

UNITED CHURCH OF DORSET AND EAST RUPERT ~ MARCH 2, 2025 ~



MISSION STATEMENT The mission of this open and affirming Church is to instill in its congregation the consciousness of the presence of God in each individual person, to worship God, to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, to celebrate the Sacraments, and to teach, and encourage the application of Christian values, individually and collectively. The Church community strives to exemplify responsible stewardship of God's creation, and to render loving service to all humankind in the search for righteousness, justice, and peace. Article 2, Constitution & By-Laws of the United Church of Dorset and East Rupert

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**~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ MARCH 2, 2025 ~ TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
WOMEN COMPOSERS SUNDAY**

SILENT MEDITATION Depression in Winter

*There comes a little space between the south
side of a boulder
and the snow that fills the woods around it.
Sun heats the stone, reveals
a crescent of bare ground: brown ferns,
and tufts of needles like red hair,
acorns, a patch of moss, bright green*

*I sank with every step up to my knees,
throwing myself forward with a violence
of effort, greedy for unhappiness —
until by accident I found the stone,
with its secret porch of heat and light,
where something small could luxuriate, then
turned back down my path, chastened and calm.*

Jane Kenyon

PRELUDE *Blessed Assurance* - Fanny Crosby

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

Rev. Mark McDonough

ENTER "THE FLAME" & "THE WORD" Aden Berry, Acolyte; Markus Berry, Bead

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has gathered us from east and west, and north and south to sit at the table of the Lord.

People: *Praise to God our creator who has brought us here to worship, to feast, to serve, and to be renewed.*

***HYMN** (CH) # 53: *Morning Has Broken* - Eleanor Farjeon

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Loving God,
to turn away from you is to fall,
to turn toward you is to rise,
and to stand before you is to abide forever.
Grant us, dear God,
in all our duties your help;
in all our uncertainties your guidance;
in all our dangers your protection;
and in all our sorrows your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: *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.

*GLORIA PATRI (CH) #37

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM *Follow the Way of Love*

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Skip Dickinson

Our response: In your great mercy. **hear our prayer.**

*HYMN (CH) # 436: *Shalom to You Now* - Elise Eslinger

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 24:12-18; Matthew 17:1-8

Cheryl Gasperetti

SERMON *Gloriously Ordinary*

Rev. Mark McDonough

OFFERTORY *Joy in the Morning* - Natalie Sleeth



*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Skip Dickinson

COMMUNION HYMN 419: *(verse 1) All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* -Sylvia Dunstan

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Mark McDonough

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: ...and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

HYMN 51:

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts!
Heav'n and earth are full of thee!
Heav'n and earth are praising thee,
O God most high!*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

DURING DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION HYMN 326: *Thy Word* - Amy Grant

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.
now send us forth in the power of your Spirit
that we may live as your loving and just people.

***CLOSING HYMN (CH) # 527:** *More Love to Thee, O Christ* - Elizabeth Prentiss

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Mark McDonough

POSTLUDE *Unto Us, a Child is Born* -Puer Nobis - Wilha Hutson, arr

Our thanks for this morning's flowers to: Gay and Roger Squire

In honor of the Brave People of Ukraine

Scripture Reader, Cheryl Gasperetti

Acolyte: Aden Berry; Beadle: Markus Berry

Our thanks to our ushers: Marietta and Karl White and The Deacons

Sid Staunton, Dick Coss, Liz Schafer and Keith Michl

Our thanks for hosting Coffee Hour to: Judy Kernodle, Gail Brodie, Sunny Velie

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; Christopher Barrett; Howard; Jimmy Weiss; Jeff Duel; Sharon Bovey Stone; Linda Bushee; Bob Waters; Frank Quaranta; Robin Blount; Cindy Overstreet; Sylvia Haney; Corey Cochran; Stephanie Mattison; Spencer March; Shuyan Liu; Pam Hasegawa; Damon Wilder; Craig, Jaxson and Jacob Smith, Paul; Marianne Bacon; Ginny Longacre; Pope Francis; in the Dorset Church for the quilting group; in the Vermont Conference, for the Grace Congregational Church and their Pastor, Rev. Terry Hanley; in the UCC, at New Ark United Church of Christ, in Newark, NJ, congregants have a phrase they like to use when talking about turning their social justice values into action: "I'm willing to disrupt my life for you." They are now weighing perhaps the biggest disruption a church can undergo – tearing down the existing church building and rebuilding it to include several floors of affordable housing. "This is a city of neighbors, and this is a way that we are trying to love our neighbor as ourselves by providing the possibility of this affordable housing," the Rev. Cynthia Robinson said.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS: Diane; Millie Holland; Michael Chambers, Patrick Denis; Dick Grip; Linda & Dick Buswell; Dody Marcotte; Janet Harvey; Jonathan Dickinson; 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

TIME TO SPRING AHEAD!!! Change your clocks next Saturday evening, March 8th. Don't be late for church.

