SILENT MEDITATION

History says, Don't hope
On this side of the grave.
But then, once in a lifetime
The longed-for tidal wave
Of justice can rise up,
And hope and history rhyme.
Seamus Heaney

Hope is holding a creative tension between what is,
and what could and should be,
and each day doing something to narrow
the distance between the two.
Parker Palmer



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~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ NOVEMBER 22, 2026 ~ REIGN OF CHRIST ~

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND SMART WATCHES DURING THE SERVICE

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 *Dialogue for Thanksgiving* Alice Jordan

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

ENTER THE FLAME & THE WORD

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of all the nations,
People: for God has looked favorably on God's people and redeemed them.
Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of all the nations,
People: for God has called us God's own beloved and called each of us by name.
Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of all the nations,
People: for God has blessed God's creation and called us to worship.

***HYMN** #718 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Janet Chandler

Holy God, how often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers instead of the power of your love and justice; help us to turn our hearts and minds toward you. Restore us in your love, and set us free to love others as you love us. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
Believe this good news: in Jesus Christ we are set free from all that dehumanizes us or leads us to dehumanize others. Live as a people set free.
People: Alleluia, Amen.

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.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: Since God has made us the blessed community, the church, let us greet one another with the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

***RESPONSE** #36 *Gloria Patri*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CHOIR ANTHEM *And I Saw a New Heaven* Malcolm Archer

***HYMN** #528 *Give Thanks*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-33 Judy Dunn

SERMON Knowing the Signs

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Thanksgiving* George Winston

***DOXOLOGY** #46

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CLOSING HYMN #717 *Let All Things Now Living*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *The Ash Grove* G. Winston Cassler

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The flowers this morning are given by Pam Gilbert in loving memory of Art Gilbert.
Our thanks to today's coffee hour hosts, Judy Kernodle and Candace Parks;
liturgist, Janet Chandler;
scripture reader, Judy Dunn;
deacons and ushers, Jackie and Jeff Wilson and Marietta and Karl White;
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: Kylee Heingartner; Nuni; Dale Coppin; Clara Miller; Charlotte, Harlan and Chelsea; Tracy Breeyear; Linelle Pike; Bill Auperlee; Joe McVicker; Fran Wilwol; Andy Longacre; Alice Leary; Tim Velie; Flora Gallup; Joe and Norma Will; Tommy and Tracie Salmon; Katherine Buchmayr; Jennifer Salmon; Cindy O'Leary; Stephen and Maria Cummins; Gretchen Lima; Oliver Fox Buckner; Ann Troumbley; Cathy Condon; Mark Cassidy; Jimmy Weiss; Jeff Duel; Robin Hoag; Damon Wilder; Howard Day; Robby Littlewood; Tom Drunsic; Jim Goodwin; Donna Tonic; in the Dorset Church, for a happy and safe thanksgiving; in the Vermont Conference, for the Pittsford Congregational Church and their pastor, Michael Dwyer.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS: Staff Sargent Houston Wood and family; Larry Cochran; Marianne Bacon; Jonathan Dickinson; Sarah Faith Dickinson; Norma O., Craig, Jaxson, and Jacob Smith; Diane; Millie Holland; Michael Chambers; Patrick Denis; Dody Marcotte; Eric Parks; Kris; Kay Kwasniewski; Elizabeth LaBerge; Dottie Hinkle; Chip Wilson; Hazel Prouty; James Jankowski; Jameson Gray Pelton; Evelyn Tobin; Cassia Duran; Rich; George Smith; Jack; Judy Dunn; Alan Wiegand; Steve and Val Smith.

The Green Team is sponsoring a puzzle swap on **December 6th during coffee hour.** This will be a good time to get some new puzzles, and leave your already completed puzzles. Please don't bring them before the 6th. Any questions please contact Linda Drunsic at 802-362-1513.



SECOND HOUR

Our next Second Hour class will be presented by Keith Michl on **Personal Family Health Planning and Decision Making.** This LTP session will present an opportunity for everyone in our church to understand how to plan for changes in our lives, no matter where on life's path we are. This next session will be held on November 29 at 11:30.

There will be time in this Second Hour for questions and discussion.

November 29 - First Sunday of Advent
*Make an ornament for our Christmas Eve Family Service, during coffee hour
December 2
Dorset Green Community Tree Lighting & Church Chili Potluck, 5pm
December 5
Fair Trade SERRV sale, 9am-2pm
December 6 - Second Sunday of Advent
*Fair Trade SERRV sale, 11am-12 noon
December 8
Fellowship Christmas Celebration & Annual Meeting (potluck), 12pm
December 13 - Third Sunday of Advent
*Living Nativity Christmas Pageant during worship
* Post pageant coffee, cider, and Christmas cookies in vestry
*Sankta Lucia Concert, 5:00 p.m. (free will offering)
December 20– Fourth Sunday of Advent
*Brass Quintet during worship
*Fair Trade SERRV sale, 11am-12pm
December 24 – Christmas Eve
*Family Worship Service, 4:30pm
*Communion Worship, 8pm
December 27- Lessons and Carols
January 10 - Epiphany Sunday
*All-church Epiphany Party (soup and salad luncheon) 11am



Hello from Sunday School and Christian Ed

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
11/29 - Check out our Advent ornament-making table in the Vestry! We invite everyone to make an ornament to be gifted to the children during our Family Christmas Eve service. Our CE Committee is busy putting together all the supplies needed for you to make one for church and one for you to take home. We'll also have take-home Advent devotionals and calendars available. Our holiday table will be up during coffee hour each week of Advent.

