

## SILENT MEDITATION



### God Says Yes to Me

Kaylin Haught

I asked God if it was okay to be melodramatic  
and she said yes  
I asked her if it was okay to be short  
and she said it sure is  
I asked her if I could wear nail polish  
or not wear nail polish  
and she said honey  
she calls me that sometimes  
she said you can do just exactly  
what you want to  
Thanks God I said  
And is it even okay if I don't paragraph  
my letters  
Sweetcakes God said  
who knows where she picked that up  
what I'm telling you is  
Yes Yes Yes



**All people are welcome here**

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## ~ JANUARY 11, 2026 ~ BAPTISM OF CHRIST ~

### ~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~

*\*Stand if you are able*

#### **NURSERY CARE AND CHURCH SCHOOL**

Babies and children are invited, welcomed, and encouraged in worship services. We have worship bags in the narthex filled with activities to use during the worship service, as well as a rocker at the back of the sanctuary for parents with babies and toddlers. Children ages Pre-K through grade 7 are invited to join us downstairs for church school, after the children's message.

**INTROIT** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Yuri Arabatsky

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

**ENTER THE FLAME & THE WORD**

### **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established,

**People: Who are we human beings that you are mindful of us, mere mortals, that you care for us?**

Leader: Yet you have made us a little lower than yourself, and crowned us with glory and honor.

**People: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**\*HYMN #365** *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters*

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (from Psalm 51)

Dick Coss

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Give me the joy of your saving help again,  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

**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 and being made new.

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.**

## **\*PASSING OF 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.**

## **\*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.**

**\*RESPONSE** Gloria Patri #35

## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *Day by Day*

Martin How

**PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE**

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

**Our response:**

God of justice and peace, **hear our prayer.**

**\*HYMN** #265 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

## **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS** Genesis 3:8 & 9; Psalm 23; Matthew 1:23

Elizabeth Karet

**SERMON** How is God with us?

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

**OFFERTORY** *Nocturne on Conditor alme siderum*

Katherine Wright

**\*DOXOLOGY** #46

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #261 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*



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## **\*BENEDICTION**

**Leader:** May the everlasting God shield you, east and west and wherever you go. And the blessing of God be upon you.

**People:** **The blessing of the God of life.**

**The blessing of the Christ of love.**

**The blessing of the Spirit of Grace. Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE** *Jesus Shall Reign*

Richard Wienhorst

Our thanks to today's scripture reader, Elizabeth Karet;  
liturgist, Dick Coss;  
acolyte and beadle, John Pitcher and Sue Westin;  
deacons and ushers, Dick Coss, Lee Romano, Liz Schafer, Annabelle Liu,  
and Marietta and Karl White;  
coffee hour hosts, Kris Harvey and Dotty Thompson;  
and tech crew, Chris Lima, Patrick Honan, and Puck Bell.

**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:** Bill A.; Auburn; Mark Cassidy; Steve Larsen; Jimmy Weiss; Jeff Duel; Robin Hoag; Spencer March; Damon Wilder; Bill Childs; Pete Ianacone; Jane McIlwaine; Michael; Oliver Bucholt; Donna Harris; Steve and Val Smith; Tom Drunsic; Bella & Baby Enzo; Linda Bushee; Mason; Robert Goepel; Nathaniel Michael Davis-DeMatteo; Shannyn Caldwell; in the Dorset Church, for our quilters group; in the Vermont Conference, for the Congregational Union Church of South Wallingford and their pastor, John Hill; in the UCC, for Egypt and the Bishopric of Public, Ecumenical and Social Services (BLESS), and its ministry extended throughout Egypt.

**LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS:** Craig, Jaxson, and Jacob Smith; Diane; Millie Holland; Michael Chambers; Patrick Denis; Dody Marcotte; Eric Parks; Tim Velie; Kris; Kay Kwasniewski; Robbie Littlewood; Sandy Cary; Elizabeth LaBerge; Dottie Hinkle; Chip Wilson; Hazel Prouty; James Jankowski; Jameson Gray Pelton; Evelyn Tobin; Cassia Duran; Rich; Bill Wise; George Smith; Jack; Jonathan Dickinson; Judy Dunn; Alan Wiegand; Sandra Hazelton Pratt, Amanda Williams.

**THE ROSE ON THE CHANCEL TABLE** is for Eloise Narni Rosati, born on December 27, 2025, to Alice Chandler and Ben Rosati, and proud grandparents Henry and Robin Chandler.

**Martin Luther King Service** will be held at the Federated Church of East Arlington on January 19 at 7:00 p.m.

## MEETINGS

Deacons, January 11 @ 11:30 a.m.

