

UNITED CHURCH OF DORSET AND EAST RUPERT ~ MAY 11, 2025 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~



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 ~ MAY 11, 2025 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~

**Stand if you are able*

SILENT MEDITATION Holy Sonnets: Batter my heart, three-person'd God

By John Donne

Batter my heart, three-person'd God, for you
As yet but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend;
That I may rise and stand, o'erthrow me, and bend
Your force to break, blow, burn, and make me new.

I, like an usurp'd town to another due,
Labor to admit you, but oh, to no end;
Reason, your viceroy in me, me should defend,
But is captiv'd, and proves weak or untrue.
Yet dearly I love you, and would be lov'd fain,
But am betroth'd unto your enemy;
Divorce me, untie or break that knot again,
Take me to you, imprison me, for I,
Except you enthrall me, never shall be free,
Nor ever chaste, except you ravish me.

PRELUDE *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need* (Hymn 80)

Gordon Young, Arr.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

NOW IS THE TIME WE SPEAK TO GOD

ENTER "THE FLAME" & "THE WORD"

CHURCH BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God most high? God has shown us what is good.

People: **What does the Holy One require of us, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

***HYMN** (CH) #558 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Paula Nassivera

Leader: God meets us as judge who sees our errors and impurities. But God who judges is also God who heals. Trusting God's justice and God's power to liberate and make whole, let us offer our prayer of confession.

People: **Faithful God, we confess that we have not always been faithful to you. Your requirements of us have been to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Yet, too often we conform to the lower standards of our world and forget the demands of your call to us.**

Steadfast God, give us the strength to be the people you have created and called us to be: a holy people abounding in steadfast love and justice.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, the God who sees us with holy clarity sees also our contrite hearts and is moving even now to free us, cleanse us, and make us whole. Trusting God's steadfast love, we open to the good news:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven; in the power of the Holy Spirit, we are being made new. 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.

***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.

***HYMN (CH) #619** *My Life Flows On*

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Our Response: God of goodness and mercy, **hear our prayer**

CHOIR ANTHEM *Tue, Tue* Traditional Ghanaian Folk Song Brian Hiller & Don Dupont, Arr.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Acts 16:16-34; John 17:20-23

Steve Holman

SERMON Freedom Bound

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Lead Me, Lord*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

***DOXOLOGY (CH) #46**

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. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

***CLOSING HYMN (CH) #95** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

*BENEDICTION

Leader: May the God who shakes heaven and earth, who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you with power to go forth daring to be the person God created and calls you to be.

People: Amen.

Our flowers this morning are given by Sandi Hedman
in honor of all Mothers!

Our thanks for today's Scripture Reader to Steve Holman

Our thanks for our Liturgist, Paula Nassivera

Our thanks to our ushers, Marietta and Karl White

Our thanks for our Coffee Hour Hosts, The Christian Education Committee

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; Bob Waters; Frank Quaranta; Robin Hoag; Cindy Overstreet; Spencer March; Damon Wilder; Jonathon Dickinson & Marianne Bacon; Ginny Longacre; Sherrie Baker; Donna Harris; Amanda Williams; Jack; Jane McIlwaine; Mary Williams Rowland; Stephanie Johnson; Michael and Rose; Oliver Bucholt; Steve and Val; Ryan Hall; in the Dorset Church for the quilters; in the Vermont Conference, for the Union Church of Proctor; and in the UCC, for the upcoming Preaching and Worship Summit, *"For Such a Time as This."*

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS: Stephanie Mattison; Linda Bushee; 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

PASTOR SEARCH: The Transition Team is once again signing up people. Please see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board triangle.

MAY MEETINGS

DEACONS

PFLAG

CABINET

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

TRUSTEES

MISSION COMMITTEE

HOSPITALITY

SECOND HOUR

GREEN TEAM

THIS MORNING @ 11:30 AM

THIS AFTERNOON @ 4:00 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 18 2025 @ 11:30 AM

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 @ 11:30 AM

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025 @ 3:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025 @ 11:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025 @ 11:00 AM

NEW MEMBERS SERIES: The second session will be held **at the Cabinet Meeting on Sunday, May 18, 2025**. 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.

TODAY IS BLANKET SUNDAY

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Please use the envelopes in your bulletins. Please make your checks payable to Dorset Church and put "Blanket Sunday" in the memo. Please give generously.

