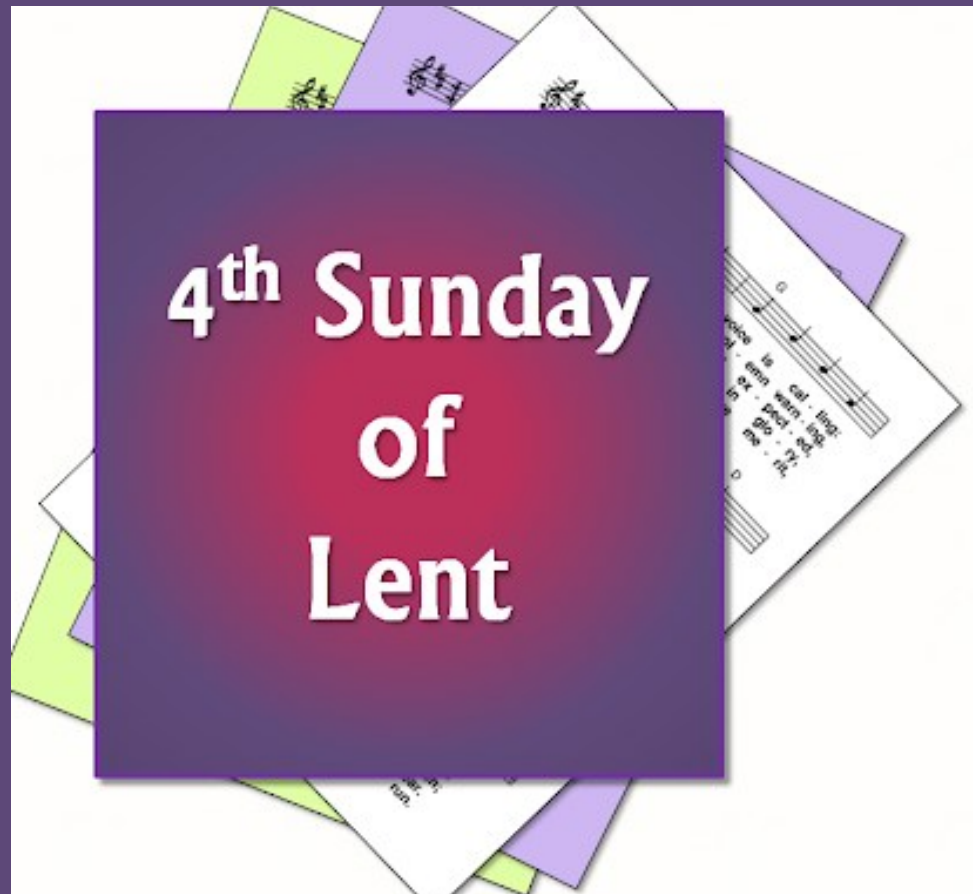


# UNITED CHURCH OF DORSET AND EAST RUPERT

~ MARCH 30, 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 30, 2025 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

**SILENT MEDITATION** Memo to Self: Stay close to nature, and to your own creaturely instincts. It's a cold, hard winter out there, but underneath the ice and snow, nature is preparing for an uprising. There's underground work to be done for and with your family and friends, your community, your country, your soul. *-Parker Palmer*

**PRELUDE** *Bach Invention*

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE**

Rev. Mark McDonough

**ENTER "THE FLAME" & "THE WORD"**

Sofia Lima, Acolyte; Brandon Hiller-Dupont Beadle

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** This morning, in the multi-colored company of your Church on earth and in heaven, we celebrate your creation, your life, your interest in us; so we pray,

**People:** *Lord, bring new life, where we are worn and tired; new love, where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness, where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit.*

**\*HYMN** (CH) # 202 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (harmonized by J.S. Bach)

**UNSION 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. Inspiring God, 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 loving and life-giving passions may rise and thrive.

**MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**LEADER:** The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, hear and embrace the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, in the Spirit of the risen Christ we are being made new.

**\*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.**

ANTHEM *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* - J.S. Bach

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 137; Mark 14:10-11, 66-74a

Al Lindsey

\*PSALM #32 *Chalice Hymnal page 739*

**CHORAL RESPONSE: Be glad in God and rejoice, shout for joy, you upright in heart.**

LEADER: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

PEOPLE: ***Happy are those to whom God imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.***

LEADER: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

PEOPLE: ***For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.***

LEADER: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

PEOPLE: ***I said, "I will confess my transgressions to God," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.***

**CHORAL RESPONSE: Be glad in God and rejoice, shout for joy, you upright in heart.**

LEADER: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;

PEOPLE: ***at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.***

LEADER: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

PEOPLE: ***you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.***

LEADER: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

PEOPLE: ***Do not be like a horse or mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.***

LEADER: Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in God.

