

SILENT MEDITATION
Summer Musings
by Sally Witt, CSJ

How small the life
with space for only what I know
or can find with certainty
by moving just one finger on a surface.
I want to cast away
every instrument of instant answers
to enter mystery, that place
that lies in stillness, open to the Spirit.

There I might find room for emptiness,
for nothingness, for waiting;
there my heart may watch
for waves that rise and fall

as on a gentle lake in summer,
and there perceive the depths that gather,
the movement unrestrained by boundaries,
the wild and constant surging into love.

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All people are welcome here



~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ AUGUST 09, 2026 ~ ELEVENTH 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 *How Sweet The Name of Jesus Sounds*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us by name to draw each of us here.

People: We come with questions, hopes, troubles, aches, and lists of things to get done.

Leader: God knows us, and reaches to touch and ease our burdens and worries.

People: God whispers our name and we come close, opening like a flower before the sun.

***HYMN #64** *We Sing The Almighty Power of God*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Linda O'Leary

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 for we come to you in love and in trust. We come to you in expectant hope.

People: Heal us and your grieving world of all that harms. By the power of your unquenchable 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: God is good. On all whose lives are open to change, from guilt to grace,
from darkness to light, God pronounces pardon and grants peace.

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** #35 *Gloria Patri*

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Our response:

Save us, O Lord, **we come to you.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Intermezzo*

Johannes Brahms

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** #339 *Just As I Am*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Samuel 16:1-13; John 9:1-41

Elizabeth Karet

SERMON Sight and Insight

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Deck Thyself, My Soul With Gladness*

Johannes Brahms

***DOXOLOGY #46**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #619** *My Life Flows On*

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

POSTLUDE *O Gott, du Frommer Gott*

J.S. Bach

The flowers this morning are given by Judy Dunn,
in memory of her late parents' anniversary, which is August 12.
Our thanks to today's scripture reader, Elizabeth Karet;
liturgist, Linda O'Leary;
deacons and ushers, Dick Coss, Robin Chandler, Lee Romano, and
Marietta and Karl White;
coffee hour hosts, Robin Chandler, Mary True, Lindy Bowden, and Kit Wallace;
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: Friends and Family of Mary Williams Rowland; Cindy O'Leary; Staff Sargent Houston Wood and family; Stephen and Maria Cummins; Betty Hazelton; Kurt Silberschmidt; Gretchen Lima; Peter Salmon; Scott Wallace; Luella Parks; Ellen Maloney; 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; Robby Littlewood; Tom Drunsic; Jim Goodwin; Donna Tonic; in the Dorset Church, for our Stewardship Committee; in the Vermont Conference, for the Congregational Church of Wallingford, and their pastor, Mr. Jim Will; in the UCC, for Civility Month, which is a recent bill declaring August 2026 as Civility Month in the State of Illinois .

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS: Maryanne Bacon; Johnathan Dickinson; Sarah Faith Dickinson; 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; Elizabeth LaBerge; Dottie Hinkle; Chip Wilson; Hazel Prouty; James Jankowski; Jameson Gray Pelton; Evelyn Tobin; Shelby Baughn; Cassia Duran; Rich; George Smith; Jack; Judy Dunn; Alan Wiegand; Steve Larsen; Steve and Val Smith.

Hello From Sunday School!

Dear Families,

Ann and I have planned an inspiring and fun lesson and scavenger hunt for you this Sunday on frogs, toads and other amphibians. We hope to see you in Sunday School!

"Praise the Lord from the Earth" - Psalm 148:7

The Tech Crew is still 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.



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

PFLAG Picnic, Today from 2-6

Stewardship, August 21 @ 8:00

Hospitality, August 25 @ 10:00

No Cabinet Meeting August

No Deacons Meeting August

The CaringBridge Official Website is a free online website for sharing health updates with family and friends, in one place. Our dear friend Gretchen Lima uses this site for sharing her health news. If you would like to follow Gretchen in her journey, please go to CaringBridge.org, look for Gretchen's name, and click on the link.



DORSET CHURCH

ICE CREAM SOCIAL & OPEN HOUSE

Come celebrate Summer in August!

The United Church of Dorset Sunday School program invites Northshire families to an Open House, and old-fashioned Ice Cream Social on **Sunday August 30!**

Please join us from **3-4:30** to help crank our bucket of home-made ice cream, tour our church and classrooms, and learn about our Sunday School program and Christian Education mission.

Our teachers, families and Interim minister Rev. Mark McDonough will be on hand to meet, greet and answer any and all of your questions about our programs. Of course, we'll help to scoop up bowls of homemade ice cream with lots of toppings!!



We hope you'll join us!

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The Dorset Players Children's Theatre Camp

Runs from August 10 - 14

The camp participants will offer a showcase of their hard work on Friday,
August 14 @ 3:00 pm, at the United Church of Dorset.

All are welcome!



Aldi's Bus Trip
Friday, August 21, 2026
Meet at the Dorset Church
at 9:00 a.m.
Call 867-2260

SAVE THE DATE

WE WILL BE HONORING REV. JORDAN (SKIP) DICKINSON

ON

SEPTEMBER 26 FROM 12-2 IN THE VESTRY .

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, AND PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING SKIP'S RETIREMENT.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED AS THE DATE GETS CLOSER.

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