PFLAG, January 11 from 2-4 p.m.

Trustees, January 20 @ 3:30 p.m.

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Aldi's Bus Trip will be

January 23

Departing from the church  
at 9:00 am. Please call the church to  
sign up, 802-867-2260.



*Please watch our service live on YouTube.com*

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

AMHS WORLD LANGUAGE  
DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

# International Cultures Night

Adults \$15  
Children \$10  
Family \$35 (4 People)

10  
FEBRUARY  
6:00 PM  
AMHS GYMNASIUM

Questions?  
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International cuisine, live show, dancing,  
crafts, and more! Experience a world of fun,  
culture, and flavors all in one place!!



## COMMUNITY FOOD CUPBOARD

### JANUARY WISH LIST

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LOW SODIUM SOUPS AND CANNED MEALS  
WHOLE GRAIN CEREAL  
BROWN RICE OR WHOLE WHEAT PASTA  
LOW-SUGAR PASTA SAUCE  
HEALTHY(ISH) SNACKS LIKE  
CRACKERS AND GRANOLA BARS

TOOTHPASTE AND TOOTHBRUSHES  
HOUSEHOLD CLEANING PRODUCTS  
LAUNDRY DETERGENT

thank you

HAPPY 2026! ITS THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN WE ALL MAKE RESOLUTIONS AND TRY TO LOOK AHEAD WITH OPTIMISM. NEW YEAR, NEW YOU! IN THAT SPIRIT, OUR WISH LIST THIS MONTH IS FOCUSED ON ITEMS TO SUPPORT POSITIVE CHANGES. WHETHER IT'S EATING HEALTHIER, BRUSHING AFTER EVERY MEAL OR KEEPING UP WITH CHORES, WE HOPE TO HELP EVERYONE REACH THEIR GOALS IN 2026!

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS: MANCHESTER TOWN HALL, SHAW'S, MANCHESTER LIBRARY, DORSET POST OFFICE, CHRIST OUR SAVIOR PARISH, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, DORSET CHURCH.



**BOOK STUDY** will resume on **Wednesday, January 14 at 10:00 AM**. All are welcome to join us to help choose our next book.

**SUNDAY BULLETINS** are available on our church website.  
[dorsetchurch.org](http://dorsetchurch.org)



**How can you help make our chancel  
beautiful in 2026?**

**Sign up to donate an arrangement of  
flowers.**

**The sign-up sheet is in the vestry on the  
bulletin board.**

### **FREE YOGA CLASSES IN THE NEW CHAPEL**

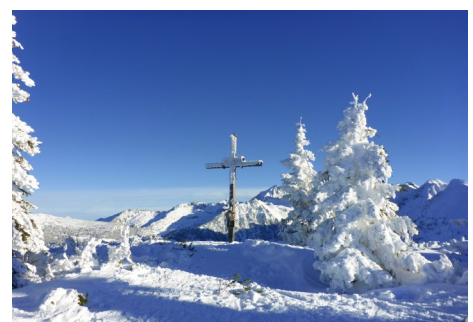
*You're invited to join a weekly yoga class at the Dorset Church on Tuesdays from 9–10 AM, January 13 through March 17. The sessions will be led by registered yoga teacher, Desiree Hensel, and are designed for all levels—whether you're brand new to yoga or a seasoned practitioner.*

*Please bring a yoga mat and any props you enjoy using, such as blocks, blankets, or a strap.*

*For questions, contact Desiree at 812-606-6078 or [henselnursinged@gmail.com](mailto:henselnursinged@gmail.com).*

*We would love to have you there.*

**There is an opening for a liturgist on January 25 and more dates in February. Please call the church office to sign up: 802-867-2260.**



Thank you to everyone who helped make the Epiphany worship service and **15th Annual Epiphany Party** such a joyful and meaningful experience and celebration. The Christian Education Committee is grateful for all who shared their time, talents, food, music, stories, and support, making this event a beautiful reflection of God's love in action. If you have not yet received a "star" word, it is not too late. Stars are available in the Vestry and by the church office entrance. Enjoy your star journey. We look forward to hearing about it throughout the year and at the Epiphany Party in 2027. With gratitude, peace, and prayers,

— Gretchen Lima, Paula Nassivera, and the Christian Education Committee



**United Church of Dorset & East Rupert**

***Free Community Winter Supper***

Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00

***Menu***

*Pasta with your choice of  
Meat Sauce or Vegetarian Marinara Sauce*

*Roasted Italian Sausage*

*Green Salad*

*Broccoli with garlic and olive oil*

*Garlic Bread*

*Assorted Desserts*

*Gluten-free available*

*All are welcome for a free dinner.*

*Bring your family and friends*

***This is a community dinner; we hope to see you there!***

143 Church Street, Dorset

Call for reservations: 802 867-2260

**Fellowship Annual Meeting Rescheduled**

On Tuesday, January 20, we will join the quilters for a potluck luncheon. Please bring a potluck dish to share, or just come at noon. Lunch will be in the vestry followed by our Annual Meeting. This will include the election of officers, a proposed Calendar of Activities for 2026 & a vote on proposed missions to support from our 2025 earnings. All are invited to attend!