PASTOR SEARCH UPDATES The transition team has had their second meeting. They are busy working on the interview questions and getting ready to schedule small group meetings with the congregation. **PLEASE KEEP WATCHING THE BULLETIN FOR MORE INFORMATION.** The members of the team are: Al Lindsey, Joel Ario, Derry Dickinson, Elizabeth Karet, Linda Drunsic, Annabelle Liu, Linda O'Leary Steve Holman, Henry Chandler and Rev. Mark.

ASH WEDNESDAY This year we'll have 'ASHES TO GO' on Wednesday, March 5th from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM. Rev. Mark will be located at the manse driveway right next door to the church. Please drive in and receive your ashes. We will also have a more traditional dispensing of the ashes in the Pastor's Chapel at 9:45 AM. We are encouraging the book club members to come early and receive ashes. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

NEEDED FOR MEETING ROOM IN THE MANSE Until we call a new pastoral minister, the room off the deck at the manse will be used as a counseling center and meeting room. We are in need of several items. If you have any to donate, please contact Kit Wallace 215-681-5859; klwallace@comcast.net). Small vacuum cleaner Rug 5' x 7' or larger, loveseat or sofa, an apartment size refrigerator and coffee maker. Thank you.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE Please email the office to get a copy at dorsetchurch@gmail.com The deadline is April 15th.

UPCOMING MARCH MEETINGS

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| MUSIC COMMITTEE | MARCH 6TH AT 6:30 PM |
| DEACONS MEETING | MARCH 9TH AT 11:30 AM |
| PFLAG | MARCH 9TH AT 4:00 PM |
| CABINET | MARCH 16TH AT 11:30 AM |
| TRUSTEES | MARCH 18TH AT 3:30 PM |
| STEWARDSHIP | MARCH 19TH AT 8:00 AM |
| GREEN TEAM | MARCH 19TH AT 11:00 AM |
| MISSION COMMITTEE | MARCH 19TH AT 7:00 PM |

MARCH 2ND SECOND HOUR PRESENTS: FOSTER CARE—HOW YOU CAN HELP

There is a **DESPERATE NEED** for foster parents and support persons in our community. You may not feel that you are in a position to foster a child, but there are many ways to support children and families without fostering. A few examples: emergency room respite, weekend respite, day or evening respite, transportation, becoming a Guardian Ad Litem, Foster Care Closet and others. We will give you specific ways you can help, and information about the resources to support you as you consider volunteering. Gretchen and Chris Lima will share thoughts about their foster care journey. Kendy Skidmore from the Department of Children and Families will be here to tell you about her own experience with fostering a child and to let us know about areas of particular need. We would love to have you join us. Invite a friend or neighbor you think might be interested. If you have questions, please reach out to Gretchen Lima, 802 362 5548.

TIME TO PLAN FOR FUN!! On **Thursday, April 3rd** the Northshire Seniors will be heading by bus to Proctor's Theater in Schenectady, NY to see the 1:30pm matinee performance of **FUNNY GIRL!!!** The bus will leave the parking lot of the Catholic Church in Manchester promptly at 9:15a.m. Early lunch is on your own at the Glenville Queen Family Restaurant in Glenville, NY. As usual, the cost of our bus is paid for by the Northshire Seniors. Group rate cost of the tickets is \$66.20/person. Contact Linda O'Leary 802-779-1314 to reserve your seats. Checks should be made out to the Northshire Seniors & mailed to Linda at 65 Songbird Meadows Dorset, VT 05251. It's Cabin Fever Season & time to start planning some fun events!!! Thanks, Linda

WATCH CHURCH SERVICE: <https://www.youtube.com/@dorsetchurchvermont3401/streams>

March at the Community Food Cupboard

Spring is coming and the mornings are getting brighter. Let's help get every day off to a good start!



Items can be dropped off at Manchester Town Hall, Shaw's Supermarket, Manchester Community Library, or Dorset Post Office. Thank you for your support!

2025 LENT AND HOLY WEEK 2025

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (3624 Main St, Manchester)

March 12, 7:00 pm **Making Peace in a Time of War** Rabbi Michael Cohen, Rabbi Emeritus Israel Congregation and faculty member of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies

March 19, Noon **Interfaith Prayer & Contemplation -Listening to God and Each Other** Lauryn Axelrod, Interfaith minister, chaplain, spiritual director and teacher.

March 26, 7:00pm **The Gospel (and Torah) according to Bob Dylan** led by Andris Berry & Bill Borror

April 9, Noon. **The Music of Lent and Holy Week**
The singers and musicians of FCC

ZION EPISCOPAL CHURCH MANCHESTER

April 2, 7:00 pm **-Being Church in a Liminal Time** Fr. David Fredrickson, Priest in Charge



United Church of Dorset & East Rupert

Free Winter Community Supper



Menu

Thursday, March 20, 2025 5:30—7:00 PM

*Corn Chowder
Roasted Pork Loin with gravy
Buttered Noodles
Red Cabbage and Apple Sauce
Tiny Spring Green Peas
Tossed Green Salad
Assorted Desserts*

We offer gluten free pasta and desserts

All are welcome for FREE great meals!

Please bring your family and friends!

We hope to see you there!

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