

UNITED CHURCH OF DORSET AND EAST RUPERT, U.C.C.



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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~ APRIL 21, 2024 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~

SILENT MEDITATION Most people hate to be disciplined. They don't like being told what to do or what not to do, but they especially hate it for a long, long time, day after day - that, in many minds describes discipline! Quaker theologian, Richard Foster, in his insightful book, *Celebration of Discipline*, offers a new perspective on discipline. He says it is the way to true freedom. The spiritual disciplines are ways to liberate us from weaknesses which aren't good for us. They imprison us, spiritual weaknesses like egotism, greed, lying, excessive life-styles, cluttered-ness, people pleasing, simple-mindedness and others. And, he gives us this important reminder. The word "discipline" is the defining skill of "disciples" and Jesus was constantly in search of disciples.

On this Earth Day, let us agree that perhaps the most important spiritual skill we need in the fight against climate crisis is DISCIPLINE.

PRELUDE *In Christ There Is No East or West* - St. Peter/Paul Bouman, arr.

***WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr Jim H. Gray

AS WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP, NOW IS OUR TIME TO SPEAK TO GOD

***ENTER THE 'FLAME' AND THE 'WORD'**

Acolyte, Sofia Lima; Beadle, Brandon Hiller-Dupont

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth...

P: *When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that You have established; Who are we, mere human beings, that you are mindful of us and care for us?*

L: Yet you have bestowed upon us guardianship of all creation;

P: *Stewardship of all the beasts of the field, birds of the air and fish of the sea.*

L: As we celebrate God's majesty on this Earth Day Sunday, let us heed God's call to care for this planet. Let us worship God.

***HYMN (CH) # 61 All Things Bright and Beautiful**

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Paula Nassivera

L: The Lord be with you. **P:** *And also with you.* **L:** Let us pray together.

ALL: What does it mean to surrender to Your Mystery, O God? Would it be like slowing down to stop trying to fix the world for ourselves, for our grandchildren, and for all the creatures of this planet, and instead, take their hands, and the hands of our ancestors, and the hands of our great grandchildren, and with fierce love, make a path together? Lead us, O Lord. Amen.

***MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

***UNISON ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FOREGIVENESS** Forgiveness means adapting to change, like the tallest trees are forgiving to the winds. Thank you, O God, for that great teacher who is Nature. And help us learn how to change from her lessons, so that we are forgiven and forgiving.

***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 #37 Gloria Patri**

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

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM *A Seed in the Ground* - Connie Kaldor Sunday School Choir

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

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

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

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 57:19-21, Romans 7:14-25, Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Richard Grip

SERMON Practice

Rev. Dr. Jim Gray

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

OFFERTORY *Appalachian Psalm* - Tom Lough/Jon Paige



DOXOLOGY #46 *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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DEDICATION

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

***HYMN (CH) # 696 For Beauty of Meadows** St. Denio/Wilha Hutson, arr.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Our flowers this morning are given
*In loving memory of Peggy and Jim Gilbert, who both had April birthdays
by their children and their families*

