

SILENT MEDITATION

Praying

Mary Oliver

**It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch**

**a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway**

**into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.**

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All people are welcome here



~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ AUGUST 16, 2026 ~ TWELFTH 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

Leader: Behold how good and pleasant it is when people dwell in unity.

People: We lay aside our difference to gather as family.

Leader: Behold how good and pleasant it is when people dwell in the love of Christ who makes us, though many and different, one.

People: We will sing praises to our God who loves and calls every one of us.

***HYMN #95** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nora Larson

Leader: This morning, in the multi-colored company of your Church on earth and in heaven, we celebrate your creation, your life, your death and resurrection, your interest in us; so we pray,

People: Lord, bring new life, where we are worn and tired; new love, where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness, where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit, where we are prisoners of ourselves.

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. Receive and rejoice in the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and 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

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *First Arabesque*

Claude Debussy

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Our response:

Lord, Help us. **We trust in you.**

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 #392 *Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 14:14-20; Luke 7:1-10

Ruth Stewart

SERMON Post-Evangelical

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Canzone dopo l'Epistola*

Giralomo Frescobaldi

***DOXOLOGY #46**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CLOSING HYMN #5 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



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***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

POSTLUDE *Jesus Shall Reign*

Richard Wienhorst

The flowers this morning were given by Kevin and Sandy Maloney
in memory of our moms, Betty and Mary.
Our thanks to today's scripture reader, Ruth Stewart;
liturgist, Nora Larsen;
deacons and ushers, Dick Coss, Todd Jorn, and
Marietta and Karl White;
coffee hour hosts, Reuf and Laura Grapshi;
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: Betsy Olson; Jennifer Salmon; 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; 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; Donna Harris; Robby Littlewood; Tom Drunsic; Jim Goodwin; Donna Tonic; in the Dorset Church, for Pastor, Rev. Mark, and his family, that may they have a beautiful vacation; in the Vermont Conference, for the United Church of West Rutland; in the UCC, for the First Congregational Church of Essex Junction, VT, in their search for a new minister.

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.

SIMPLE STEPS TO A WARMER HOME (in winter!)

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VOLUNTEERS ARE MEASURING NOW!

Ellen Maloney, Green Team, 802-867-0115

Hello From Sunday School!

We were excited to have 14 children on our pond walk last Sunday! We heard bull frogs and saw ducks, trout, lily pads, dragonflies, and lots of wild flowers and mint. Thank you to Ann for her expertise and fun-loving leadership, and to all the parents who joined us!

This week we're exploring metamorphosis of butterflies and dragonflies. We'll be connecting with how we can change and grow in our relationship with God.

SAVE THE DATES!

August 30 from 3-4:30, Sunday School Open House & Ice Cream Social

Please invite interested families with children!

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR AN ICE CREAM MAKER—CRANK OR ELECTRIC (contact Paula or the church office).

September 13, Rally Sunday & Ministry Fair

All committees are invited to participate again in this wonderful all-church info event!



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

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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**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.**



Aldi's Bus Trip

Friday, August 21

**Meet at the Dorset Church
at 9:00 a.m.**

Call 867-2260

to reserve your spot!

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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