

SILENT MEDITATION

Nothing is as whole as a broken heart.
Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel



ALL people are welcome here

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~ OCTOBER 26, 2025 ~ EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~

~ 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 Time With the Young message.

INTROIT *Suite Gothique* (Introduction-Choral)

Leon Boellmann

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, and PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

ENTER “THE FLAME” & “THE WORD”

PRELUDE *Priere a Notre Dame*

Leon Boellmann

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, open to us today the sea of your mercy, water us with full streams from the riches of your grace and springs of your kindness.

People: Make us children of quietness and heirs of peace:

Leader: kindle in us the fire of your love,

People: sow in us your reverence,

Leader: strengthen our weakness by your power,

People: and bind us close to you and to each other.

HYMN (CH) #714 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Paula Nassivera

Holy God, you dwell with us. You walk beside us, teaching us your ways, and guiding us. And we are grateful for your leading.

Holy God, we pray you will also dwell within us. Go to the places where fear clutches, where guilt and shame shrivel us, where confusion fogs, and despair weakens. Shine the light of your love in us to dispel all darkness and quicken our spirits so our best dreams, our noblest hopes, and our most life-giving loving passions may rise and thrive.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. As God's own forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

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) #36**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM *Dem Bones*

James Weldon Johnson

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Our response:
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

***HYMN (CH) #265** *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 5:1-21, 6:4-9; Mark 12:28-31

Gretchen Lima

SERMON *A Well-tuned Life*

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD
God of justice, **hear our prayer.**

OFFERTORY *Sing a New Song*

Michael Haydn

***DOXOLOGY (CH) #46**



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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN (CH) #701 *Shall We Gather at the River*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Toccata and Fugue in D Minor*

J.S.Bach

The flowers this morning are given by the Charlotte Brooks Fund,
in memory of Charlotte Brooks.

Our thanks to today's scripture reader, Gretchen Lima;
liturgist, Paula Nassivera;

acolyte and beadle, Pada Bednar and Conor Thabet;
ushers, Annabelle Liu, Lindy Bowden, Lynne Welsh, Mary True, Marietta and Karl White;
tech crew, Chris Lima, Patrick Honan, and CJ Honan;
and coffee hour hosts, Richard and Barbara Urso.

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; Sherrie Baker; Pete Ianacone; Amanda Williams; Elizabeth Reade; Jane McIlwaine; Michael; Oliver Bucholt; Donna and Al Harris; Steve and Val Smith; Pam Hunter; Liz Gaudet; Tom Drunsic; Bella & Baby Enzo; Linda Bushee; Mason; Jim Becker; in the Dorset Church, for Tom Salmon and the upcoming Halloween concert; in the Vermont Conference, for the Pawlet Community Church and their Pastor, Tracy Weatherhogg; in the UCC, for the building of a brand new community center, worship space, and housing complex in Madison, Wisconsin, Common Grace, which provides a physically, emotionally, and spiritually safe space for people to learn, gather, worship and create community together.

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

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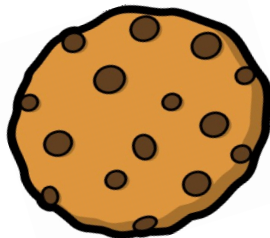
Please watch our service live on YouTube.com

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

Second Hour Fraud Prevention Program

Please join us on October 26 at 11:20 for our next Second Hour fraud prevention program, presented by Elliott Greenblott, coordinator of the AARP Vermont Fraud Watch Network. Elliott will address something that many, if not all of us, experience: a seemingly endless stream of suspicious emails, some of which are fraudulent, that pop up on our devices. What are some of the ways computers and other devices are being used by criminals to lure you into a wide range of scams, and how can we, on the receiving end, recognize and avoid on-line fraud?

The Fellowship of the United Church of Dorset & East Rupert Holiday Bake Sale Saturday, November 22, 2025 From 8:30 am - 12 Noon In front of the Dorset Post Office on Route 30



A variety of homemade delicacies will be sold, sure to delight your family and friends.

Please call the Dorset Church at 867-2260 with any questions or to make a donation.

Men's Breakfast

With fall coming on, it's time to start men's breakfasts again! We will hold our first breakfast on Saturday, November 1, 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 call the church office, 802-867-2260, email officemanager@dorsetchurch.org, or contact Phil Peterson phil.peterson100@gmail.com to let us know you're coming. We look forward to seeing you on November 1!



Join Maestro Tom Salmon for
spooky music on Halloween, Friday
October 31st from 5pm to 7pm



BOOK STUDY WILL READ,

*A New Earth, By
Eckhart Tolle.*

**WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30
AM,**

**OCTOBER 15 THROUGH
NOVEMBER 19.**

**CALL THE OFFICE FOR
DETAILS,**

802-867-2260.



November Wish List Community Food Cupboard

The holidays are almost here and it's the busiest time of year at the Community Food Cupboard. This month we hope that you will help us provide everyday groceries plus Thanksgiving dinner supplies to the hundreds of families who turn to us for help making ends meet. In addition to holiday staples, we ask that you consider making a donation of gift cards or funds to help us continue to keep the pantry full through the long winter ahead.

Stuffing Mix
Egg Noodles
Cooking Oil
Chicken Broth
Canned Green Beans
Cranberry Sauce
Sugar, Flour, Spices
Dish Detergent and Sponges
Foil Pans or Aluminum Foil



thank you!
CFC 

Drop-off locations: Manchester Town Hall, Shaw's, Manchester Library, Dorset Post Office, First Congregational Church (village), Christ our Savior Parish, Dorset Church..

To donate to CFC, PO Box 864, Manchester Center, VT 05255



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FACING TODAY'S GOLIATHS

**If you are not
receiving emails from Truth & Justice Vermont
and would like to, please send a
request to
truthjusticevt@gmail.com**

DORSET PHYSIO
OUTPATIENT PHYSICAL THERAPY

FALL PREVENTION BALANCE SCREENINGS

@ THE DORSET CHURCH
NOVEMBER 5TH 9-12

Event is Free & Open to the Public

Donations are welcome and will go towards
the Community Sharing Project

Aldi's Bus Trip

Friday, November 14th .
Meet at the Dorset Church
at 9:00 a.m.

Call 867-2260,
to reserve your spot!

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