you, O God, for these gifts of bread and cup. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may become the broken and resurrected body of Christ, for the world. Where there is division, make us instruments of reconciliation. Where there is despair, make us bearers of hope. Where there is weariness, grant us rest. Where there is fear, grant us courage. Where there is injustice, grant us wisdom and compassion. Teach us to walk together as neighbors, as one human family. May we enjoy and live out our greatest freedom, which is to love others as Christ loves us. In the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **\*CLOSING SONG** *This Land is Your Land*

#### **Refrain:**

This land is your land, this land is my land  
From California to the New York island  
From the redwood forests to the Gulf Stream waters  
This land was made for you and me

As I was walking that ribbon of highway  
I saw above me that endless skyway  
I saw below me that golden valley  
This land was made for you and me. **(refrain)**

I've roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps  
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts  
And all around me a voice was sounding  
This land was made for you and me. **(refrain)**

When the sun came shining, and I was strolling  
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling  
As the fog was lifting, a voice was chanting  
This land was made for you and me. **(refrain)**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Julie Demaree

**POSTLUDE** *Peace Like a River* -Traditional Spiritual

Mark Hayes, arr.

Our thanks to today's scripture reader, David McAneny;  
liturgist, Robin Chandler;  
acolyte and beadle, Alden Smith and Everett Smith;  
guest pastor, Rev. Julie Demaree;  
deacons and ushers, Robin Chandler, Cheryl Gasperetti, Sue Crandall, Mary True,  
and Marietta and Karl White;  
coffee hour hosts, Kris Harvey, and Judy Dunn;  
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.

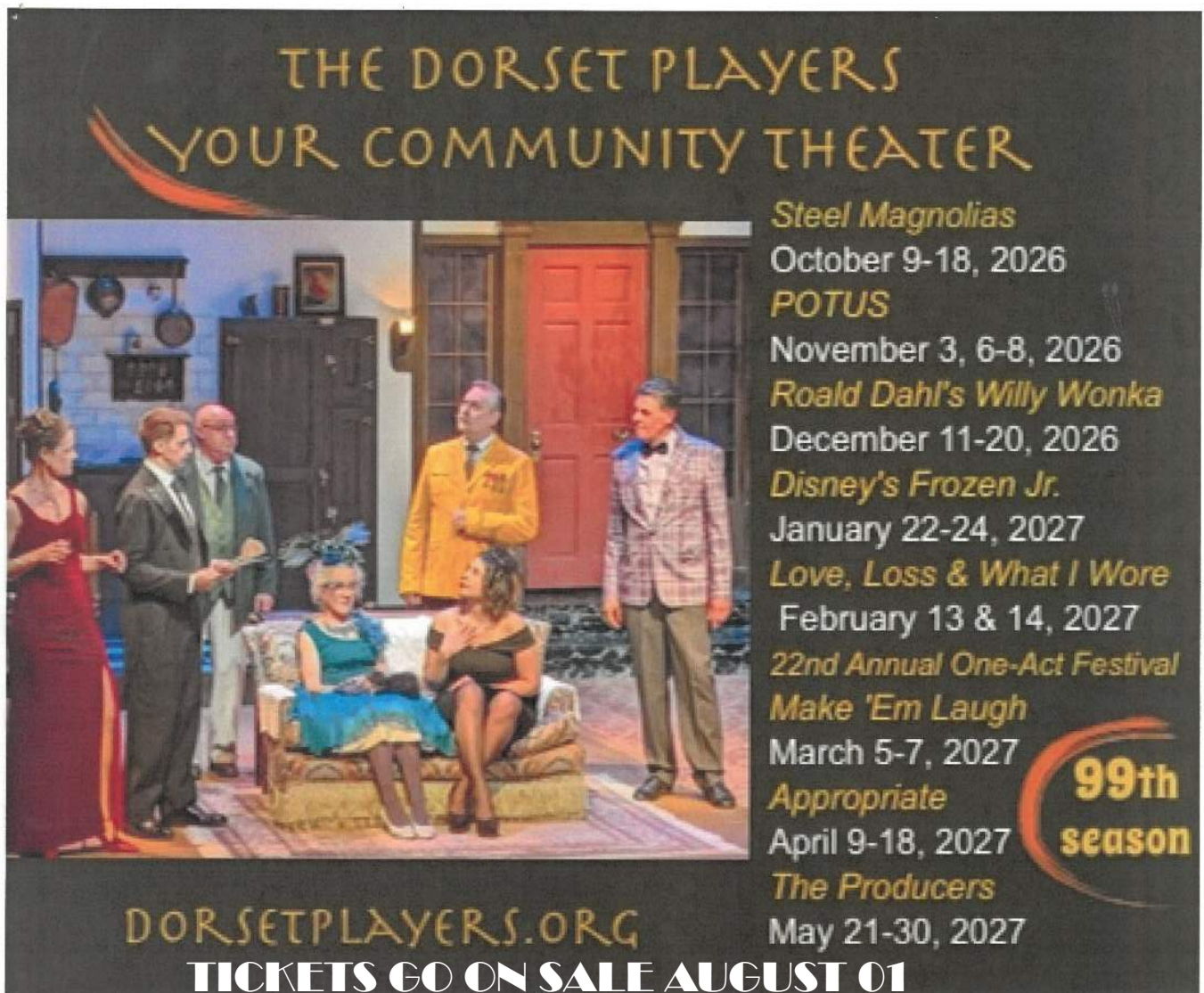
**IMMEDIATE NEEDS PRAYER CONCERNS:** Robby Littlewood; Betty Hazelton; Kurt Silberschmidt; George Bush; Gretchen Lima; Peter Salmon; Master SGT Ryan Bowles; Scott Wallace; Luella Parks; Ellen Maloney; Jonathan Dickinson; Marianne Bacon; Sarah Faith Dickinson; Oliver Fox Buckner; Angel May Kalenquin; 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; Friends and family of Shadan Karimi; in the Dorset Church, for our Search Committee; in the Vermont Conference, for the Pawlet Community Church and their pastor, Rev. Tracy Weatherhogg; in the UCC, for the Environmental Justice movement.

**LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS:** Steve Hazelton; 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; 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.

If you would like to receive a daily devotional, please go to <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.

All are welcome.



**THE DORSET PLAYERS**  
**YOUR COMMUNITY THEATER**

*Steel Magnolias*  
October 9-18, 2026

*POTUS*  
November 3, 6-8, 2026

*Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka*  
December 11-20, 2026

*Disney's Frozen Jr.*  
January 22-24, 2027

*Love, Loss & What I Wore*  
February 13 & 14, 2027

*22nd Annual One-Act Festival*

*Make 'Em Laugh*  
March 5-7, 2027

*Appropriate*  
April 9-18, 2027

*The Producers*  
May 21-30, 2027

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Remote Area Medical Clinic 2026



**4th Annual Remote Area Medical (RAM) Clinic**

August 8-9, 2026

*"This clinic is magical. The providers are amazing, and patients are leaving with smiles! This has been one of the most rewarding volunteer experiences of my life."*

- 2025 general support volunteer

GBCS is proud to support and help facilitate the amazing work of the Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinic, whose mission is "to prevent pain and alleviate suffering by providing free, quality healthcare to those in need" for the fourth year in Bennington!

Patients may receive dental care including cleanings and extractions; eye exams including prescription glasses; general medical care; and, other services based on availability. These services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Patients can begin arriving to the parking lot at Mount Anthony Union Middle School on Friday, August 7 at 11:59pm to register for appointments beginning at 6am on Saturday morning.

In 2025, volunteer providers were able to assist 237 patients with free dental, vision, and medical care. This is a vital service for our community as this clinic does not require patients to provide insurance, identification, or proof of income.

This is a vital resource for our neighbors for whom insurance is simply too expensive and for those who cannot find a local provider.

To volunteer, please scan the QR code or visit [www.ramusa.org/volunteer](http://www.ramusa.org/volunteer)

"Health care must be recognized as a right, not a privilege."  
~Bernie Sanders

## Summer Raffle 2026

The Summer Raffle this year features a painting by Terry Lindsey, and a quilt made by the Dorset Church Quilters. "Window sill 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. Thank you to Elizabeth Karet, Barb Bertram, Ellen Leeds, Maggie McDonough, Kit Wallace, Robin Chandler, Judy Dunn, Mary True, Maripat Barlow-Layne, Lucy Norman, and Ginny Longacre.

Raffle Tickets for both painting and quilt are available at coffee hour, or from any of the quilters. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Drawing will take place at the Summer Supper, August 5. Happy summer 2026!



# July Wish List



## Community Food Cupboard

As we celebrate our incredible country's 250th birthday, let's all fill the food cupboard to help our neighbors! (CFC 802.733.8119)



Canned Tuna/Chicken  
Pasta & Pasta Sauce  
Crackers  
Coffee  
Sunscreen/Bug Spray  
Shampoo/Conditioner  
Soap  
Dish Soap



Thank  
you!  
CFC

**Drop-off locations:** Manchester Town Hall, Shaw's, Manchester Library, Dorset Post Office, Christ our Savior Parish, First Congregational Church, Dorset Church.



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

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Deacons, July 12 @ 11:30

PFLAG, July 12 from 2-4

Hospitality, July 16 @ 10:00

Stewardship, July 17 @ 8:00

Cabinet, no meetings July & August



### **Vermont Summer Festival Horse Show**

**Six weeks of top equestrian competition**

**from July 1 - August 9.**

**This festival offers an all-inclusive horse show just outside picturesque Manchester, Vermont, July through August. The entire family will enjoy this boutique-style competition, which features divisions for every level of equestrian.**

**Harold Beebe Farm 3028 Rt 7, East Dorset,**

**VT**

**Call for additional details 802-362-0118.**

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