



The United Church of Dorset & East Rupert

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Friday 8-12

## SILENT MEDITATION

I bind unto myself today  
the strong name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same,  
the Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever,  
by power of faith, Christ's incarnation;  
his baptism in the Jordan river;  
his death on the cross for my salvation.  
His bursting from the spiced tomb;  
his riding up the heavenly way;  
his coming at the day of doom  
I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself today  
the virtues of the star-lit heaven,  
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,  
the whiteness of the moon at even,  
the flashing of the lightning free,  
the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,  
the stable earth, the deep salt sea  
around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today  
the power of God to hold and lead,  
God's eye to watch, God's might to stay,  
God's ear to hearken to my need,  
the wisdom of my God to teach,  
God's hand to guide, God's shield to  
ward,  
the word of God to give me speech,  
God's heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger.



**All people are welcome here**

~ MARCH 22, 2026 ~ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~

~ 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** *Christ lag in Todesbanden*

Samuel Scheidt

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

**ENTER THE FLAME & THE WORD**

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones,

**People: and give thanks to God's holy name.**

Leader: You have turned my mourning into dancing,

**People: you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.**

Leader: Weeping may linger for the night,

**People: but joy comes with the morning.**

**\*HYMN #503** *O Christ the Healer*

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dick Coss

**O God who cares for us more than we can imagine, we pause to confess our wrongdoings. We withhold our love, hoard our belongings, and turn a blind eye to neighbors in need. In the quietness of our worship, remind us again of your constant love for each of us, the weak, the strong, the poor, the rich, the young, the old. Remind us of your call to share your love with one another. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

### MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, 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 has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**People: Amen.**

## **PASSING 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.**

**\*RESPONSE #37 *Gloria Patri***

## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**CHOIR ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision***

Bob Chilcott

## **PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

**Our response:**

We thank you, O God: **You are making all things new.**

## **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.**

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

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

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 16:19-31

**SERMON** The Seduction of Privilege

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

**ORGAN OFFERTORY *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***

Paul Manz

## DOXOLOGY HYMN #46

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #538 *Hope of the World*

## \*BENEDICTION

\***POSTLUDE** *Christ ist erstanden*

Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer

The flowers this morning were given by the Kohler Family,  
in celebration of Grace's third Birthday, and the arrival of Spring.  
Our thanks to today's scripture reader, Linda Drunic;  
liturgist, Dick Coss;  
acolyte and beadle Lucian Parris and Eli Gaiotti;  
deacons and ushers, David McAneny, Jack Gilbert, Marietta and Karl White;  
coffee hour hosts, Gail Brodie and Sunny Velie;  
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:** Jonathan Dickinson; Sarah Faith Dickinson; Helen Melhado; Ann Troumbley; Meghan Gill; Eric Perry; Cathy Condon; Bill A.; Emma Ingison; Auburn; Mark Cassidy; Steve Larsen; Jimmy Weiss; Jeff Duel; Robin Hoag; Spencer March; May; Larry Cochran; Damon Wilder; Pete Ianacone; Michael; Oliver Bucholt; Donna Harris; Steve and Val Smith; Tom Drunic; Bella and Baby Enzo; Linda Bushee; Mason; Robert Goepel; Jo, Jeff and Sara; Shelby Baughn; Eric Hangen; family and friends of George VanDelinder; friend and family of Art Gilbert; in the Dorset Church, for the volunteers planning and preparing our winter free supper; in the Vermont Conference, for the Congregational Church of Rupert, and their pastor, Reverend Dr. Steve Berry; in the UCC, for Po'okela Church in Maui, Hawaii, celebrating three years as a Volunteer Site. They commissioned the hopeful beginning of the church host site that will be crucial for the long-term work of wildfire recovery.

**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; Elizabeth LaBerge; Dottie Hinkle; Chip Wilson; Hazel Prouty; James Jankowski; Jameson Gray Pelton; Evelyn Tobin; Cassia Duran; Rich; George Smith; Jack; Jonathan Dickinson; Judy Dunn; Alan Wiegand.

## Aldi's Bus Trip

**FRIDAY,**

**MARCH 27.**

**Meet at the Dorset Church**

**at 9:00 a.m.**

**Call 867-2260,**

**to reserve your spot!**

**Free Community Dinner**  
Thursday, March 26 from 5:30pm -7:00pm  
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Chicken marsala with mushroom gravy  
Creamy vegetable casserole  
Mashed potatoes  
Hearty green salad  
Assorted desserts  
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The Dorset Church  
143 Church Street, Dorset, VT  
802-867-2260



## Interfaith Family Event

### At Pastime Pinball

4802 Main St. Manchester Center

Cost \$10 per person

March 22, 2026 from 5:30-7:30

Sponsored by **FIRE** (the combined youth group of Bennington Co)



For more info contact:

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[jmeans-koss@outlook.com](mailto:jmeans-koss@outlook.com)

The Northshire Seniors will be attending "Clue on Stage" at the Dorset Playhouse on Sunday, April 12, at the 2:00 pm matinee. The cost is a reduced rate of \$24.00 per person. It's another great production by the Dorset Players.

