

UNITED CHURCH OF DORSET AND EAST RUPERT  
~ APRIL 20, 2025 ~ EASTER SUNDAY ~



~WORSHIP SERVICE ~ APRIL 20, 2025 ~ EASTER SUNDAY ~

**PRELUDE** Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs George Friedrich Handel

**PROCLAMATION Christ is Risen!**

Carol Bowen— French

Caren McVicker — Cherokee

Lucine Delins — Armenian

Pengju Sui — Mandarin

Tom Salmon — Spanish

Pada Bednar — Korean

Elizabeth Karet — German

Rev. Mark — He is Risen!

**CONGREGATION: His is Risen Indeed!**

**\*PROCESSIONAL** (CH) # 216 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

**L:** Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

**P:** **Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation your overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.**

**L:** Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.

**P:** **Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Paula Nassivera

***ALL: Almighty God, In raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. And more, when others in positions of power do these things, we tell ourselves that we can do nothing to stop them.***

***Forgive us, God of compassion, help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant for ourselves and for the least of these our sisters and brothers through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.***

**\*MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**L:** Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.

**P:** ***And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun.***

**L:** May we know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

**PASS THE PEACE**

**L:** The peace of Christ be with you. **P:** ***And also with you.***

**\*GLORIA PATRI (CH) #35**

*Glory be to the Father and to Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

**TIME WITH THE YOUNG**

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

**\*HYMN (CH) # 233 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

**PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE**

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

**Our Response:** Living God, hear our prayer: **Make of this world your new creation!**

**\*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.*

**AS WE CONTINUE OUR WORSHIP NOW IS THE TIME TO LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Mark 16:1-8

Elizabeth Karet

**SERMON** Today is Resurrection Day

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

**AS WE CONCLUDE OUR WORSHIP NOW IS THE TIME TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *Lord of the Dance*

(Words by Sidney Carter, music to the tune of *Simple Gifts*)

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun.  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

**Refrain** *Dance, then, wherever you may be: I am the Lord of the  
Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be;  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and Pharisee, but they would not  
dance and they would not follow me:  
I danced for the fishermen, for James & John; they came to  
me and the dance went on. **Refrain**

I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame,  
the holy people said it was a shame:  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and  
they left me there on a cross to die. **Refrain**

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black; it's hard to  
dance with the devil on your back  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the  
dance and I still go on. **Refrain**

They cut me down and I leapt up high. I am the life that'll never, never die:  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. **Refrain**

**\*DOXOLOGY (CH) # 50**

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*



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**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *Hallelujah Chorus* George Friedrich Handel

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

Blessing and laughter and loving be yours the love of a great God who names you and holds you while the earth turns and the flowers grow this day this night this moment and forever.

**\*POSTLUDE** *Bach Invention*

**OUR THANKS FOR THE LILIES**

Grapshi Family	In memory of loved ones
Judy Kernodle	In loving memory of Jack Debrot
Karen Allen	In celebration of my grandchildren
Ellen Kirby and Brian McKeon	In memory of Susan McKeon
Sue and Don Hinkel	We welcome new beginnings this spring
Elizabeth Karet	In honor of my brother David Parsons
Rev. Mark & Maggie McDonough	In loving memory of Maggie's mom, Charlotte Johnstone
Scott and Lynne Welsh	In remembrance and celebration of our loved ones
Lindy Bowden	For hope and peace
Ellen Maloney	In memory of Henry and Virginia Holmes
Ellen Maloney	In memory of the Rev William and Billy Maloney
Julie Citron	In memory of loved ones
Gail and Donald Brodie	In memory of their parents
Dotty Thompson	In memory of family and friends
Nan Leach	In memory of Howard Leach and Mavis Larson Gray
Kit Wallace	In loving memory of Janet, George, Amy Wallace and Linda Wallace King
	Our thanks to our Scripture Reader, Elizabeth Karet
	Our thanks for our Liturgist, Paula Nassivera

Our thanks to our ushers, Marietta and Karl White, Susan Patch-Crandall and Mary True

**NO COFFEE HOUR THIS WEEK DUE TO EASTER**

**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:** Michael & Abby Shaw; Wes Stannard; Jimmy Weiss; Jeff Duel; Linda Bushee; Bob Waters; Frank Quaranta; Robin Hoag; Cindy Overstreet; Stephanie Mattison; Spencer March; Damon Wilder, Jonathon Dickinson & Marianne Bacon; Ginny Longacre; Sherrie Baker; Donna Harris; Candy Dodson; Amanda Williams; Jack; Jane McIlwaine; Rev. Pete Hults; Mary Williams Rowland; Stephanie Johnson; in the Dorset Church for the Rummage Sale Team; in the Vermont Conference, for the Brandon Congregational Church and their Pastor, Rev. Sara Rossigg; and in the UCC, for Witness and Justice Ministries.

**LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS:** Corey Cochran; Craig, Jaxson and Jacob Smith; Diane; Millie Holland; Michael Chambers, Patrick Denis; Dick Grip; Linda & Dick Buswell; Dody Marcotte; Janet Harvey; Eric Parks; Tim Velie; Kay Keith; Kris; Kay Kwasniewski; David Parsons; Robbie Littlewood; Sandy Cary; Elizabeth LaBerge; Dottie Hinkle; Chip Wilson; Hazel Prouty; James Jankowski; Jameson Gray Pelton; Judy Dunn; Evelyn Tobin; Cassia Duran; Rich; Bill Wise; George Smith.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THERE IS NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR NURSERY CARE THIS MORNING  
AS WE ENCOURAGE CELEBRATING WITH FAMILY**

**PASTOR SEARCH** The Transition Team is pausing the small group conversations for Holy Week and Easter and will resume after the Rummage Sale, May 3, 2025.

## **APRIL MEETINGS**

**RUMMAGE SALE MEETING  
GREEN TEAM MEETING  
CABINET**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025 @ 5:30 PM  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025 @ 10 AM  
SUNDAY, MAY 18 2025 @ 11:30 AM**

**COFFEE HOUR UPDATE** There will be no Coffee Hour on Easter Sunday, April 20th and Rummage Sale Set-up Sunday on April 27th.

## **BRIDGE TO RUTLAND - THE ARTS MARATHON!**

In the coming months, the Missions Committee will highlight organizations that our church donates to each year. One of these organization is **Bridge to Rutland (B2R)**, that offers sponsorship, partnership, and a home for those seeking asylum in the U.S. During the month of April, B2R runs the **Arts Marathon**, their major annual fundraiser. All of the money assists asylum seekers in our local community. Please consider participating in this wonderful event. To find out more go to this website! <https://bridgetorutland.com/annual-arts-marathon/>

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A NEW MEMBER?** The Deacons have scheduled a New Members Series. The first session will be held on **Sunday, May 4, 2025** the second session will be held **at the Cabinet Meeting on Sunday May 18, 2025** This series is NOT mandatory, but is a wonderfully dedicated lesson between you, this congregation, and our denomination. Please let us know if you would like to add your name to the list of new members, if so, please contact the Church Office at 867-2260 or [dorsetchurch@gmail.com](mailto:dorsetchurch@gmail.com).



**KIDS SUMMER LUNCH NEED YOUR HELP!** Our summer food program runs for 10 weeks beginning June 19th. We need help loading and unloading our delivery trucks, transporting food to our distribution sites, breaking down shipments at the church. If you are strong and able (must be able to lift and move heavy boxes) please contact Cheryl Gasperetti at [cgaspe@vermontel.net](mailto:cgaspe@vermontel.net) Or 802-558-1041.

## SPRING RUMMAGE SALE - MAY 3, 2025

To all those who have helped in the past, thanks for your involvement in making the Dorset Rummage Sale such an anticipated event. We couldn't do it without you and hope you will join us again.

If you haven't yet participated, you really should give it a try - especially if you are new to the area or to the church. It is a wonderful way to meet people and make new friends.

**Volunteers are needed are follows:**

**SUNDAY April 27 - Set-Up** immediately following the service. **NO COFFEE HOUR.**

**MONDAY April 28 - THRU April 30** (Daytime/Evenings). Sorting, arranging, pricing etc.

**SATURDAY May 3:**

**8:30-1pm** - Sales assistants needed

**1pm onward** - Muscles and trucks needed for cleanup

*You can volunteer by:*

*- contacting your department leader if you are a regular*

- calling Candace at 802-989-2416 or emailing [cparkssydney@yahoo.com](mailto:cparkssydney@yahoo.com)*

**RUMMAGE SALE NEWS** Start cleaning out your closets & mark your calendars!!! Our famous Dorset Church Rummage Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 3rd**. We will begin taking donations on **Monday, April 28th until Wednesday, April 30th**. A tremendous amount of hard work goes into sorting, sizing & preparing items for the sale, so help us by bringing your items to us early in the week.

We will continue to have all of our **Babies' and Children's items** outside as well as **Linens and Crafts, Books,** and our **"This and That"** tent which will offer household appliances, pet equipment, small furniture and many unusual treasures. **All of these tents will be open for shopping at 8:30 a.m.**

The **Inside** of the church will be overflowing with clothing and household items at reasonable prices. There will be Men's and Women's clothing and shoes, Ladies Boutique, Jewelry and Accessories, Attic Treasures, and Housewares.

Spring and Summer clothing in good condition, jewelry, women's accessories, shoes, linens, kitchen and household items, toys, tools, sports gear, plants, garden equipment, small appliances and books will be accepted. Other items not listed are also accepted. Please bring only items in good condition and be sure that everything is in working order!! We may accept by approval some larger items. Please contact Sandi at [sandihedman@yahoo.com](mailto:sandihedman@yahoo.com) at 362-1459 or to discuss the item or if you have any questions about donations.

