

UNITED CHURCH OF DORSET AND EAST RUPERT, U.C.C.



Video Easter Worship Sunday, April 4, 2021

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 4, 2021 ~ EASTER SUNDAY ~

GATHERING MUSIC (CH) # 224 *Christ Arose!*

1. *Low in the grave he lay,
Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day,
Jesus my Lord!*

2. *Vainly they watch his bed,
Jesus my Savior;
vainly they seal the dead,
Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]*

3 *Death cannot keep its prey,
Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away--
Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]*

Refrain:
*Up from the grave he arose, (he arose)
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose)
Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. James H. Gray

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

P: *Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

L: This is the day that sees Christ rise.

P: *Let us rejoice and find hope in it.*

L: This is the day of new beginnings, Alleluia! Come let us worship God together.

INTROIT (CH) # 216 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

1 *Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

2 *Lives again our glorious king; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

3 *Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!*

4 *Soar we now where Christ was led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Jane LoBrutto

L: The Lord be with you. **P:** *And also with you.* **L:** Let us pray.

ALL: *God of grace, power and hope, in the midst of death, you call forth life. When all hope seemed gone, you raised Jesus from the tomb. We come today trusting in your good news, longing for your life-giving presence. Lord of new life, raise us up with all your people. Lift us from the tombs of our despair and our doubt. Help us to rejoice in your power over all. Fill our hearts with joy as we sing Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Alleluia. 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**

*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. Amen.*

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

Please refer to the bulletin announcement on how to give your offerings

ANTHEM *Hallelujah* Leonard Cohen

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 24:13ff Lisa May

SERMON The Man Who Came Back from the Dead Rev. Dr. James H. Gray

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN (CH) #425** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)

Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees)

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

WORDS OF INVITATION

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *Most loving God, we confess that we have seen much pain without being moved to compassion. We have begged forgiveness from others, while hoarding our own charity. We have gathered our own tranquility at the expense of peace of others and creation. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LITANY OF PREPARATION

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

P: It is right to give God praise and thanks.

L: Therefore, with all the communion of saints we praise,

P: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of Your glory.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(It is our tradition to partake in unison.)*

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we may experience Christ and receive his gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG *Lord of the Dance*

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth
At Bethlehem I had my birth*

Chorus

*Dance, dance wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance said he
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he*

*I Danced for the scribe and the Pharisee
But they would not dance and they would not follow me
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John
They came with me and the dance went on*

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high
And they left me there on a cross to die*

Chorus

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
They buried my body and they thought I was gone
But I am the dance and I still go on*

*They cut me down but I leapt up high
For I am the dance that can never, never die
I'll live in you if you'll live in me
For I am the lord of the dance, said he!*

Chorus

*With our thanks
for the lilies to:*



Peter Davis
Joann Limbacher
Bill Vedery
Dotty Thompson
Bob McCafferty

In loving memory of June Davis
Happy Spring wishes to all!
In honor of Charlotte Lightfoot
In memory of loved ones
In memory of my wife Nancy McCafferty who passed away of
February 28th

Scottie Hontz
The Gray Family
Nan Leach
Nan Leach
Friends
Susan Rawls
Susan Rawls
The Faesy Family
The Faesy Family

In loving memory of Jack Joseph & John Douglas Hontz
In celebration of Sloane and Ian
In memory of Howard Leach
In memory of the Bradder Family
In loving memory of Luc Hawkins
Remembering all our loved one we have lost
Prayer to all suffering an illness and their families
Happy Easter from the Faesy Family
Happy Easter from the Faesy Family
In loving memory of our mother and Victor.
With love and appreciation for all of the church staff

Dan Zimmerman
The Grapshi Family
Nora Larsen
The Hittle Family
John Pitcher
The Citron Family
Julie Citron
Julie Citron
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Rita Robson
Robin & Henry Chandler
Sue Westin
Debra Welsh
Debra Welsh

In honor of Bodie Wise
In memory of loved ones
In loving memory of my mom, Doris Ibbetson
In memory of loved ones
In memory of Jean and Virgil Pitcher
In memory of our mothers, Diane Citron and Mary Ann Bloom
In honor of Gay Jesup
In honor of Dotty Aston
With joyful remembrance of beloved family and friends
In honor of Rev. & Mrs. Hartmut Junge
Happy Easter to all!
In memory of Dell and Richard Buswell
In memory of Carol B. Welsh and Carol P. Welsh
In memory of Jeanne Salcetti

