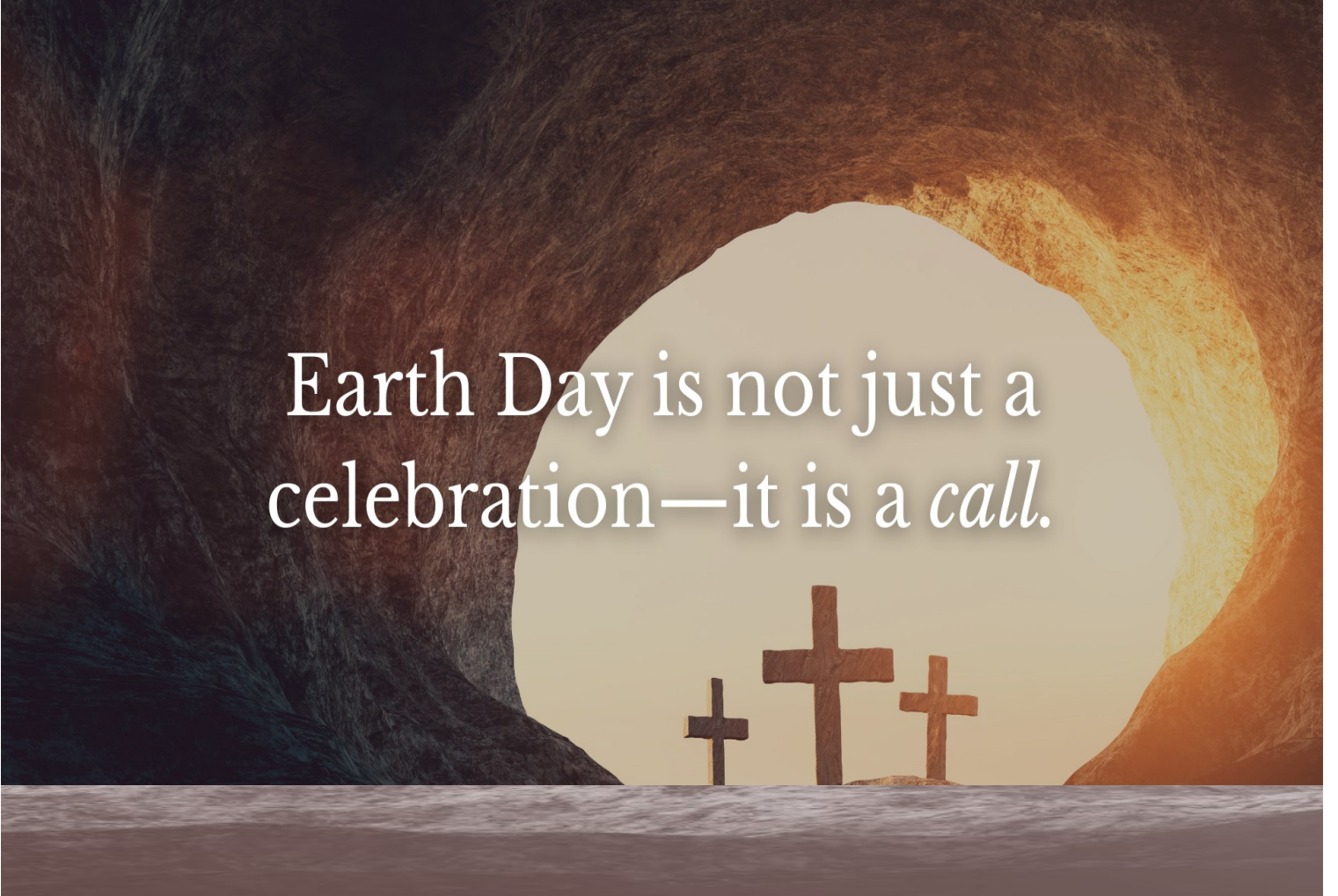


UNITED CHURCH OF DORSET AND EAST RUPERT
~ APRIL 27, 2025 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~



Earth Day is not just a
celebration—it is a *call*.

