

SILENT MEDITATION

Why Bother

Sean Thomas Dougherty

Because right now there is

Out there with

a wound

someone

in the exact shape

of your words.



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All people are welcome here



~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ AUGUST 30, 2026 ~ FOURTEENTH 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 *Wayfaring Stranger* (Traditional American Spiritual) Mark Hayes, arr.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us come away for awhile and worship God our creator.

People: Restore our souls with new life.

Leader: Startle us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

People: We praise God's goodness with songs of joy.

Leader: The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a haven in times of trouble. Those who know your name, O God, put their trust in you.

People: Sing praise to the Lord who is our help; proclaim to all peoples the great things God has done.

***HYMN #53** *Morning Has Broken*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Keith Michl

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Give me the joy of your saving help again,
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Friends, 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: 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 *Way Over Yonder*

Carole King
Soloist Caren McVicker

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Our response:
God of light, **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 #543 *Blessed Assurance* (repeat refrain, last time)**

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 10:22-30

Caren McVicker

SERMON Good and Bad Shepherds

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *You've Got a Friend*

Carole King

***DOXOLOGY #46**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN #546** *Amazing Grace* (repeat verse 1)



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***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

POSTLUDE *This Little Light of Mine*

Harry Dixon Loes / Mark Hayes, arr.

The flowers this morning were given by Dick and Kate Coss
in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary.
Our thanks to today's scripture reader, Caren McVicker;
liturgist, Keith Michl;
deacons and ushers, Dick Coss, Lee Romano, and
Marietta and Karl White;
coffee hour hosts, Maggie McDonough and Kate Coss;
tech crew, Chris Lima, Patrick Honan, Puck Bell, and Jade Lilith-Streeter.

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: Sylvie; Tony White; Katherine Buchmayr; Betsy Olson; Jennifer Salmon; Cindy O'Leary; Staff Sargent Houston Wood and family; Stephen and Maria Cummins; Betty Hazelton; Kurt Silberschmidt; Gretchen Lima; Scott Wallace; Luella Parks; Oliver Fox Buckner; Angel May Kalenquin; Ann Troumbley; Eric Perry; Cathy Condon; Emma Ingison; Mark Cassidy; Jimmy Weiss; Jeff Duel; Robin Hoag; Damon Wilder; Howard Day; Pete Ianacone; Robby Littlewood; Tom Drunsic; Jim Goodwin; Donna Tonic; in the Dorset Church, for the Christian Ed Open House; in the Vermont Conference, for the United Church of Benson, and their pastor, Rev. Jeremy Ashton; in the UCC, for the New England coast that is warming faster than almost any ocean on the planet, leaving fishing towns to reckon with a future that looks nothing like the past.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS: Larry Cochran; Marianne Bacon; Jonathan 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 and Val Smith.

● Ciabatta - Irish Soda Bread - Cornbread - Rye Bread - Injera - Panettone ●

● Totilla - Stollen - Challah - Baguette - Brioche - Milk Bread - Banana Bread - Roti - Focaccia - Sourdough - Irish Soda Bread ●

● Pita - Stollen - Roti - Brioche - Challah - Lavash - Baguette - Milk Bread ●



Food! Music! Fun!

Celebrate Vermont's Many Voices

Break Bread with Family, Friends
& Neighbors at a 100-foot Table!!

All Are Welcome

Saturday, October 10, from 1 to 4 pm
at Adams Park in Manchester VT

Hello From Sunday School!

Dear Families,

Despite the rainy weather last Sunday, we had a great Sunday School session on reptiles, including a reading of the Garden of Eden temptation story, and what kind of fruit would have been hardest to resist. Thanks to our smart students, I learned about the Jesus lizard who has fins and walks on water! We finished class with another of Miss Ann's fun and challenging scavenger hunts.

This Sunday we're taking a field trip to the North Meadow Farm for our end-of-summer session. North Meadow is a small family-owned farm a few miles from church on North Road in Manchester. Farmer Jesse will give us a tour and let us meet the animals!

We hope to see you this afternoon at 3 for our Open House and Ice Cream Social!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Stewardship, September 4 @ 8:00

Deacons, September 13 @ 11:30

PFLAG, September 13 from 2-4

Trustees, September 15 @ 3:30

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.

Bennington County Habitat for Humanity recently dedicated its 43rd home, built with and for the Yar family. The Dorset Church has supported this family since the parents and three sons arrived in Bennington from Afghanistan in 2022/24. They have all been assimilated into the Bennington community with jobs and school. Candace; her mom, Luella,; and Cheryl are in the foreground with a housewarming gift of two apple trees (to be planted in the spring).



Please join us for a special “Goodbye Coffee Hour”
for Andy and Ginny Longacre



Sunday, August 30, after worship in the vestry
Everyone is welcome to come say goodbye, share a
story, and wish them well on their next adventure.

If you would like to
receive a daily
devotional, please go to
[https://www.
ucc.org/daily-devotional/](https://www.ucc.org/daily-devotional/)



Scholarly, selfless, steadfast,
sense of humor, super hero

Kindhearted, kinship,
knowledgeable, kindred spirit

Insightful, irreplaceable,
impressive, intellectual,
inspiring

Perceptive, philosopher,
patient, peace-filled, and perfect
to us

GREEN TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

WindowDressers "Community Build" will take place at the First Congregational Church in Manchester, VT, from October 23-28. Volunteers (no skills or talent required) can sign up for one or more shifts, or make a dish. Together we build window inserts to keep a neighbor warm. Sign in by using the following link:

<https://signup.com/go/mXGPVai>

You may also call 207-596-3073.

Our own Rev. Skip Dickinson is stepping down

from his duties at the Dorset Church after years of dedicated service. Please join us for a celebration of this amazing man and his unwavering commitment to not only Dorset Church, but the entire Northshire region of Vermont!

Saturday, September 26

12:00-2:00 pm

Dorset Church Vestry

143 Church St., Dorset, VT 05251

Words of appreciation and presentations at
1:00 pm.

If you are unable to attend, feel free to leave cards in the office in advance.

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