PEOPLE: ***Be glad in God and rejoice, O righteous ones, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.***

**CHORAL RESPONSE: Be glad in God and rejoice, shout for joy, you upright in heart.**

SERMON *Saying Yes, Saying No*

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

\*CLOSING HYMN (CH) #176 *Sing of God Made Manifest* (harmonized by J.S. Bach)

## \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Mark McDonough

Blessing and laughter and loving be yours the love of a great God who names you and holds you while the earth turns and the flowers grow this day this night this moment and forever.

## POSTLUDE *Bach Invention*

Our thanks for today's flowers to: Laura and Reuf Grapshi

*In loving memory of our mothers, Marjorie and Nesli*

*Our thanks to our Acolyte, Sofia Lima and our Beadle, Brandon Hiller-Dupont*

Scripture Reader, Al Lindsey Liturgist, Paula Nassivera

Our thanks to our ushers, Marietta and Karl White

Our thanks for hosting Coffee Hour to: The Grapshi's and Chris Harvey & Betsy Olson

**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, Paul; Jonathon Dickinson & Marianne Bacon; Ginny Longacre; Sherrie Baker; Donna Harris; Candy Dodson; Amanda Williams; Pat Grip; Jack; For family and friends of Louis Schultes; For family and friends Bruce Tyler Waite; in the Dorset Church for the Transition Team as they interview our members and friends; in the Vermont Conference, for the United Church of West Rutland and their Pastor, Rev. Pete Hults; in the UCC, One Great Hour of Sharing.

**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 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**

### **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

#### **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.

**FELLOWSHIP SPRING LUNCHEON POSTPONED** Please watch the bulletin for new upcoming plans.

**THE NORTHSHIRE SENIORS** have reduced price tickets to see the Dorset Players next show, "Meteor Shower" written by Steve Martin for the **Sunday, April 6th 2:00PM** matinee. The cost is \$24/person. Contact Linda O'Leary to sign up.

**EID-AL-FITR – SUNDAY 3/30** The end of Ramadan is marked by a celebration feast known as Eid-al-Fitr ("breaking of the fast.") Bennington County Multicultural Community Center was awarded a grant from VT Humanities to support a large, regional Eid-al-Fitr celebration. On Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup>, we will gather as a community at Lake Paran to celebrate the end of Ramadan. This event is planned for 3pm – 9pm. There will be delicious food prepared by a large group of women in the refugee community, music and dancing, and endless opportunities to participate in meaningful, joyful cultural exchange. This event sponsored by the Bennington County Multicultural Community Center is an opportunity to learn about another culture and religious holiday, and to see other people in their humanity. Should be a fun experience. If there is interest we can see about carpooling at the Church.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** the next breakfast will be on Saturday, April 12th at 8:00 AM.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE** Please email the office to get a copy at [dorsetchurch@gmail.com](mailto:dorsetchurch@gmail.com) The deadline is April 15th.

**BACH MARATHON THIS MORNING at 11:30 AM**, our Music Director, Tom Salmon will once again be celebrating the birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach.

**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

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.



**Northshire Seniors:**

**Free Pizza Party:**

Northshire Seniors are hosting a pizza party on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at noon. It will be at the Eagles in Manchester.

We will be serving pizza, salad, and dessert. Please make your reservations by calling Sally at 802-375-9780. The Northshire Senior will be covering the cost. Call before April 10<sup>th</sup> to reserve your spot. Our space is small so RSVP early because we have limited seating.

We will have a Teacup auction and a book exchange table.

We are always looking for new ideas and new faces. Northshire Seniors is a group that serves anyone over 55 and living in the Northshire area.

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](http://www.dorsetplayers.org) or 802-867-5777

Show Sponsor: H. N. Willams  
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](mailto:jane@dorsetchurch.org)  
Please include your dedication for the bulletin.



*Help us*  **FEED THE FARMERS**   
*that feed us!*

**\$15,000 MATCH  
♥ CHALLENGE ♥**

**MATCH** Raising \$15,000 in April will unlock an additional \$15,000 pledge made by two generous donors.

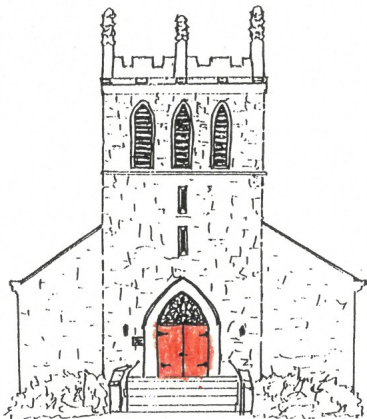
**HELP** Help our friends and neighbors jump-start their growing season allowing us to buy food locally to support our community.

**DONATE** Your donation ensures that our community will be fed with healthy food from local growers!

**DONATE TODAY AT:**  
[communityfoodcupboard.org](http://communityfoodcupboard.org)  
Community Food Cupboard  
P.O. Box 864  
Manchester Center, VT 05255

   
*Act Local!*

# 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**

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

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