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers



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: Mary Abbott Ludki; Terry Archard; Tyler Kennedy; Audrey Brass; Evan Barberis; Hayward Day; Dick & Linda Buswell; Susan Reiss; McKenzie Cahill; Andrew Oltman; Nate & Allie Webster; Kenny & the Kunisch Family; Richard White; Rand Snyderman; Jackie and Mike; Erin Pixley Thurston; Diane & Chip Wilson; Garry DuFour; Vicky Houston; Sally Wichert; Gladys; Liz Pitcher and Family, Tony Irvin; Chris Waker; Cindy & Dwight Decker; Marilyn & Sid Russell; Bruce Neveritt; Cynthia and the boys; Marian "Pete" McCart; John and Nancy Fleming; Michael M.; Morandir Armson; Emily; Ann Healy; Genevieve, Madeline and Fred; Stephanie & Steven Blake; Mary Williams Rowland; Jenny Hopkins; Ken and Carol Shippey; Dale Copin; Dot Tiff; Cari Anzel; in the Dorset Church for the farmers that have donated food all winter to help families in need; in the Vermont Conference for our friends at the Brandon Congregational Church; and in the UCC, for the two UCC pastors and all clergy in Boulder, CO helping people deal with the grief and sorrow over the mass shooting in their local grocery store.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS: Zanah Perry; Andrew Leeds; Allie & Nate Webster; Ched Evans; Barbara West; Carl Hedman; Claire; Henry Croff; Frank; Adam, Erin, Emma & Jonah; Vern James; Jameson Gray Pelton; Baby James; Desiree Hazelton; Christal Mattison; Ed Sherowski; Jenny Hopkins; Alicia; Mary, Rob & Rowan Hamilton; Richard & Robin Krauss; John & Nancy Fleming; Tracey & Kiley; Rachel & Kingston; Ralph; Sue Washburn; Michael M.; Maryann Dellinger; Sarah Quinlan; Ginny & Jim Lucas; Pam Parker; Toddy Quinlan; Jennifer H.; Ellen Mitchell; Debbie Michota; Kimberly & Michael White; Mandy; Linda; Betty Speight; Margaret Greenway; Norma Will; Don Will; Judy Dunn; Destiny Dundon; Evelyn Tobin; Lars Pearson; Ann Dumas; Cassia Duran; Shelly Krauss; Diane, Russ & Julie Dwyer; Eric & Manda Meacham; Charlie Thompson; Emily Metcalf; Reeve & Essie Cantus; Wade Schuman; Chris Willis; Leigh & Dan Krauss; Stuart Oltman; Theron Troumbley; Sarah; Theresa Slocumb; Julia Pitcher; Natalie Ciccone; Calder; Jennifer Cready; Rich; Pat Lipinski; Chris C.; Jack & Marty; Sherry Harsh; Liz LaVigne; Linda Bushee; Joe V.; Matthew Sargent; Kyle; John Bordner; Emily Smack; Mark Miksis; Wayne Hemmingway; Thomas; Tracey; Eric; Fran; Jerry Schafer; Kris McKeighan; Maddison Morse; Chris & Mason Ward; Deb White; Petra & her three grandchildren; Grace Wise; Jean Stannard; Shirley Simpson; Linda Boyd; Kay Kwasniewski; Marilyn LaBarr; Phil Ehret; Barbara Howland; Lois Acton; Fergus Cochran; Monroe Parks; Michael Park; Bud Welsh; David Brownell; Brian, Amanda, Sophie & Benjamin Krauss; Dody Daly; Amy Dunn; John Pitcher; Marcia Goldstein; Ray Foster; Douglas White; Mary Buchmayer; Lisa Genco Shelton; Doris Chartrand; Glen Hall; Kathy Mazeck; Kathryn Carrington; Dr. B & P; Sue Bamford; George Smith; Rob Somers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRESIDE CHAT, BIBLE STUDY AND FAITH INN-SIDE BOOK GROUP WILL RESUME NEXT WEEK AT THEIR REGULAR SCHEDULED TIME.

DORSET CHURCH SERVICES AND FIRESIDE CHATS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON GNAT-TV CHANNEL 1094. Sunday worship (one week behind) **maybe seen at 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM.** Fireside chats (one week behind) will be seen the following **Wednesday at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.**

PLEASE SHARE YOUR INFORMATION ABOUT VACCINATIONS Are you willing to share your information---we'd love to know when you have received both of your COVID-19 vaccinations. This will help us to determine when it will be safe to open our building for worship.

HOW TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE DORSET CHURCH

PayPal on our Website at www.dorsetchurch.org Donate using the **PayPal donation button.** Note: PayPal withholds 2.2% of your donation as a processing fee. However, the full donation will be credited for giving purposes.



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Mail a check to the Dorset Church at PO Box 263, Dorset, VT 05251

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Bring a check at the church at 143 Church St, Dorset VT 05251. There is a secure box attached to the exterior door on the parking lot side of the building. If you prefer to donate cash, please arrange to bring it while the church's office is open and either include your name and address or giving number with the donation so the funds can be credited properly.

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