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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

~WORSHIP SERVICE ~ APRIL 27, 2025 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~

SILENT MEDITATION *"The Earth is what we all have in common."*
— Wendell Berry

PRELUDE *God of the Fertile Fields* (hymn 695) Martin Stellhorn, arr.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

Rev. Steve Longley

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

ENTER "THE FLAME" & "THE WORD"

CHURCH BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Steve Longley

Leader: The Earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it—

People: *The world, and those who live in it.*

Leader: Christ is risen! Creation groans no more—

People: *For even now, all things are being made new.*

Leader: Let us rejoice in the hope of resurrection,

People: *And worship the God who breathes life into dust and rivers into deserts.*

***HYMN** (CH) # 56 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Paula Nassivera

ALL: *Creator God, We confess that we have often treated Your creation as a possession rather than a gift. We have consumed without concern, ignored the cries of the Earth and of our neighbors, and walked past burning forests and polluted waters as though they were not ours to mourn. Forgive us, Lord, for what we have done and for what we have left undone. Renew in us a right spirit—a spirit of awe, reverence, and responsibility. Teach us again to walk gently, to live simply, and to love deeply.*

***MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

***UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Hear the good news: As surely as rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return without watering the Earth, so is God's word of grace—it does not return void. In Christ, we are made new creations: The old has passed away, and the new has come.

P: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

***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**

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

TIME WITH THE YOUNG

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Our Response: As you sent Christ, now send us.

CHOIR ANTHEM *Appalachian Psalm* - Tom Lough/Jon Paige

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

***HYMN (CH) # 696** *For Beauty of Meadows*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS READ BY THE GREEN TEAM MEMBERS

Genesis 1:26-28 Stewardship Over Creation

Leviticus 25:1-7 The Sabbath Year

Isaiah 11:6-9

Hosea 2:18

Colossians 1:19-20

SERMON Green Shalom

Rev. Steve Longley

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

OFFERTORY HYMN *Kingsfold* -Dale Wood



***DOXOLOGY (CH) # 46**

*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. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

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

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Steve Longley

***POSTLUDE** *St. Denio* - Wilha Hutson

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 to our Scripture Readers, The Green Team
Our thanks for our Liturgist, Paula Nassivera
Our thanks for Rev. Steve Longley
Our thanks to our ushers, Marietta and Karl White

NO COFFEE HOUR THIS WEEK DUE TO RUMMAGE SALE

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; Linda Bushee; Bob Waters; Frank Quaranta; Robin Hoag; Cindy Overstreet; Stephanie Mattison; Spencer March; Damon Wilder, Jonathon Dickinson & Marianne Bacon; Ginny Longacre; Sherrie Baker; Donna Harris; Candy Dodson; Amanda Williams; Jack; Jane McIlwaine; Rev. Pete Hults; Mary Williams Rowland; Stephanie Johnson; in the Dorset Church for all the volunteers that will work this week; in the Vermont Conference, for the Federated Church of Castleton and their Pastor, Rev. Rob Noble; and in the UCC, The United Church of Christ joins with the global community in mourning the death of Pope Francis and grieving his absence from among us.

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

PASTOR SEARCH The Transition Team is pausing the small group conversations for Holy Week and Easter and will resume after the Rummage Sale, May 3, 2025.

MAY MEETINGS

DEACONS

PFLAG

CABINET

TRUSTEES

MISSION COMMITTEE

HOSPITALITY

SECOND HOUR

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025 @ 11:30 AM

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025 @ 4:00 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 18 2025 @ 11:30 AM

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025 @ 3:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025 @ 11:30 AM

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A NEW MEMBER? The Deacons have scheduled a New Members Series. The first session will be held on **Sunday, May 4, 2025** the second session will be held **at the Cabinet Meeting on Sunday May 18, 2025**. This series is NOT mandatory, but is a wonderfully dedicated lesson between you, this congregation, and our denomination. Please let us know if you would like to add your name to the list of new members, if so, please contact the Church Office at 867-2260 or dorsetchurch@gmail.com.



KIDS SUMMER LUNCH NEED YOUR HELP! Our summer food program runs for 10 weeks beginning June 19th. We need help loading and unloading our delivery trucks, transporting food to our distribution sites, breaking down shipments at the church. If you are strong and able (must be able to lift and move heavy boxes) please contact Cheryl Gasperetti at cgasp@vermontel.net Or 802-558-1041.

