

UNITED CHURCH OF DORSET AND EAST RUPERT

~ MARCH 23, 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 ~ MARCH 23, 2025 ~ THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

SILENT MEDITATION

Beloved Earth, ancient dreamer, keeper of bones and stories—
We, breath in your body, stardust in your veins,
Come before you with hearts both broken and burning.

In this time of the Great Turning,
When despair and possibility dance in the same holy darkness—
May we offer ourselves as imaginal cells in your metamorphosis . . .

May we be scattered like spores,
Each carrying a fraction of the future,
Each vital, each necessary, each aflame
With particular purpose . . .

May our courage rise to match the magnitude of these times.

Lynne MacNeil, "A Wild Prayer for the World"

PRELUDE *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* (Hymn 429)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

Rev. Mark McDonough

ENTER "THE FLAME" & "THE WORD"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you,
and voices to sing your praise.

People: *Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship
you in spirit and in truth.*

***HYMN** (CH) # 501: *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Paula Nassivera

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and
cleanse us of all unrighteousness.

People: *Remind us, God, remind us again, about taking the beam out of our own
eye before taking the speck out of another's eye . . . about the power of even a
mustard seed of faith . . . that we are forgiven as we forgive . . . that we are to love
one another as you love us . . . Forgive our fickle memories. Our minds recall your
words, it's our hearts and wills that keep forgetting.*

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Friends, hear and embrace the Good news, in the love of God, we are forgiven and are being made new and whole. **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) #37

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

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Skip Dickinson

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

ANTHEM *Wash me Thoroughly* - David Halls

SCRIPTURE LESSON Judges 6:11-16a; Luke 19:11-24

Elizabeth Karet

***PSALM 31:1-8** *Chalice Hymnal page 738*

CHORAL RESPONSE: **A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.**

LEADER: In you, O God, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;

PEOPLE: ***In your righteousness deliver me.***

LEADER: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

PEOPLE: ***Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.***

LEADER: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me.

PEOPLE: ***Take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.***

CHORAL RESPONSE: **A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.**

LEADER: Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, faithful God.

PEOPLE: ***You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in you.***

LEADER: I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction;

PEOPLE: ***You have taken heed of my adversities, and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.***

CHORAL RESPONSE: **A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.**

SERMON Crazy but True

Rev. Mark McDonough

OFFERTORY *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* - Dale Wood, arr.

***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

***CLOSING HYMN** (CH) # 582: *Come Down, O Love Divine*

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Mark McDonough

Deep peace of the running stream to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the Son of peace to you

POSTLUDE *Invention-* J. S. Bach

Scripture Reader, Elizabeth Karet; Liturgist, Paula Nassivera
Our thanks to our ushers, Marietta and Karl White
Our thanks for hosting Coffee Hour to:

Robin Chandler, Kit Wallace, Janet Chandler, Lindy Bowden, Mary True

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 Blount; Cindy Overstreet; Stephanie Mattison; Spencer March; Shuyan Liu; Pam Hasegawa; Damon Wilder, Paul; Marianne Bacon; Ginny Longacre; Sherrie Baker; Donna Harris; Candy Dodson; in the Dorset Church for Kate Coss and Richard Urso for cooking our free dinners this season; in the Vermont Conference, First Congregational Church of Wallingford and their Pastor, Joe Will; in the UCC, for the Church World Service partners as they gather in Cleveland to collaborate on disaster relief in changing political climate.

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; Jonathan Dickinson; 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 In honor of the birth of Maya Louise Bowser, daughter of Erika and Ryan Bowser and beloved granddaughter of Kit Wallace. She was born on March 6, 2025 weighing 7lbs 10oz. 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 !!!!**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE Please email the office to get a copy at dorsetchurch@gmail.com The deadline is April 15th.



BACH MARATHON On **Sunday, March 30th at 11:30 AM**, our Music Director, Tom Salmon will once again be celebrating the birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach by performing a

Bach Marathon. This year, on the menu is the 15 two part Inventions and the 15 Sinfonias, also known as three part Inventions. Come and cheer him across the finish line and possibly learn a few nerdy facts about Bach in the process.

MEATLESS MONDAYS **RICOTTA PASTA WITH** **ROASTED BROCCOLI**

INGREDIENTS

8 ounces pasta (your choice)
2 cups broccoli florets
2 tablespoons olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
1 cup ricotta cheese
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon lemon zest
1 teaspoon garlic powder
Fresh basil leaves for garnish

HAVE A VEG RECIPE TO SHARE?
PLEASE SEND TO
cparkssydney@yahoo.com



METHOD

Step 1: Preheat oven to 400°F. Spread broccoli florets out in single layer on baking sheet. Drizzle with 1 tbsp olive oil, and sprinkle with salt & pepper. Toss broccoli to coat evenly & roast for 20-25 minutes, or until tender & slightly crispy at the edges.

Step 2: While broccoli is roasting, cook pasta according to package instructions. Drain, reserving 1/4 cup of pasta water.