Our thanks for today's acolyte, Sofia Lima and beadle, Brandon Hiller-Dupont

Our thanks to our ushers: Karl & Marietta White

Our thanks to our liturgist, Paula Nassivera

Our thanks to our Scripture Reader, Rich Grip

THERE IS NO COFFEE HOUR THIS WEEK DUE TO RUMMAGE SALE SET-UP

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: Carl Hedman; Tim Velie; Spencer Murdock; James H. Caswell; Gina Kelly; Millie Holland; The Krauss Family; Drew Totten; Michael Chambers; Kevin Bishop; Patrick Denis; Dr. James Gray (Jim's father); Mary Loggins; Katherine Karpinski; James Markowski; Donna Tonic; Janet Harvey; Jonathon Dickinson; Shirley Simpson; Nate Walker Horowitz; Charlie Lipinski; Rita Robson; Thelma, Carol Groty, Arnold Somin; Barbara West; Patricia Bono; Art Regan, Alan Hazelton, Emma Fisk; Steve Munier; Cindy Overstreet; Grace Wise; Dick Grip, Patty; Dona Brickell; Caroline and Joan Sargent; Valerie Smith, Earl, Ken and Carol Shippey; Sharon Bovey Stone; Sarah Quinlin and in the Dorset Church, For the Concession Stand Volunteers; in the Vermont Conference for the Federated Church of East Arlington; and in the UCC, for the UCC Earth Summit.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS: Kay Keith; Rick Rosko; Robert Gratz; Dan McKinley; Ron Smith; Priscilla Gaiotti; Susan; Julie; Maryann Dellinger; Roger Greenway; Ginny Lucas; Larry West Weinstein; Cindy Dunham; Brian Bean; Gerald Jones; Cindy Decker, Kris; Bob West; Phoebe Savoy; Pam Downs; Josh Rubin; Cathy Linde; Karen De Mascio; Marianne Bacon; Karen Statler; Kay Kwasniewski; David Parsons; Robbie Littlewood; Jim Ameden; Ann Healy; Sandy Cary; Linda and Dick Buswell; Elizabeth LaBerge; Dottie Hinkle; Chip Wilson; Matthew Hill; Hazel Prouty; Ronald Lamb; Lucas Kasper; Toni-Ann Pearsall; Deb Sharp; James Jankowski; Rand Snyderman; Chris Waker; Ched Evans; Vern James; Jameson Gray Pelton; Judy Dunn; Evelyn Tobin; Cassia Duran; Chris Willis; Rich; Grace & Bill Wise; George Smith; Linda Bushee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CABINET MEETING will meet on **Sunday, April 28th at 11:30 AM** instead of this morning due to Rummage Sale.

TRUSTEES will meet on **Tuesday, April 23 at 4:00 PM** in the Sanctuary

DEACONS will meet on **Sunday, May 5th at 11:30 AM**.

IT'S TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING SO YOU CAN SUPPORT THE FELLOWSHIP SPRING RUMMAGE SALE! We have tents or areas for Women's & Men's Clothing, all things Children, Linens, Books, all things Kitchen, Attic Treasures, Shoes, Accessories and This & That!!! **Donations will be accepted Monday, April 22nd through Wednesday, April 24th.** We couldn't do this without your continued support!!!

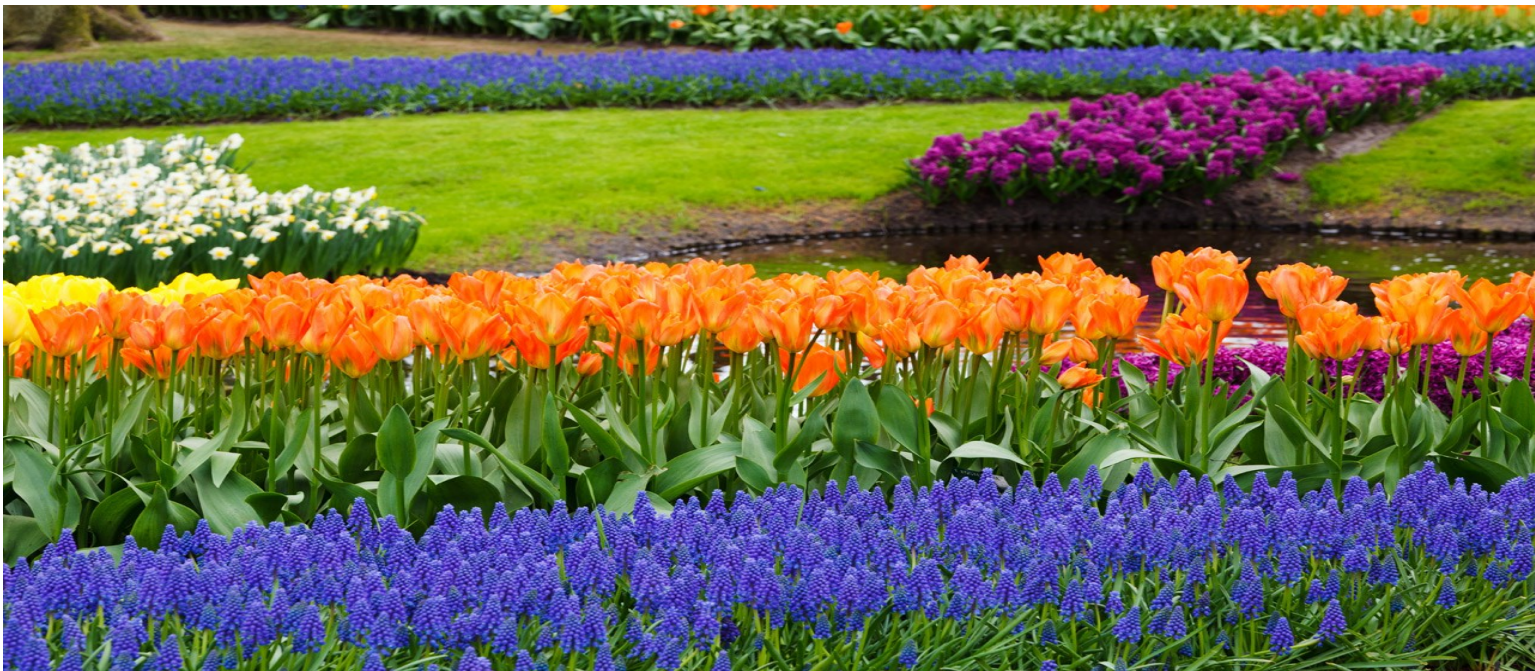
THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE is once again hosting the concession stand and we will also be giving vouchers to all of the workers to be used at the concession stand. The **concession stand is our only fundraiser, and all proceeds go to "special" mission and Christian Education projects.** We are also excited to once again be feeding all of the rummage sale workers. Each worker will receive a voucher to be used at the concession stand.

