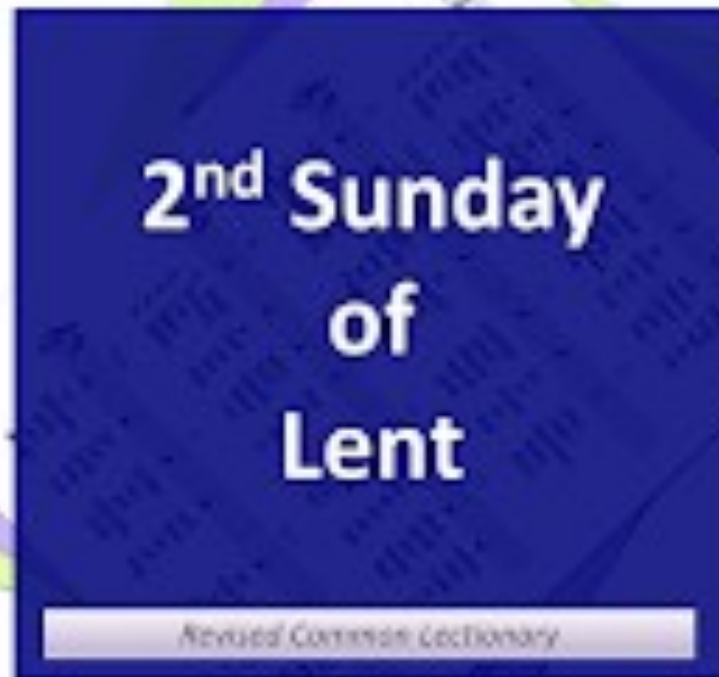


UNITED CHURCH OF DORSET AND EAST RUPERT

~ MARCH 16, 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 16, 2025 ~ SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SILENT MEDITATION *“The price of inaction is far greater than the cost of making a mistake.”* Meister Eckhart

PRELUDE *Fairest Lord Jesus-* Lee Evans, arr.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF GOD’S PEACE

Rev. Mark McDonough

ENTER “THE FLAME” & “THE WORD”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us meet God in this gathering.

People: ***We gather together to praise God, to offer our hopes, to hear again God’s call, to strengthen our faith.***

Leader: God calls us to honor all persons, be kind to our neighbors, and to praise God’s holy name.

People: ***Let us worship God.***

***HYMN (CH) # 79: God is My Shepherd**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Paula Nassivera

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we pause to confess those times when we have worshiped other gods, gods of money, of status, of being always right, always in charge. You ask us to love as you love us and to keep your commandments. But we do not do it. We are too often suspicious, jealous, and easily angered. Hear our prayers for forgiveness and inspire us that we may, at last, do the good we know to do and be the people we desperately want to be. In Christ we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

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: Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM *Follow the Way of Love*

Sunday School Children

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Kings 19:1-18; Acts 9:1-9

Liz Schafer

***PSALM 23** *Chalice # 734, response 2*

LEADER: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want

PEOPLE: ***He makes me lie down in green pastures;***

LEADER: He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

PEOPLE: ***He leads me in the right paths for his name's sake.***

LEADER: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil

PEOPLE: ***For you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.***

CHORAL RESPONSE: *Shepherd me O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.*

LEADER: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

PEOPLE: ***You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.***

LEADER: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

PEOPLE: ***And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.***

CHORAL RESPONSE: *Shepherd me O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.*

SERMON The Darkness of Disorientation

Rev. Mark McDonough

OFFERTORY *Irish Blessing-* Bob Chilcott



***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) # 595: Be Thou My Vision**

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Mark McDonough

POSTLUDE *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* - Johann Gottfried Walther

Our thanks for this morning's flowers to: Ruth Stewart
Celebrating the power of Mother Nature to renew our bodies and minds
Scripture Reader, Liz Schafer
Liturgist, Paula Nassivera

Our thanks to our ushers, Marietta and Karl White

Our thanks for hosting Coffee Hour to: Dotty Thompson and Kris Harvey

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; Christopher Barrett; Howard; Jimmy Weiss; Jeff Duel; Sharon Bovey Stone; Linda Bushee; Bob Waters; Frank Quaranta; Robin Blount; Cindy Overstreet; Sylvia Haney; Corey Cochran; Stephanie Mattison; Spencer March; Shuyan Liu; Pam Hasegawa; Damon Wilder, Craig, Jaxson and Jacob Smith, Paul; Marianne Bacon; Ginny Longacre; Pope Francis; Sherrie Baker; Donna Harris; in the Dorset Church for our Sunday School; in the Vermont Conference, for the Shrewsbury Community Church and their Pastor, Karen Braeutigam; in the UCC, for Rev. Shari Prestemon who has been nominated to continue to lead UCC's Love of Neighbor Ministries.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS: 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

PASTOR SEARCH UPDATES The Transition Team has prepared questions for small group conversations that will provide information needed to complete the Church Profile. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in a small group conversation. The schedule for the small group conversations is in the Vestry. A variety of days and times are available. **Please sign up today in the vestry. The schedule is on the easel.**

MEN'S GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS. Please join us this Thursday, March 20, for our annual March Madness luncheon, held in conjunction with the first games from 12-2pm. This year's luncheon will be held in the Pastors Chapel with the traditional Jim Gray menu, courtesy of Rich, and a couple TVs. All entries in the March Madness pool must be in by noon on March 20 with a \$10 per entry fee. You can bring your bracket and entry fee to church or email the bracket to bookkeeper@dorsetchurch.org. Entry fees can be cash or Venmo to @Joel-Ario. Everyone encouraged to participate, including women and young children. On April 12, we will return to our traditional Saturday morning breakfast at 8AM at the church. Newcomers always welcome.