## CHURCH DIRECTORY 2025

**PASTOR** ..... Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough\*

**PASTORAL ASSISTANT** ..... Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

**PASTORAL COUNSELOR** ..... Rev. Steve Longley

**OFFICE MANAGER** ..... Kimberly Perkins

**BOOKKEEPER/MANAGER'S ASSISTANT** .... Leslie Mazzucco

**MUSIC DIRECTOR** ..... Tom Salmon

**SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR** ..... Paula Mann Nassivera

**CHRISTIAN ED DIRECTOR** ..... Gretchen Lima

**SEXTONS** ..... Lynn and Pete Jennings

**MODERATOR** ..... Al Lindsey\*

**CLERK** ..... Elizabeth Karet\*

**TREASURER** ..... Janet Chandler\*

**MEMBER-AT-LARGE** ..... Lori Hong\*

**CHURCH DELEGATES** ..... Derry Dickinson, Skip Dickinson, Kris Harvey, Steve Longley

**MANSE LIAISON** ..... Gay and Roger Squire

### **TRUSTEES**

Joel Ario,\* and Linda O'Leary\* (Co-Chairs), Linda Drunsic, Jack Gilbert, Sandi Hedman, Nora Larsen, Ellen Leeds, Chris Lima, Phil Peterson

### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Kit Wallace (Chair), Steve Holman, Bruce Welsh

### **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

Phil Peterson (Chair, &Trustee Rep.), Julie Citron (Secretary), Janet Chandler (Treasurer), Ellen Maloney, Scott Stewart

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Joel Ario,\* (Trustee Rep.), Nora Larsen (Secretary), Henry Chandler  
Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson,\* (A) Kit Wallace

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Karen Allen (Staff Rep.), Jack Gilbert (Trustee Rep.), Steve Holman, Henry Chandler

### **DIACONATE**

Susan Patch-Crandall, Cheryl Gasperetti, Annabelle Liu, Keith Michl,\* Liz Schafer,  
Pengju Sui, Sid Staunton, Mary True, Lindy Bowden, Lee Romano, Dick Coss, Lynne Welsh

### **CHANCEL COMMITTEE** (Ad hoc committee of Deacons)

Robin Chandler, Lindy Bowden, Ginger Foss

### **MUSIC COMMITTEE**

Elizabeth Karet (A), Nan Leach, Tom Salmon (ex officio), Pengju Sui (A), Roger Squire, Lynne Welsh

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Paula Nassivera\* (ex officio) and Gretchen Lima\* (A) (Co- Chairs), Don Hiller-Dupont, Ann Honan, Ellen Leeds

### **FELLOWSHIP**

Ginny Longacre (Secretary), Betsy Olson (Treasurer), Derry Dickinson,\* Linda O'Leary\*

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Kris Harvey\* (Chair), Betty Hazelton (Secretary), Caroline Sargent (A) (Funeral Coordinator), Candace Parks (Treasurer), Gail Brodie (A), Barbara Urso, Richard Urso (A), Sunny Velie, Rose Watrous, Dotty Thompson, Sara McClintock, Judy Kernodle, Judy Dunn (A), Nan Leach (A)

### **MISSION COMMITTEE**

Richard Urso\* (Chair), Sandi Hedman (Trustee Rep.), Janet Chandler (A), Michelle Emery, Lisa May,  
Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson\*

### **GREEN TEAM COMMITTEE** (Ad hoc committee of Mission Committee)

Ellen Maloney (Chair), Sandi Hedman, Nan Leach, Cindy Safier, Caroline Sargent,  
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### **TRUTH AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE** (Ad hoc committee of Mission Committee)

Rich Urso (Chair), Ellen Leeds, Paula Nassivera, Patrick Honan

### **PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Dick Coss (Deacon Rep.), Lori Hong (Member-at-Large)

### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Richard Grip\* (Chair), Linda O'Leary, Betsy Olson, Alex Gray, Colleen LaChac, Dick Coss, Sandi Hedman

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Patrick Honan, Chris Lima,\* Tracie Salmon, Sandi Hedman (A), Sue Westin (A), Richard Urso (A)

\*Member of the Cabinet      (A) Appointed