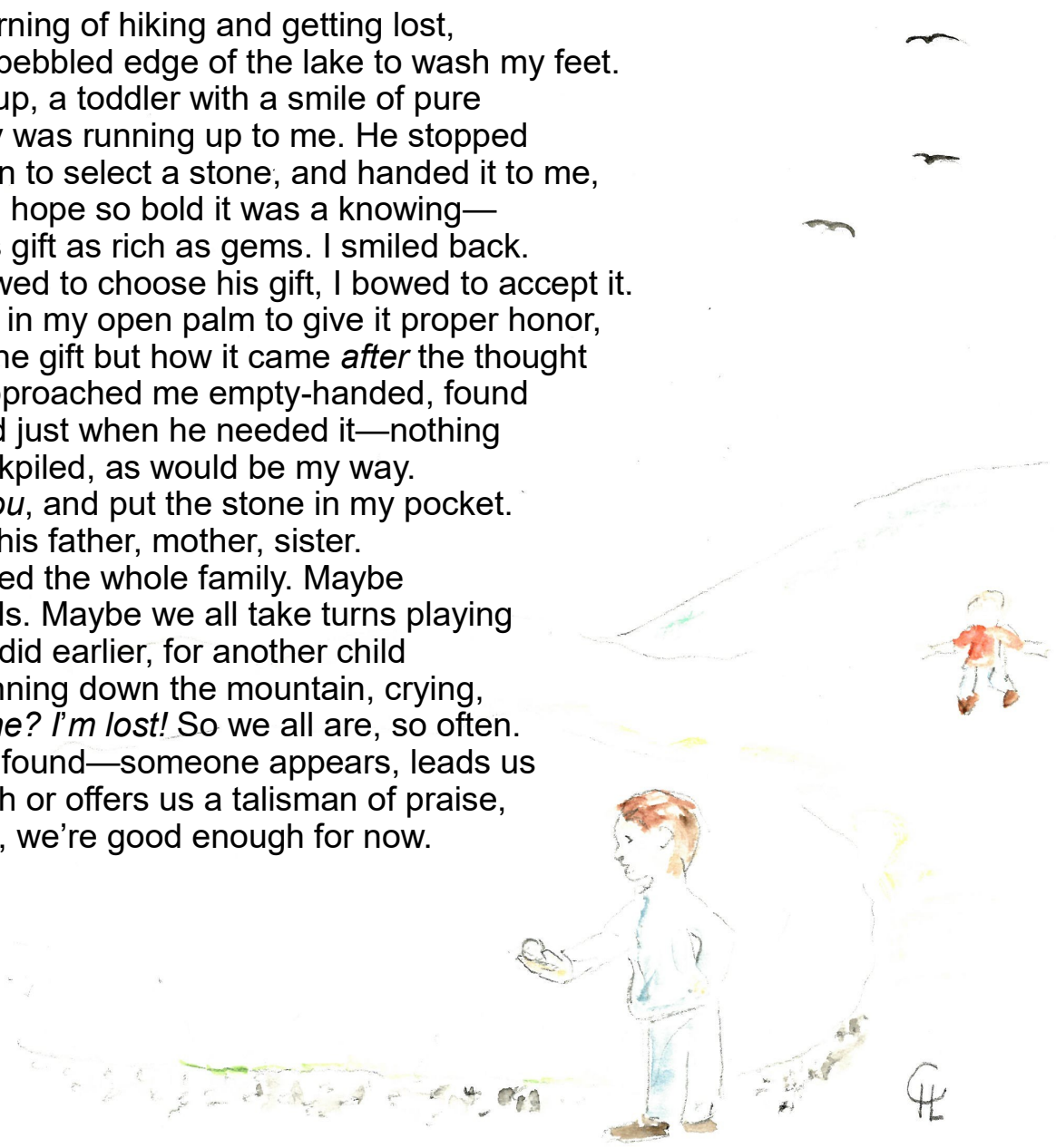
SILENT MEDITATION

If We Are All Unremarkable Angels
by Anna Elkins

The Remarkables, New Zealand

After a long morning of hiking and getting lost,
I walked to the pebbled edge of the lake to wash my feet.
When I looked up, a toddler with a smile of pure
and fearless joy was running up to me. He stopped
short, bent down to select a stone, and handed it to me,
his face full of a hope so bold it was a knowing—
that I'd think his gift as rich as gems. I smiled back.
Like he had bowed to choose his gift, I bowed to accept it.
I held the stone in my open palm to give it proper honor,
loving not just the gift but how it came *after* the thought
to give. He'd approached me empty-handed, found
what he needed just when he needed it—nothing
planned or stockpiled, as would be my way.
I said, *Thank you*, and put the stone in my pocket.
He ran back to his father, mother, sister.
A beauty suffused the whole family. Maybe
they were angels. Maybe we all take turns playing
angel. Maybe I did earlier, for another child
who'd come running down the mountain, crying,
Can you help me? I'm lost! So we all are, so often.
And then we're found—someone appears, leads us
back up the path or offers us a talisman of praise,
and once again, we're good enough for now.



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~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ NOVEMBER 8, 2026 ~ TWENTY-THIRD 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 *When the Church of Jesus* Fred Pratt Green/ Ralph Vaughn Williams

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

ENTER THE FLAME & THE WORD

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 8

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.
People: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.
Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established,
People: what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?
Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.
People: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,
Leader: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
People: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign,
People: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

***HYMN** #695 *God of the Fertile Fields*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION David McAneny

Loving God,