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

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

UPCOMING MARCH MEETINGS

CABINET
TRUSTEES
STEWARDSHIP

THIS MORNING AT 11:30 AM
MARCH 18TH AT 3:30 PM
MARCH 19TH AT 8:00 AM

MEATLESS MONDAYS QUINOA with ROASTED VEG & TOFU INGREDIENTS

For quinoa

1 1/4 cup water
3/4 cup quinoa
1/3 cup raisins
2 tbsp apple cider
vinegar
1/4 tsp salt

For veg and tofu

1 sweet potato (12 oz), peeled and
diced into 1/2 in cubes
1 head broccoli (12 oz), cut into bite
size florets
3 tbsp olive oil
1/4 tsp salt
*1 (7oz) package teriyaki marinated
extra-firm tofu, cut into 1/2 in cubes
10-12 cherry tomatoes
1 small red or orange bell pepper,
seeded & sliced

For sauce and serving

1/3 cup well-stirred tahini
1/3 cup fresh orange juice
1-2 garlic cloves, minced
or grated
1 tbsp olive oil
1/2 tsp ground turmeric
cold water, as needed
fresh ground black pepper
(optional)
4 springs fresh cilantro
(optional)

You can make your own teriyaki marinade with:

1/4 cup soy sauce
2 tbsp honey
1 tbsp rice vinegar
1 clove garlic, minced or grated
1 (1 in) piece or fresh ginger, grated

Marinate tofu cubes at room temperature for 30 minutes or up to 12 hrs in fridge.

METHOD

Step 1. Combine quinoa ingredients in small saucepan and bring to boil over high heat. Cover & reduce heat to lowest setting. Cook until quinoa is tender, 18-20 minutes. Remove from heat. Cover & set aside so quinoa stays warm & becomes plush.

Step 2. While quinoa cooks, preheat oven to 400F. Line large sheet pan with foil or parchment, if desired.

Step 3. Toss sweet potato & broccoli w/oil. Season w/salt & spread evenly over 2/3 of pan. Add tofu cubes to other 1/3, spacing everything evenly. Roast for 15 min, then use tongs to toss everything so they cook evenly. Cook another 10-15 minutes, or until potatoes are tender, broccoli is crisped and tofu has browned.

Step 4. To make the sauce, whisk together tahini, orange juice, honey and garlic.

Step 5. In pan over high heat, heat olive oil until it shimmers. Remove from heat & add turmeric, giving it 30 seconds to bloom. Scape & stir turmeric oil into tahini mixture. If too thick to drizzle, add a bit of cold water.

Step 6. To serve, place some quinoa in a bowl. Top w/veg & tofu. Drizzle w/sauce.

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

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**.



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2025 LENT AND HOLY WEEK 2025

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (3624 Main St, Manchester)

March 19, Noon **Interfaith Prayer & Contemplation -Listening to God and Each Other** Lauryn Axelrod, Interfaith minister, chaplain, spiritual director and teacher.

March 26, 7:00pm **The Gospel (and Torah) according to Bob Dylan** led by Andris Berry & Bill Borrer

April 9, Noon. **The Music of Lent and Holy Week** The singers and musicians of FCC

ZION EPISCOPAL CHURCH MANCHESTER

April 2, 7:00 pm **-Being Church in a Liminal Time**
Fr. David Fredrickson, Priest in Charge



THIS YEAR'S THEME IS

Christmas IN JULY!

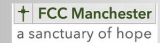
- MUSIC
- GAMES
- ARTS/CRAFTS
- BIBLE STORIES
- SNACKS
- NEW FRIENDS
-FUN!

FREE FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY. AGES 5-12

A COLLABORATION OF 5 AREA CHURCHES
AGAIN THIS YEAR - FIRST CONGREGATIONAL,
ZION EPISCOPAL, DORSET CHURCH, FEDERATED
CHURCH OF EAST ARLINGTON, FIRST BAPTIST

JULY 7-11, 2025

@ FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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802.362.2709
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SUMMER DISCOVERY CAMP



SAVE THE DATES!

JULY 7-11, 2025

ARE YOU
READY?!

March at the Community Food Cupboard

Spring is coming and the mornings are getting brighter. Let's help get every day off to a good start!



March Shopping List

Breakfast Cereal/Instant Oatmeal
Granola Bars
Pancake Mix and Syrup
Nuts and Dried Fruit
Peanut Butter
Coffee and Tea
Shelf-Stable Milk
Coffee Creamer

Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
Deodorant

Items can be dropped off at Manchester Town Hall, Shaw's Supermarket, Manchester Community Library, or Dorset Post Office. Thank you for your support!

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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



United Church of Dorset & East Rupert

Free Winter Community Supper



Menu

Thursday, March 20, 2025 5:30—7:00 PM

Corn Chowder
Roasted Pork Loin with gravy
Buttered Noodles
Red Cabbage and Apple Sauce
Tiny Spring Green Peas
Tossed Green Salad
Assorted Desserts

We offer gluten free pasta and desserts

All are welcome for FREE great meals!

Please bring your family and friends!

We hope to see you there!

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