Link to all sign up sheets- [Click Here](#)

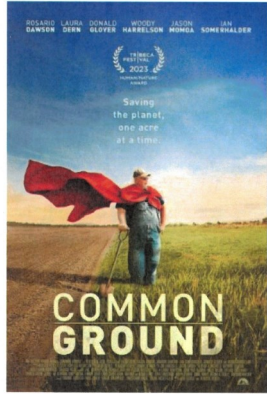
Concession Stand- Donations Needed- [Click Here](#)

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Free Screening of *Common Ground*
Sunday, April 21st at 11:30am
United Church of Dorset
143 Church Street, Dorset
Call 867-2260 for more information



Common Ground portrays a hopeful and uplifting movement of white, black and indigenous farmers who are using alternative "regenerative" models of agriculture to save our climate, our health and our economy.



GREEN UP DAY at the DORSET CHURCH

Saturday, May 4th

Pick up Green Up trash bags and road assignments at 9:00am.

Road assignments available earlier call

Ellen Maloney at 802-867-0115

Coffee & Donuts for volunteers



Aldi's Bus Trip

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Meet at the Dorset Church

At 9:00am

Call 867-2260

To reserve your spot!

Bennington County Choral Society
Dr. Brian Dukeshier, Artistic Director

Fauré Remembered

Proudly sponsored by Williams Financial, LLC

A concert of works by Gabriel Fauré, including
Requiem, Pavane, and Cantique de Jean Racine

Sunday, April 28, 2024, 3:00 PM
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church
238 Main Street, Bennington

Featuring:
Evangelia Leontis, soprano
Liam Shannon, baritone

Tickets:

Pre-sale: \$20 | At the door: \$25
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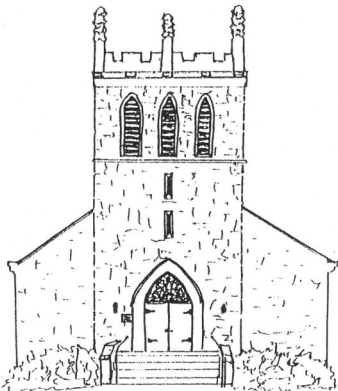




STEWARDSHIP.

It's all about gratitude.
It's all about giving back.
It's all about God.

DORSET CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE



**SATURDAY
APRIL 27, 2024**

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

**Outside Sales Begin at 8:30 am
NO EARLY-BIRD SHOPPING!**

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY

SALE

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**ONE DAY EVENT
SUNDAY, MAY 5TH**

11:30



Vermont Actors' Repertory Theatre Presents

LYSISTRATA

By Aristophanes

Translated by Sarah Ruden



Directed by Gary Meitrott

Performance dates

April 19, 20, 26, and 27 at 7:30PM

April 21 and 28 at 2:00PM

West Rutland Town Hall Theatre 35
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