we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving our neighbors as ourselves. When we ignore injustice in the world our worship brings you no delight. Forgive us and heal us. Set us on your right ways, and guard us as the apple of your eye, embracing us once more in your steadfast love. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, hear and receive the Good News: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
People: Thanks be to God. 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 and joy of Christ. The peace and joy of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

***RESPONSE** #36 Gloria Patri

CHOIR ANTHEM *Look at the World* John Rutter

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE

Our response:
Eternal God, **hear our prayer**

***HYMN** #382 *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Leviticus 19:9-10; Luke 19:1-10 Barb Bertram

SERMON Growing Souls

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Take My Life and Let It Be* Frances R. Havergal/Tommy Salmon

***DOXOLOGY** #46

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***COMMUNION HYMN** #425 *Let Us Break Bread Together* (verse 1)
Taize hymns during distribution #425, 429

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: . . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever proclaim the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

M**OMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

Emily Kohler, for a younger member

Barbara Kaufman, a member of Israel Congregation, speaking as a member of the community

Nora Larson, long-time member of the Dorset community

CLOSING HYMN #459 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

***BENEDICTION**
Leader: May the abundant goodness of God, the generous kindness of Christ, and the joy of the Holy Spirit fill you, heart, mind, body, and soul, today and every day.
People: Amen.

POSTLUDE *Thaxted* Gordon Young, arr.

The flowers this morning are given by the White Family,
in memory of loved ones.
Our thanks to today's coffee hour hosts, Jacki Becker, Lindy Bowden, Janet Chandler,
Robin Chandler, Cheryl Gasparetti, Meg Herrington,
Jennifer Parent, Mary True, Kit Wallace;
liturgist, David McAneny;
scripture reader, Barb Bertram;
guest speakers, Nora Larsen, Emily Kohler, and Barbara Kaufman;

deacons and ushers, Mary True, Ginger Foss, Todd Jorn, Lee Romano,
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; Marian Perkins; Joe and Norma Will; Tommy and Tracie Salmon; Katherine Buchmayr; Betsy Olson; 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 our Christian Education Committee; in the Vermont Conference, for the First Congregational Church of Manchester and their pastor, Rev. Bill Borror.

