

UNITED CHURCH OF DORSET AND EAST RUPERT

~ APRIL 6, 2025 ~



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 ~ APRIL 6, 2025 ~ FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT ~ COMMUNION

SILENT MEDITATION

*Let this darkness be a bell tower and you the bell.
As you ring, whatever batters you becomes your strength*
Rainer Maria Rilke from "Sonnets to Orpheus II, 29"
Translated by Joanna Macy in A YEAR WITH RILKE

PRELUDE *Chalice # 199 When Jesus Wept*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

Rev. Mark McDonough

ENTER "THE FLAME" & "THE WORD"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, open to us today the sea of your mercy and 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: kindle in us the fire of your love; sow in us your reverence; strengthen our weakness by your power and bind us close to you and to each other.**

*HYMN (CH) # 342 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

UNSION PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Paula Nassivera

Holy God, when we offer our confessions, we do not do it to tell you something about us that you do not already know. We confess to be fully honest with and about ourselves. So often we blur the truth with omissions and embellishments because we find the whole truth too harsh and glaring.

Holy God, help us to be truthful. As medicine clears infections, so may your truth clear all our sins and make us free and whole.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

I declare in the name of Jesus Christ, We are forgiven.

*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 the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Skip Dickinson

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

CHOIR ANTHEM *God So Loved the World*—John Stainer

***PSALM # 27 page 736**

CHORAL RESPONSE: God is my strong salvation: What foe have I to fear?

LEADER: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

PEOPLE: ***The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?***

LEADER: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—

PEOPLE: ***My adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.***

LEADER: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

PEOPLE: ***Though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.***

LEADER: One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek:

PEOPLE: ***To live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,***

LEADER: To behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

CHORAL RESPONSE: God is my strong salvation: What foe have I to fear?

LEADER: God will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

PEOPLE: ***Will conceal me under the cover of a tent; and will set me high on a rock.***

LEADER: *Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,*

PEOPLE: ***And I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.***

LEADER: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

PEOPLE: ***Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage. Wait for the Lord!***

CHORAL RESPONSE: God is my strong salvation: What foe have I to fear?

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8; John 21:4-19

Liz Schafer

SERMON Into the Light

Rev. Mark McDonough

OFFERTORY *Bach Invention*

***DOXOLOGY**

*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. Skip Dickinson

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: *And also with you.*

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: *We lift them to the Lord.*

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

LEADER: ... and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever **sing** to the glory of your name:

PEOPLE: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

TAIZE DURING DISTRIBUTION

Ubi Caritas

The musical score for "Ubi Caritas" is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, and guitar chords are indicated above the treble staff. The first system covers measures 1-4, and the second system covers measures 5-8. The lyrics are: "U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love, u - bi car - i - tas De - us i - bi est. live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you." The chords for the first system are F, C, Dm, Bb, D, G, C. The chords for the second system are F, C, Dm, Bb, C, F. There is a triplet of eighth notes in the second system.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ALL: *God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation. You have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may live as your loving and just people.*

***CLOSING HYMN** (CH) # 452 *Here I Am, Lord*

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Mark McDonough

POSTLUDE *Bach Invention*

Our thanks for today's flowers to: Robin Chandler and Essie Cantus

In loving memory of our parents Essie and Bill Cruikshank

Our thanks to our Acolyte and our Beadle

Scripture Reader, Liz Schafer; Liturgist, Paula Nassivera

Our thanks to our ushers, Marietta and Karl White

The Deacons, Susan Patch-Crandall, Cheryl Gasperetti, Lynne Welsh & Keith Michl

Our thanks for hosting Coffee Hour to: Kris Harvey, Judy Dunn, Judy Kernodle

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; Sharon Bovey Stone; Linda Bushee; Bob Waters; Frank Quaranta; Robin Hoag; Cindy Overstreet; Stephanie Mattison; Spencer March; Shuyan Liu; Damon Wilder, Jonathon Dickinson & Marianne Bacon; Ginny Longacre; Sherrie Baker; Donna Harris; Candy Dodson; Amanda Williams; Jack; Jane McIlwaine; Rev. Pete Hults; for the family and friends of Pat Grip; in the Dorset Church for the Music Committee; in the Vermont Conference, for the Second Congregational Church of Bennington; in the UCC, for the new Pension Board President and CEO, David A. Klassen

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS: 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

THE ROSE ON THE TABLE—REALLY THERE IS A ROSE ON THE TABLE In honor of the birth of Josephine Estelle Holman, daughter of Jeff and Sara Holman, big sister to Isla Alice and beloved granddaughter of Steve Holman and Georgine MacGarvey. She was born on March 22, 2025, weighing 8lbs 13 oz. Congratulations to all!