JOIN US FOR A REVIVED DORSET CHURCH TRADITION: THE SPRING OUTDOOR CLEAN-UP PARTY! Please join the Buildings and Grounds committee on Saturday, May 17, from 9-noon (you can get home in time to clean up for Jane's party!) or Sunday, May 18, from 2-4 as we spruce up the grounds of the church and the manse. We will prune shrubs, clean up the woods, weed and prepare gardens, and possibly do some planting. Come for all or part of the time. Bring work gloves and gardening tools. Please contact Kit Wallace if you can help (klwallace@comcast.net; 215-681-5859) or with questions. Join us—it is fun to work with friends!

SAVE THE DATE!!!! SECOND HOUR PRESENTATION: On Sunday, May 25, 2025, Rheo Aieta and Mary Jane Verdery will offer a program called **INFLOW AND OUTFLOW OF BLESSINGS AND SERVICE.** Watch the bulletin for more details in the next few weeks.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE, PARADE TO MAPLE HILL CEMETERY, AND PICNIC BACK AT THE CHURCH: Please join us on **Monday, May 26, 2025, at 1:00 PM** for our annual Memorial Day Celebration. Please bring a salad or side dish to share. The church will provide hot dogs, lemonade, and watermelon for the picnic following the laying of the Memorial Wreath at Maple Hill.

BENNINGTON COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY recently learned that their wonderful 12-person AmeriCorps team, which has been working tirelessly on Habitat home building projects in Bennington this spring, were ordered to return home immediately. Their contracts had been suddenly terminated due to the steep cuts to AmeriCorps programs ordered by the Trump administration. This change was as unexpected for them as it was for Habitat. These young adults had been working enthusiastically on framing walls, painting interiors, and helping at the ReStore. Their departure has left a big hole at these worksites. Volunteers are needed by Habitat to help fill the places of the AmeriCorps team, particularly on the building sites. No experience necessary! They will teach you what to do and you'll be part of something really meaningful.

The biggest needs on the construction sites in Bennington are for Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8:30-2:30. The ReStore's biggest needs are donation pickup volunteers on Friday mornings, 9:30-12:00ish, Wednesday mornings 11:00-2:00, and Friday afternoons 1:00-4:00. If you'd like to help in the ReStore itself, they would be appreciative of any help you can give on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Donations are most welcome as well. If you can help out, please contact Tye Poquette at the Habitat office in Manchester: 802-367-1000. Or email Tye at office@benningtoncountyhabitat.org. Thank you!

GRACE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH RUTLAND



RUMMAGE SALE

Thursday, May 15 (6 pm -9 pm)
Friday, May 16 (9 am - Noon) *Bag Sale*

Please bring your own bags.

Volunteers Needed

- **Set-up & Sort:** Monday, May 12 - Thursday, May 15
- **Sales:** Thursday, May 15 & Friday, May 16
- **Clean-up after the sale:** Friday, May 16

For more information, please contact Sue Best (802-779-2632)

Donations

Donations will **only** be accepted from Sunday, May 4 to Wednesday, May 14, 2025.

What's accepted: household items, clothing (clean, dry, wearable), small appliances (in good working condition), linens, jewelry, and children's toys and games.

What's not accepted: No sharp knives, televisions, microwaves, text books or encyclopedias.



Aldi's Bus Trip

Friday, May 23rd, 2025

Meet at the Dorset Church

At 9:00am

Call 867-2260

To reserve your spot!

ENERGY FAIR



Clean and Renewable Energy
Sustainable Living

Saturday, May 17, 2025

from 11 am to 3 pm

At the Manchester Town Hall

On Route 7A

Cost: FREE, open to the public **Raffle Prize:** \$100 from r.k.Miles

Come and find out if you qualify for:

- \$24,500 of home repairs and weatherization work for FREE
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May at the Community Food Cupboard

May is for moms!

Honor a mom who has everything by making a
little gift to a mom who doesn't.



Items can be dropped off at Manchester Town Hall, Shaw's Supermarket, Manchester Community Library, or Dorset Post Office. You can also find our donation bins at Christ Our Savior Parish, First Congregational Church and the Dorset Church. Thank you for your support!



Help us celebrate Jane LoBrutto's retirement.

Saturday, May 17th from

1:00pm -3:00pm

In the Dorset Church vestry

Stop by to share a memory and wish Jane well on her new
adventure.

Light hors d'oeuvres and cake will be served.

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