We are sorry but we **cannot accept:** children's car seats, encyclopedias, downhill skis and ski boots, helmets, large suitcases or any items with mold.

**Donations will be accepted from Monday, April 28 through Wednesday, April 30th Please note, we cannot accept donations after Wednesday evening.**



## BUTTERNUT SQUASH, SPINACH & FETA PIE

### Ingredients:

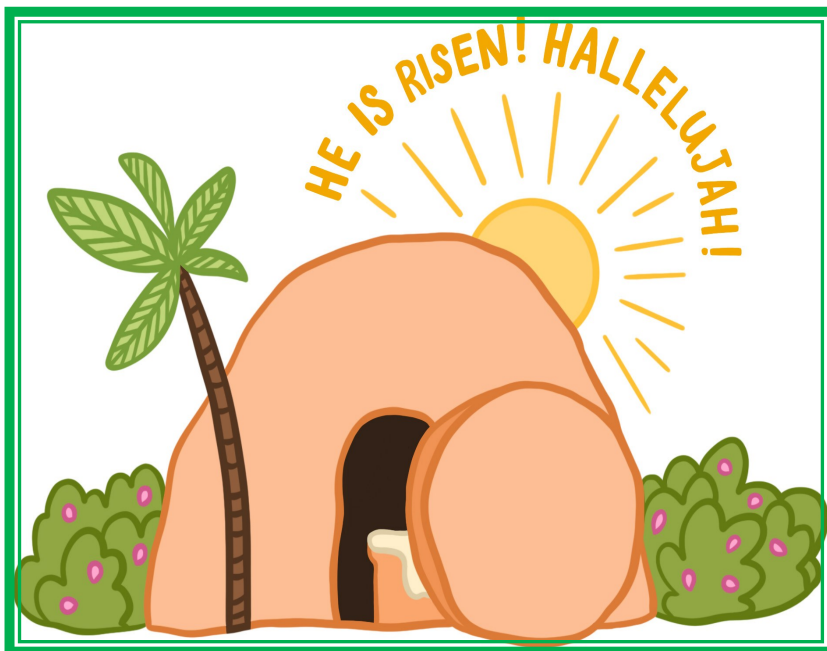
12 phyllo dough sheets  
100g melted salted butter  
1 tbsp sesame seeds

### For the filling:

1 large butternut squash, peeled & diced  
150g finely chopped spinach  
200g cubed feta cheese  
Fresh rosemary  
30g chopped fresh dill  
60ml olive oil  
Salt and black pepper to taste

### Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 220°C. Arrange the squash on a large baking tray, drizzle with olive oil, and sprinkle with rosemary, salt, and pepper. Toss to coat and roast for about 30 minutes, or until the squash becomes tender. Allow it to cool.
2. In a large bowl, mix the roasted squash, spinach, feta, dill, and a bit more salt and pepper. Add the olive oil and stir everything together.
3. Grease a 28-30 cm round baking tin lightly with melted butter.
4. Lay one phyllo sheet on your work surface, brush it with melted butter, and layer a second sheet on top, brushing again with butter. Continue this process with a third sheet.
5. Spoon 1/3 of the filling along one long edge of the phyllo stack and roll it up. Coil the roll into a spiral and place it in the center of your prepared tin. Repeat the process with the remaining phyllo sheets and filling, coiling each roll around the center.
6. Brush the top of the pie with more melted butter, sprinkle with sesame seeds, and bake for 50-60 minutes until the pastry turns golden brown and fully cooked through.



### RUMMAGE SALE CONCESSION STAND SATURDAY MAY 3, 2025

The Christian Education committee is excited to host the concession stand once again at this year's Rummage Sale.

We are looking for donations of cookies, brownies, cakes, scones, pies, crock pots of chili, soup or macaroni and cheese. We also have a list of other donations needed. We are excited to once again serve food to all of the rummage sale workers and appreciate the support and donations to help make the concession stand AND rummage sale a sustainable event, many hands make light work. We will also need workers to help set up, serve, flip egg sandwiches, grill hot dogs and sell at the concession stand, but we do not want to take much needed workers away from the rummage sale itself. We need workers, but we are very interested in having children, youth and parents join our concession stand team. This is a GREAT time to reach out to neighbors and grandchildren and invite them to get involved. Please sign up in the Vestry with Paula Nassivera during coffee hour or contact Gretchen Lima at [gretchenlima@aol.com](mailto:gretchenlima@aol.com) (802) 362-5548, (973)900-1485, cell. Stay tuned for the link for the signup genius link in the near future.

**All proceeds from this event go to the Christian Education program and special mission projects.**

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