12/2 - CE Committee is again hosting our popular Soup & Chili potluck after the annual 5pm Tree Lighting on the Dorset Green. All are welcome, and the more, the merrier!

We are looking for donations of your favorite soups, chilis, breads, or desserts to share. Please see sign-up sheet in Vestry, or email Paula at paulamnassivera@gmail.com.

12/1- Living Nativity performance with our Sunday School children.



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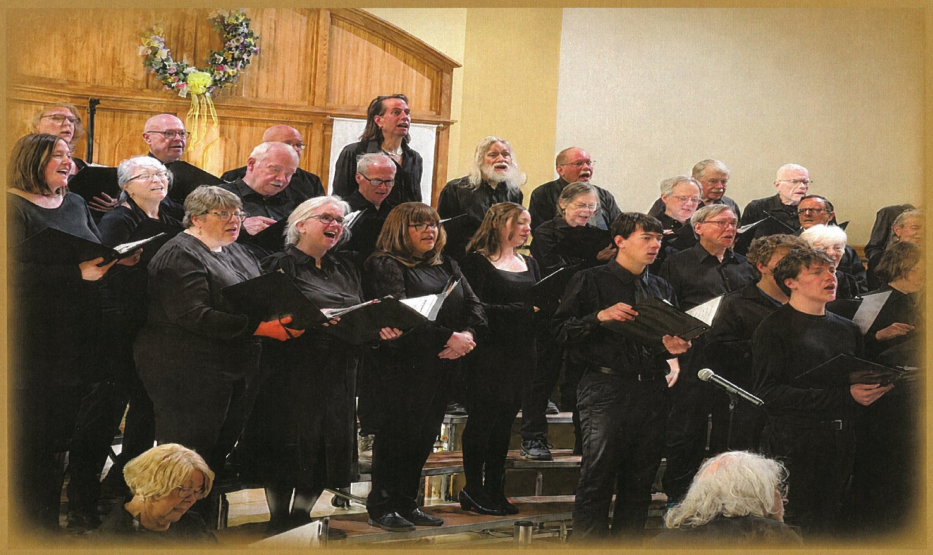

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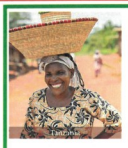

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AT THE
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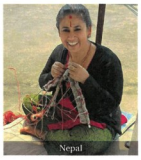
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
11:00 am - 12:00 pm





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DEADLINE REMINDER TO PLACE ITEMS IN THE BULLETIN

As we head into our busy holiday season, we want to make sure your events are featured as perfectly as possible in our beautiful weekly bulletin! To ensure our team has enough time for proper design and editing, **our weekly bulletin deadline is now Tuesdays at 12:00 pm (noon)**. Thank you so much for your partnership, planning, and help in keeping our church office organized and on schedule during this joyful season!



News of the Larger Church

UCC Conference Minister, Rev. Darrell Goodwin, was invited to Oprah's Caregiving Podcast and receives a surprise on set. At first, Rev. Darrell Goodwin thought the email he received asking him to be a part of The Oprah Podcast focusing on caregiving was a scam. But it turned out to be a legitimate invitation, and Goodwin signed the NDA and made his way to New York City to appear on the program. For the past eight years, Goodwin has been taking care of his now 90-year-old grandmother, Roberta Harris, navigating her through breast cancer, thyroid surgery, a broken foot, and now early stages of memory loss. But in that Oprah audience, Goodwin found comfort in being with others who did understand what caregiving meant as they shared their stories with each other. "We laughed. We cried," he said. "For once, I was surrounded by people who understood a part of my life that often goes unseen." Oprah stood up and announced she was about to do something she hadn't done in 15 years-she was gifting everyone there with her package of "Favorite Things." Goodwin said the room erupted. "We screamed, laughed, cried, and celebrated like children on Christmas morning. I was so emotionally overwhelmed that I think I needed another day just to recover from the joy!" The experience was very special, but Goodwin said most of all he left feeling that God had a specific message for him. "I see you. I'm holding you. You deserve to be cared for, too."



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Christian Education, November 22 @ 11:30

Deacons, December 13 @ 11:30

PFLAG, December 13 from 2-4

Trustees, December 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.

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

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