

SILENT MEDITATION

BLESSING FOR PEACE

by John O'Donohue

**As the fever of day calms towards twilight
May all that is strained in us come to ease.**

**We pray for all who suffered violence today,
May an unexpected serenity surprise them.**

**For those who risk their lives each day for peace,
May their hearts glimpse providence at the heart of history.**

**That those who make riches from violence and war
Might hear in their dreams the cries of the lost.**

**That we might see through our fear of each other
A new vision to heal our fatal attraction to aggression.**

**That those who enjoy the privilege of peace
Might not forget their tormented brothers and sisters.**

**That the wolf might lie down with the lamb,
That our swords be beaten into ploughshares**

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All people are welcome here



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 *An Chloe*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

ENTER THE FLAME & THE WORD

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come into God's presence with singing!

People: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting, and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

Leader: Welcome to this sacred place:

People: House of prayer for many and home to all who come.

Leader: Welcome to this gathering place:

People: Friend and stranger, saint and sinner in all who gather here.

People: Come with hope or hesitation, come with joy or yearning,

People: all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness.

***HYMN #276** *We Gather Together*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lee Romano

God of beauty, kindness, and gentleness, we love the splendid sunsets, the mountain vistas, the babbling brooks, and the music that soothes or inspires. And you know we need those moments of inspiration and peace like a people too long under cloudy skies need the sun.

But we would stay where it is peaceful and pleasant, and what then? You call us to love and love goes where it is needed most. Like light into the darkness so you send us to be love to the broken, the lonely, the angry, the resentful, the hardest to love. Comfort us, gentle Christ, but do not let us sit too long.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Sleepsong*

Rolf Lovland / Richard Grip, soloist

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Our response:

Life-changing 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.

HYMN #340 Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 1:8-11; Micah 4:2b-4; Matthew 4:18-20 Todd Jorn

SERMON When Love Summons Us

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY *Panis Angelicus*

Cesar Franck

***DOXOLOGY #46**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***COMMUNION HYMN #393** *One Bread, One Body*



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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.**

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***CLOSING HYMN #419** *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

***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.

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God*

Georg Friedrich Kaufmann

The flowers this morning are given by Linda Drunsic,
with thanks to the Dorset Church members for their love and kindness to all.
Our thanks to today's scripture reader, Todd Jorn;
liturgist, Lee Romano;
deacons and ushers, Robin Chandler, Lee Romano, Mary True, Todd Jorn, Dick
Coss, and Marietta and Karl White;
coffee hour hosts, Richard and Barbara Urso;
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: Staff Sargent Houston Wood and family; Stephen and Cummins; 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; 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 Hospitality Committee; in the Vermont Conference, for the Shrewsbury Community Church, and their pastor, Karen Braeutigam; in the UCC, for the new Club West for Teens, located in Brattleboro, Vermont, which highlights community outreach, social justice advocacy, and regional disaster preparedness.

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.

Dear Families,

I hope you're enjoying this last week of July.

We had so much fun on Sunday talking and learning about God's amazing frogs and toads that we've decided to continue the lesson this week.

Because our activity was such a high point, Ann will set up another challenging scavenger hunt behind our classroom to show us how the amphibians hide from the hot sun and predators.

I'm sending an updated class schedule. One of the changes is that our pond walk is now scheduled for Sunday, August 9. We'll meet in the classroom promptly at 10:00 for our walk. Please wear old shoes/boots that are ok if they get wet. I'll send out reminders next week.

Also SAVE THE DATE for our end of summer trip to North Meadow Farm during church on Sunday, August 30! We've confirmed with farmers Lisa and Jesse to give us a short farm tour.

Children 4 and under will need a parent to accompany us.

Thanks for your children!

Paula



United Church of Dorset & East Rupert

Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday August 5th from 5:30 to 7:00

Menu

Roast turkey

Mashed potatoes

Stuffing

Gravy

Glazed carrots

Spring green peas

Cranberry sauce

Assorted desserts

Gluten-free available

All are welcome for a **free** dinner.

Bring your family and friends.

This is community dinner; we hope to see you there!

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Call for reservations: **802-867-2260**

Free Hatha Yoga Class

Join us upstairs at the Dorset Church on Saturday mornings from **8:30–9:30**, August 8 through September 12. This free, mixed - level class welcomes both beginners and experienced practitioners. Please bring a mat and any props you enjoy using. Questions? Contact **Desiree Hensel** at **812-606-6078** or hensenursinged@gmail.com.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Stewardship, August 21 @ 8:00

Hospitality, August 25 @ 10:00

No Cabinet Meeting in August

No Deacons Meeting in August

No Trustee Meeting in August

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.



August



Community Food Cupboard

"Back to School" Wish List!



Backpacks
Pencils/Pens
Markers/Crayons
Scissors/Glue Sticks
Small Snacks
Fruit Cups
Tissues/Lip Balm
Deoderant



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.
(CFC 802.733.8119)

GMALL Presents: Navigating the Italian Language – Italian for the American Tourist

Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm
at The United Church of Dorset

Green Mountain Academy welcomes instructor Letitia Scordino to lead this introductory class on the Italian language. This four-session course offers a lively, practical Italian-Made-Simple approach designed to get you speaking right away. Whether you're preparing for your first trip to Italy or looking to refresh skills you learned years ago, this class focuses on the language you'll actually use while traveling. By the end of four sessions, you'll be ready to stroll through Italy's piazzas, museums, and hill towns with greater confidence. The class will meet on Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. The registration fee is \$75 for the four-part course. For more information or to register, please call our office at 802-867-0111 or visit greenmtnacademy.org.

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