PASTOR SEARCH UPDATES Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in a small group conversation. The schedules for the small group conversations are in the Vestry. A variety of days and times are available. **Please sign up today in the vestry. The schedule is on the triangular bulletin board. Help us prepare the church profile !!!!**

MEATLESS MONDAYS

RAVIOLI WITH TOMATOES, ASPARAGUS, GARLIC, AND HERBS

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 pound asparagus, ends trimmed, cut into 2-inch pieces
2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved
3 cloves garlic, minced
Salt and pepper to taste
1/4 cup chicken broth
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped
1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese, plus more for serving
1 package (20 ounces) refrigerated cheese ravioli

DIRECTIONS

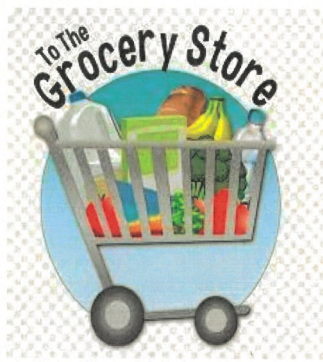
Cook the ravioli according to the package instructions. Drain and set aside.
In a large skillet, heat the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add the asparagus and cook for 4-5 minutes until tender-crisp.
Add the cherry tomatoes and garlic to the skillet. Season with salt and pepper. Cook for another 2-3 minutes until the tomatoes begin to soften.
Pour in the chicken broth and lemon juice. Bring to a simmer and cook for 2 minutes.
Add the cooked ravioli to the skillet and gently toss to combine with the vegetables and sauce.
Stir in the fresh basil, parsley, and grated Parmesan cheese.
Cook for another 1-2 minutes until everything is heated through.

MARCH MEETINGS

MISSION COMMITTEE	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025 @ 7:00 PM
MEN'S BREAKFAST	SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025 @ 8:00 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL	SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025 @ 10:00 AM
DEACONS	SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025 @ 11:30 AM
PFLAG	SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025 @ 4:00 PM
TRUSTEES	TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025 @ 3:30 PM
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION	THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2025 DEADLINE
STEWARDSHIP	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025 @ 8:00 AM
HOSPITALITY	THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025 @ 10:00 AM
RUMMAGE SALE MEETING	THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2025 @ 5:30 PM
CABINET	SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025 @ 11:30 AM

ORDER LILIES FOR EASTER

The lilies will be \$20 this year and may be ordered by calling the office at 867-2260 or you may email jane@dorsetchurch.org Please include your dedication for the bulletin.



Aldi's Bus Trip

Friday, April 11, 2025

Meet at the Dorset Church
At 9:00am

Call 867-2260

To reserve your spot!

RUMMAGE SALE CONCESSION STAND SATURDAY MAY 3, 2025

The Christian Education committee is excited to host the concession stand once again at this year's Rummage Sale.

We are looking for donations of cookies, brownies, cakes, scones, pies, crock pots of chili, soup or macaroni and cheese. We also have a list of other donations needed. We are excited to once again serve food to all of the rummage sale workers and appreciate the support and donations to help make the concession stand AND rummage sale a sustainable event, many hands make light work.

We will also need workers to help set up, serve, flip egg sandwiches, grill hot dogs and sell at the concession stand, but we do not want to take much needed workers away from the rummage sale itself. We need workers, but we are very interested in having children, youth and parents join our concession stand team. This is a GREAT time to reach out to neighbors and grandchildren and invite them to get involved. Please sign up in the Vestry with Paula Nassivera during coffee hour or contact Gretchen Lima at gretchenlima@aol.com / (802)362-5548, (973) 900-1485, cell. Stay tuned for the link for the signup genius link in the near future.



Let the children come to me.
Matthew 19-14

"He is Risen!" Story Hour

Saturday, April 19th 9:00 am Dorset Church
Followed by
10:00 am Dorset Green Egg Hunt

All families are invited to the Dorset Church for an Easter Saturday Story Hour. Healthy snacks will be served.

Listen to the reason why so many people celebrate Easter and learn the history of the holiday.

After the story we hope you will walk to the Dorset Green to enjoy the Annual Town Wide Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Dorset Union Store.

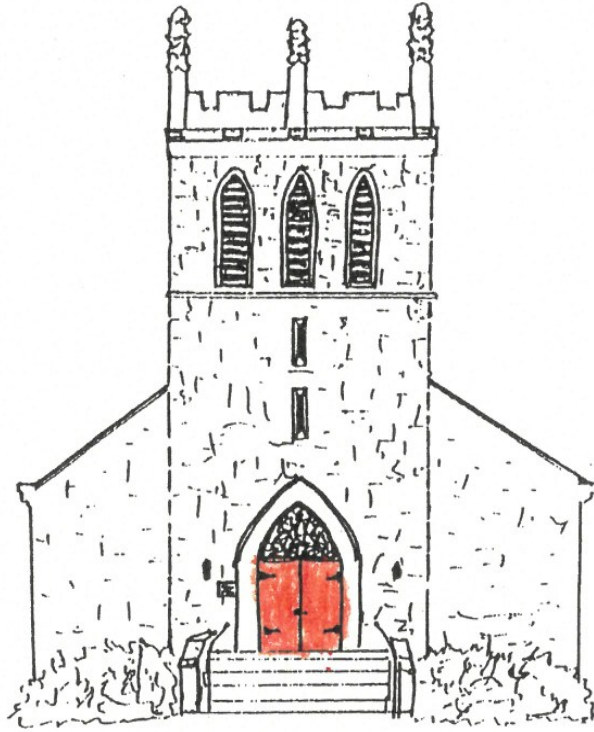
Please join us to celebrate Easter!



Holy Week

PALMSUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025 SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN "PASSION PRAYER WALK"	10:00 AM
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025 FIELD TRIP TO WESTON PRIORY Meet in church parking lot to car pool	5:00 AM
MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 17, 2025 FOOT WASHING SERVICE AGAPE POTLUCK MEAL TENEBRAE SERVICE COMMUNION	5:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18, 2025 GUIDED MEDITATION	11:00AM
EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20, 2025 SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE (DORMY GRILL)	6:30AM
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE (CHURCH)	10:00 AM

DORSET CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE



**SATURDAY
MAY 3, 2025**

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

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