Step 3: In large skillet, heat remaining tbsp olive oil over medium heat. Add cooked pasta, followed by ricotta cheese, Parmesan cheese, lemon zest, & garlic powder. Toss everything together, adding a bit of the reserved pasta water to create a creamy sauce that coats pasta evenly.

Step 4: Once broccoli is done roasting, add it to skillet with the pasta. Gently toss to combine, letting the broccoli and pasta mix together in the creamy sauce.

Step 5: Transfer to serving dish & garnish with fresh basil leaves.

On Palm Sunday,
the Dorset Church Sunday
School will present a
“Passion Prayer Walk”
with music and story.
Our children will share the story
of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem
to His joyous victory over death.



SHARE THE LIGHT

MISSION MOMENT

**"TAKE A CLOSER LOOK" NARRATIVE:
DON PEDRO AND HIS FAMILY SHARE THE LIGHT IN COMMUNITY**

Don Pedro Antonio Maldonado lives in the countryside of Honduras where he works on his crops and coffee plantations. In 2019, when the pandemic lockdown happened, it was difficult for Don Pedro and his family to access food and supplies needed to maintain their harvests. His wife even suggested she leave for the U.S. to find employment and help make ends meet. Despite the challenges they were facing, Don Pedro and his wife decided they would hold onto their deep faith and stay together in Honduras.

Following their decision, they received the blessing they had been hoping for when Church World Service (CVS) and Honduran partner, the Mennonite Social Action Commission, provided funding assistance from One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), allowing Pedro to participate in a food security program. Pedro received chickens, a piglet, sheep, and a cow.

He also learned how to start a vegetable garden. Today, he is an expert in animal care, fertilization, and vegetation. Don Pedro shares his knowledge by inviting his neighbors to his home to teach them what he learned from the training. He added that since joining the program, his family has made a good income that will allow them to maintain a happy life together in their country.



He says, "I teach them by doing, actually doing the job, and not giving them theory... so they see that if I can do it, our community... which faces limitations... can do it, too. It's my best accomplishment. I feel complete when I receive support and I have the opportunity to share it."

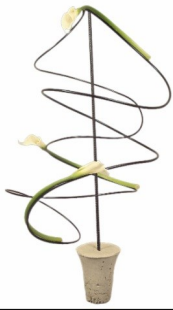


Don Pedro credits all of his success to God. His gratitude and desire to share these blessings makes him a blessing to the rest of his community and a guiding light, illuminating the path toward a better tomorrow. His family can stay planted where they are and share the light in their community.

Don Pedro and his wife, OGHS recipient for 2024

Your contributions to OGHS makes Don Pedro's good work possible. He shares the light of Christ—revealing God-colors in the world.

risen



indeed

The 230th Annual Meeting of the Vermont Conference

May 2-3, 2025

Grace Church, Rutland VT

*"Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God."
Isaiah 58:1-12*



BE THE LIGHT

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

When you give to **One Great Hour of Sharing**, you are light for people in need. You offer light when disasters strike, and when chronic conditions threaten families and communities. You are light not just in the immediate future, but also for the long haul. When you give, you restore not only structures, but also transform lives. Your gift ensures that no matter how difficult the situation, light shines.

Be the light. Give to **One Great Hour of Sharing**.



ucc.org/oghs

The Dorset Players with The Inns of Dorset
present

METEOR SHOWER

By Steve Martin



Director
Megan Demarest
Producer
Mark McChesney

April 4, 5, 11 & 12 @7:30pm April 6 & 13 @2pm

Tickets @ www.dorsetplayers.org or 802-867-5777

Show Sponsor: H. N. Williams

Meteor Shower is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

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

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.



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February 2025

Dear Dorset Church Family,

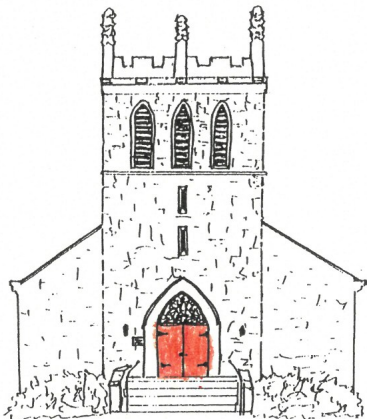
We all send our prayers to you and deep thanks for your generosity to us during the past months. We are deeply grateful because your gifts have allowed us to reach out in new ways to help others through our Warming Fund this cold winter. We also have some great news. We now have on our staff a Parish Nurse. Polly Lathrop now can help us further extend a health and healing ministry of hope on our side of the mountain. You model blessings on your side we would like to do so on our side, too.

Sending you light and love and God's richest blessings.

Your sister church family, the Congregational Church of Rupert, VT.

John and Marlene Pelton Neighborly Gratitude & Appreciation from us all!
Kurt & Larry Brandt Val & Brenda Amos
Kremer H Rachel Yoder Carol Berg
 Robert & Polly Rathrop Thank you, Marcia Legate
 God Bless you all Elaine Huber
W. Berg

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!**



Holy Week

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

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