SILENT MEDITATION

Salvation

They are going to
daylight a river here-
that's what they call it, noun to verb.
A stream turned out
years ago from its channel
to run in cement tunnels, dank and airless
till it joined a sewer,
will be released-to sun, rain, pebbles, mud,
yellow iris, the sky above it
and trees leaning over to be reflected!

At night, stars or at least streetlamps
will gleam in it,
fish and waterbugs swim again in its ripples;
and though its course,
more or less the old one it followed before its
years of humiliation,
will pass near shops and the parking lot's
glittering metallic desert, yet
this unhoped-for pardon will once more permit
the stream to offer itself at last
to the lake, the lake will accept it, take it
into itself,
the stream restored will become pure lake.
-Denise Levertov

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All people are welcome here



~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ NOVEMBER 15, 2026 ~ TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~

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 *Here We Gather as God's People* (Hymn 294) Kevin Sadowski, arr.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

ENTER THE FLAME & THE WORD

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

People: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words: their voice is not heard;

People: yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O God, our rock and our redeemer.

***HYMN** #719 *Come, Sing a Song of Harvest*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Todd Jorn

Leader: God, who hears our confessions, is ready to forgive and help us in our distress. Confident of God's steadfast love, let us make our confession.

People: God of compassion and justice, where we have been wrong, free us from the pride that won't admit error. Where we have been right, free us from the pride that gloats. Where we cannot see a way forward, grant us courage to face our fears and patience to discern the compassionate way. When we are lonely, draw close to us. When we are angry, grant us wisdom and discernment. When we think we have little, help us see we always have enough to share. God of compassion and justice, hear us, forgive us, renew us.

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.

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*

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM *Thankful* Shawna Belt Edwards

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lynne Averill
Nancy Bushnell
Rick Bushnell
Bruce King
Jean Kingston
Margaret McDonough

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE

Our response:
O God of hope, **awaken us to your new world.**

***HYMN** #714 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-9 Andrew Cairns

SERMON Thy Kingdom Come

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Distant Land* John Rutter

***DOXOLOGY** #46

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CLOSING HYMN #715 *Now Thank We All Our God*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* Georg Friedrich Kaufmann

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The flowers this morning are given by Sandi Hedman.
Our thanks to today's coffee hour hosts,
Sunny Velie, Sarah McClintock and Gail Brodie ;
liturgist, Todd Jorn;
scripture reader, Andrew Cairns;
deacons and ushers, Sarah McClintock, Andrew Cairns,
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; family and friends of Bonnie Bruce; in the Dorset Church, for our Green Team Committee; in the Vermont Conference, for the Pawlet Community Church and their pastor, Rev. Tracy Weatherhogg.

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.

Hello from Sunday School

Sunday School continues to thrive with 13 engaged students and 4 busy helpers last Sunday! In class, we read and then acted out the Old Testament story of teenaged Joseph and his jealous brothers who took his many-colored coat, threw him in a well, and then sold poor Joseph into slavery. This week we'll see what happens in his new life in Egypt and how his early dreams came true. There are many wrongs in this well known story-playing favorites, hurtful jealousies, hateful thoughts, lies, and secrets. How does God help Joseph to set things right again? Will the brothers confess? Will Joseph forgive? What can we take away from his story?
Stay tuned. We'll find out this week.

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! Details to follow.
This year we're excited to offer an afterschool Christmas Youth Group candle-making workshop for middle school and high school students! We need any flat-surfaced cans you have kicking around after Thanksgiving (condensed milk cans are especially good). Please save for us! TY!

12/13 -Living Nativity performance with our Sunday School children.



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!

Join Us for Free Winter Yoga Classes

Registered Nurse and Registered Yoga Teacher Desiree Hensel will offer free yoga classes this winter in the Pastoral Chapel.

Hatha Yoga, Saturdays, 8:30–9:30 AM, continues December 5. This is a mixed-level practice with physical postures and breathwork. Please bring a mat and any props you enjoy using.

Chair Yoga for Brain Longevity also continues Thursdays, December 3 and 10, from 9-9:50. We will pause through the holidays and start back in January on Thursdays, January 7 through February 11. This is a supportive, accessible class based on the Alzheimer's Research and Prevention Foundation curriculum, which includes seated and standing poses, the Kirtan Kriya meditation, and brief discussions on modifiable risk factors for cognitive decline.

Questions? Call 812-606-6078 or email hensel-nursinged@gmail.com.

Aldi's Bus Trip

Friday, November 20, 2026

Meet at the Dorset Church

at 9:00 a.m.





The Fellowship of the United Church of Dorset & East Rupert

Holiday Bake Sale

Saturday, November 21, 2026

From 8:30 am - 12 Noon

In front of the Dorset Post Office

on Route 30



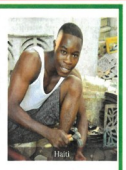
Enjoy a variety of homemade delicacies sure to delight your family and friends.

Please call the Dorset Church at 867-2260 with questions or for details on making a donation.

Food donations can be brought to the Post Office the day of the sale, or dropped off at the church on Friday afternoon.



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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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News of the Larger Church

Now in the final months of 2026, both the United Church of Christ and the Values in Action Kindland teams want to keep the kindness campaign going. Together, both have spent this year building the United States of Kindness through acts that inspire others to do the same. So far, 35 states including Washington, D.C. are represented with participants who have signed up for the 250 acts of kindness challenge this year. This has resulted in at least 49,500 Acts of Kindness committed by 13,167 people across the country!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Cabinet, today @ 11:30

Trustees, November 17 @ 3:30

Green Team, November 18 @ 10:00

Stewardship, November 20 @ 8:00

Christian Education, November 22 @ 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.

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

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