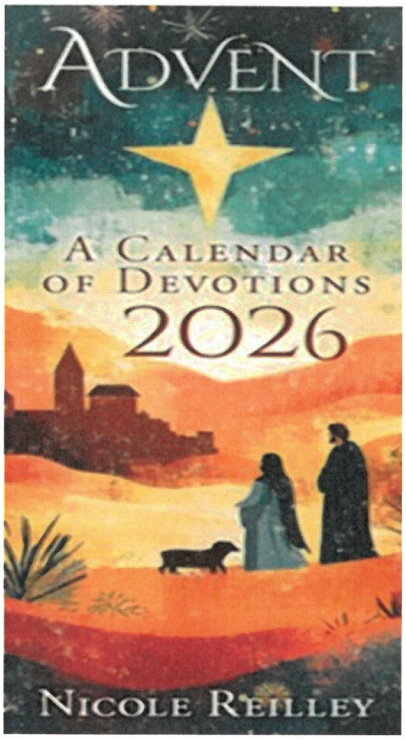
LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS: Staff Sargent Houston Wood and family; Larry Cochran; Marianne Bacon; Jonathan Dickinson; Sarah Faith Dickinson; Norma O., Craig, Jaxson, and Jacob Smith; Diane; Millie Holland; Michael Chambers; Patrick Denis; Dody Marcotte; Eric Parks; Kris; Kay Kwasniewski; Elizabeth LaBerge; 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 Church Office will be closed Wednesday, November 11, in honor of Veteran's Day.

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!



We are taking orders for the 2026 Advent Calendar of Devotions. If you would like one, please call the office (867-2260). The order will be placed on Monday, November 9, to ensure they are in for the first Sunday of Advent on November 29.

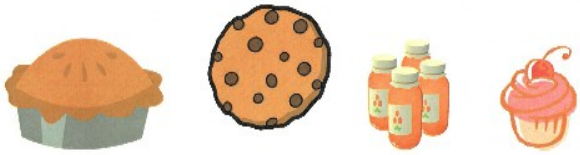
The Fellowship of the United Church of Dorset & East Rupert

Holiday Bake Sale

Saturday, November 21, 2026

From 9:00 am - 12 Noon

In front of the Dorset Post Office on Route 30



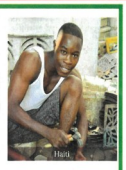
Enjoy a variety of homemade delicacies sure to delight your family and friends.

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.



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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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Pastor Search Update

The Pastor Search Committee is making progress toward finding our next minister. We have reviewed 18 profiles to date, conducted three first interviews, and are in the process of following up on the top candidates with in-person interviews and hosted dinners; tours of the church, manse, and local area; and an in-person sermon at a local church. At this stage, we have already ascertained the qualifications of the candidates and are pursuing a deeper understanding of which candidate is the best fit for our church.

At the same time, we are continuing to accept new applicants and do not have a fixed timetable for when we will be ready to make a recommendation to the congregation, which has the sole authority to select a new minister. Your continued support and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Many thanks,

Linda O'Leary and Joel Ario, Co-chairs, Janet Chandler, Henry Chandler, Dick Coss, Rob Gaiotti, Rich Grip, Steve Holman, Elizabeth Karet, Liz Schafer, and Lynne Welsh

News of the Larger Church

This Halloween, the Salem United Church of Christ youth group in Alhambra, Illinois, spent the weekend scaring up funds for their annual mission trips to volunteer for disaster recovery.

For weeks, they have been working with church volunteers to transform their County Fairgrounds 4-H barn into an elaborate haunted house. The youth, from grades 6-12, are the designers, builders, and actors for the family-friendly spooky event. The haunted house, now in its fifth year, originally sprang up as an idea at one of the weekly gatherings of their Exhale Youth Group.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

PFLAG today from 2-4

Truth and Justice, November 11 @ 5:30

Cabinet, November 15 @ 11:30

Trustees, November 17 @ 3:30

Green Team, November 18 @ 10:00

The Dorset Group hosts an open meeting for Alcoholics Anonymous here at the Dorset Church in the vestry every Monday at 8:00pm.

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

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