It's a dark and stormy night, and you've been invited to a very unusual dinner party. Each of the guests has an alias, the butler offers a variety of weapons, and the host is, well, dead. So whodunit? Join the iconic oddballs known as Scarlet, Plum, White, Green, Peacock, and Mustard as they race to find the murderer in Boddy Manor before the body count stacks up. Based on the cult classic film and the popular board game, CLUE is a madcap comedy that will keep you guessing until the final twist.

Contact Linda O'Leary at  
802-779-1314 to sign up.

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**PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST, MARCH 29 8:30 AM**

(CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST)

**PALM SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 AM**

**WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN**

**“PASSION PRAYER WALK”**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31 5:00 AM**

**FIELD TRIP TO WESTON PRIORY**

(MEET IN DORSET CHURCH PARKING LOT TO CARPOOL)

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

**UPPER ROOM / OPTIONAL FOOT WASHING SRV. 5:30 PM**

**AGAPE POTLUCK MEAL 6:00 PM**

**TENEBRAE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00 PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3 12:00 PM**

**THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST SERVICE**

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

**CHILDREN'S EASTER STORY & ACTIVITY 10:00 AM**

**EASTER EGG HUNT (DORSET UNION STORE) 11:00 AM**

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

**SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE (DORMY GRILL) 6:30 AM**

**EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE (DORSET CHURCH) 10:00 AM**

(NURSERY CARE AVAILABLE)

**Please call the office (802-867-2260) to reserve you spot for the Weston Priory trip Tuesday, March 31, even if you are planning on driving yourself. The bus will be leaving at 5:00am.**

## No Men's Breakfast in April or May

Our next breakfast is on Saturday, June 6, at 8 am in the church vestry. Please come enjoy fellowship with other guys as we have informal conversation, voice our prayer concerns, and plan for possible programs you might be interested in at future breakfasts.

Please email Phil Peterson [phil.peterson100@gmail.com](mailto:phil.peterson100@gmail.com)

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Christian Education, Today @ 11:00

Search Committee, March 25 @ 5:00

Truth & Justice, April 1 @ 5:30

PFLAG, April 12 from 2-4

Stewardship, April 15 @ 8:00

# SCHOLARSHIP



**THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** wants to alert the church community that applications for scholarships awarded for the 2026-2027 year are now available. Call the church office at 867-2260 for applications.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS  
APRIL 10**



*Let the little children come to me*

Matthew 19:14

*He is Risen! Story Hour*

Saturday, April 4  
10am Dorset Church  
11am Dorset Green Egg Hunt

All families and children are invited to the Dorset Church Sunday School for an Easter Saturday Story telling hour before the annual town wide Easter Egg Hunt on the Dorset Green.

Please join us to celebrate Easter!

- **Updated directories are here:** If you already have a directory binder from the 2019 directory, please replace the pages with the 2026 version. Notebook versions are available for those new to our church community. Directories will be available in the Vestry on Sundays. Otherwise, please pick up your copy at the church office.
- **Reminder:** Please respect the privacy of your fellow parishioners by NOT sharing any information beyond the church community.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**CHURCH DELEGATES** ..... Derry Dickinson, Skip Dickinson, Dick Coss, Kris Harvey

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

### **TRUSTEES**

Phil Peterson\* (Co-Chairs), and Linda O'Leary\* (Co-Chairs), Linda Drunsic, Jack Gilbert, Sarah McClintock (Secretary), Nora Larsen, Ellen Leeds, Joel Ario, Al Lindsey (Assistant Treasurer)

### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Kit Wallace (Chair), Steve Holman, Bruce Welsh

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### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

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Susan Patch-Crandall, Cheryl Gasperetti,\* Robin Chandler, Sue Westin, Todd Jorn  
Mary True, Lindy Bowden, Lee Romano, Dick Coss, Lynne Welsh Ginger Foss, Barbara Bertram

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

Robin Chandler, Lindy Bowden, Ginger Foss

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Elizabeth Karet (A), Tom Salmon (ex officio), Roger Squire, Liz Schafer

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Paula Nassivera\* (ex officio) and Gretchen Lima\* (A) (Co- Chairs), Ann Honan, Nan Leach, Kelly Gaiotti,  
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Sandi Hedman (Trustee Rep.), Michelle Emery, Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson\*

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### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Patrick Honan,\* Tracie Salmon

\*Member of the Cabinet      (A) Appointed