SAVE THE DATE!!!! SECOND HOUR PRESENTATION On Sunday, May 25, 2025 Rheo Aieta and Mary Jane Verdery will offer a program called, **INFLOW AND OUTFLOW OF BLESSINGS AND SERVICE**. Watch the bulletins for more details in the next few weeks.



Help us celebrate Jane LoBrutto's retirement.

Saturday, May 17th from

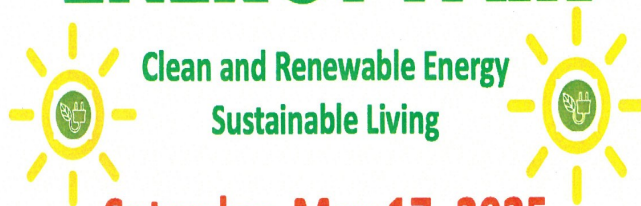
1:00pm -3:00pm

In the Dorset Church vestry

Stop by to share a memory and wish Jane well on her new adventure.

Light hors d'oeuvres and cake will be served.

ENERGY FAIR



Saturday, May 17, 2025

from 11 am to 3 pm

At the Manchester Town Hall

On Route 7A

Cost: FREE, open to the public **Raffle Prize:** \$100 from r.k.Miles

Come and find out if you qualify for:

- \$24,500 of home repairs and weatherization work for FREE
 - Up to \$5,000 for a heat pump water heater
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Learn about:

- Cold climate heat pumps
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Sponsored by the Town of Manchester Energy Committee

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE - MAY 3, 2025

To all those who have helped in the past, thanks for your involvement in making the Dorset Rummage Sale such an anticipated event. We couldn't do it without you and hope you will join us again.

If you haven't yet participated, you really should give it a try - especially if you are new to the area or to the church. It is a wonderful way to meet people and make new friends.

Volunteers are needed are follows:

SUNDAY April 27 - Set-Up immediately following the service. **NO COFFEE HOUR.**

MONDAY April 28 - THRU April 30 (Daytime/Evenings). Sorting, arranging, pricing etc.

SATURDAY May 3:

8:30-1pm - Sales assistants needed

1pm onward - Muscles and trucks needed for cleanup

You can volunteer by:

- *contacting your department leader if you are a regular*

• *calling Candace at 802-989-2416 or emailing cparkssydney@yahoo.com*

Donations will be accepted from Monday, April 28 through Wednesday, April 30th Please note, we cannot accept donations after Wednesday evening.

Bennington County Choral Society

Dr. Brian Dukeshier, Artistic Director
Benjamin April, Assistant Conductor



Hope Waits

*A concert supporting mental health awareness,
with special guests Burr & Burton Academy Concert Choir*

Sunday, May 4th, 2025

2:00 PM at the Monument Arts & Cultural Center
44 Gypsy Lane, Bennington

6:00 PM at First Congregational Church
3624 Main Street, Manchester

Tickets:

Pre-sale: \$20 | College Students with ID: \$10

At the door: \$25 | Children under 18: \$5

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RUMMAGE SALE CONCESSION STAND SATURDAY MAY 3, 2025

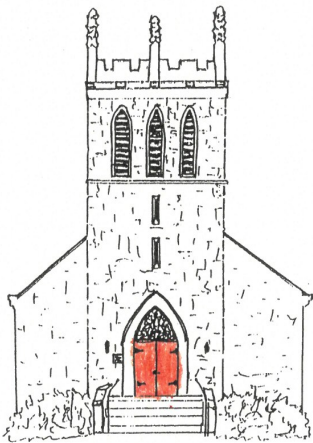
The Christian Education committee is excited to host the concession stand once again at this year's Rummage Sale.

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. **All proceeds from this event go to the Christian Education program and special mission projects.**

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!**

May at the Community Food Cupboard

May is for moms!

Honor a mom who has everything by making a
little gift to a mom who doesn't.



Items can be dropped off at Manchester Town Hall, Shaw's Supermarket, Manchester Community Library, or Dorset Post Office. You can also find our donation bins at Christ Our Savior Parish, First Congregational Church and the Dorset Church. Thank you for your support!

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