

The Morning Tree

by Luci Shaw

—For Martina

This early morning's double vision: the generous span of the sky flung open, and over to the west

a full moon setting, her cool silver lip almost disappearing behind the islands, just as

the sun is uprising in the east, spreading his gold with a warm and benevolent hand. Light greeting light,

in this double vision, heavenly bodies circling on the dance floor of our planet, beams from the celestial

couple touching with brilliance every tree, field, lake, island, ocean. Even our little dogwood,

her blossoms already a saturated pink, glows brighter to start the day, asking us, What creative gifts

do you have to offer us, this radiant morning?

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All people are welcome here



~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ AUGUST 23, 2026 ~ THIRTEENTH 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 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Yuri Arabatsky

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, open to us today the sea of your mercy, and water us with full streams from the riches of your grace and springs of your kindness. Make us children of quietness and heirs of peace: kindle in us the fire of your love; sow in us your reverence; strengthen our weakness by your power and bind us close to you and to each other.

***HYMN #294** *Here We Gather as God's People*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Henry Chandler

**O Loving God,
to turn away from you is to fall,
to turn toward you is to rise,
and to stand before you is to abide forever.
Grant us, dear God,
in all our duties your help;
in all our uncertainties your guidance;
in all our dangers your protection;
and in all our sorrows your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. As God's own forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

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

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *First Arabesque*

Claude Debussy

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Our response:

We wait for you, O Lord, **in your word we hope.**

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 #512 *When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON II Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Dick Coss

SERMON The Proof Is In The Action



OFFERING

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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OFFERTORY *Canzone dopo l'Epistola*

Giralomo Frescobaldi

***DOXOLOGY #46**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN #517** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

POSTLUDE *Jesus Shall Reign*

Richard Wienhorst

The flowers this morning were given by Skip and Derry Dickinson
in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary.
Our thanks to today's scripture reader, Dick Coss;
liturgist, Henry Chandler;
acolyte and beadle, Everett Smith and Alden Smith;
deacons and ushers, Dick Coss, Robin Chandler, Lee Romano, and
Marietta and Karl White;
coffee hour hosts, Kris Harvey, Judy Dunn, and Donna Fabricius;
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: 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; Larry Cochran; Damon Wilder; Howard Day; Pete Ianacone; Robby Littlewood; Tom Drunsic; Jim Goodwin; Donna Tonic; friends and family of Donna Harris; friends and family of Peter Salmon; in the Dorset Church, for our Search Committee; in the Vermont Conference, for the Second Congregational Church of Bennington; in the UCC, for the Climate Hope Contest winner, 12-year-old Lea Kerksmar, who is using her artwork to speak up for the planet.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS: Maryanne 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 Larsen; Steve and Val Smith.

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

• Tortilla - Stollen - Challah - Baguette - Brioche - Milk Bread - Banana Bread - Roti - Focaccia - Sourdough - Irish Soda Bread •

Breaking Bread
HERITAGE FESTIVAL
Together

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

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

Hello From Sunday School!

Dear Families,

Last week we explored metamorphosis with butterflies and dragonflies. We discovered that Jesus's life can be compared to the life of a caterpillar and the transformations it goes through to become the beautiful, winged butterfly.

This week we're taking a closer look at the reptile world, snakes, lizards, and turtles, with their often overlooked importance in nature.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Christian Education, today @ 11:30

Hospitality, August 25 @ 10:00

Stewardship, September 4 @ 8:00

Deacons, September 13 @ 11:30

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.



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 homemade 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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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.

Reminder Northshire

Senior Event 2026

**Thursday, August 27, at
2:00,**

**Mac Hadyn Theater,
Chatham, NY**

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

**Contact Linda O'Leary to
sign up.**



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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