

Worship Service for February 15, 2026

Welcome and AnnouncementsJim Comar

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 7pm via zoom Building Preservation Meeting

Saturday 9am ..FOCUS Men's breakfast; potluck, bring something to share. Contact Ken Taylor for more information

4-7pm .Potluck & game night: Join us for a time of food, fellowship and fun. Sign up sheet is on the back table. Contact Pastor Theresa for more information.

A Benefit Concert

For

First Baptist Church's

Building Preservation Fund

Saturday, March 7th at 7pm

Hosted by

The United Church of Dorset and East Rupert

Come hear the music of Billy Joel performed by a combined choir of Dorset Church, and First Baptist Church. Invite your family and friends.

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

George Hess on Wednesday; Dorothy Beers & Jim Johnson on Saturday.

Thank you to John and Cheryl Hess for the flowers in memory of mothers, Julia Lee and Shirley Guthridge

Word of Preparation - Jim Comar

Prelude ~ Where I Belong

Verse 1

Sometimes it feels like I'm watching, From the outside.
Sometimes it feels like I'm breathing, But am I alive?
I won't keep searching for answers, That aren't here to find.

Chorus

All I know, is I'm not home yet.
This is not where I belong.
Take this world and give me Jesus.
This is not where I belong.

Verse 2

So when the walls come falling, Down on me.
And when I'm lost in the current, Of a raging sea.
I have this blessed assurance, Holding me.

Chorus

Bridge

When the earth shakes; I want to be found, in You.
When the lights fade; I want to be found, in You.

Chorus

Ending

Where I belong (4X)

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Call to Worship: by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries,
May 2024.

Welcome! Welcome to the baggage we carry, the joys we share, the griefs we bear, and the worries we hold.

Come! Let us worship!

The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.

Come! Let us worship!

God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

Come! Let us worship!

So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ.

Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn - #499 Blue hymnal - When Love Is Found

Verse 1

When love is found and hope comes home,
Sing and be glad that two are one.
When love explodes and fills the sky,
Praise God, and share our maker's joy.

Verse 2

When love has flowered in trust and care,
Build both each day, that love may dare.
To reach beyond home's warmth and light,
To serve and strive for truth and right.

Verse 3

When love is tried as loved ones change,
Hold still to hope though all seems strange,
Till ease returns and hope grows wise,
Through list'ning ears and opened eyes.

Verse 4

When love is torn, and trust betrayed,
Pray strength to love till torments fade,
Till lovers keep no score of wrong,
But hear through pain love's Easter song.

Verse 5

Praise God for love, praise God for life,
In age or youth, in calm or strife.
Lift up your hearts! let love be fed,
Through death and life, in broken bread.

Brian Arthur Wren, Jane Manton Marshall

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Praying Together

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 debts as we forgive our debtors

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

**For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory
forever, Amen**

**Hymn: #471 Red hymnal - Oh Happy Home, Where Thou
Art Loved the Dearest**

Verse 1

Oh happy home, where thou art loved the dearest,
Thou loving friend, and Savior of our race,
and where among the guests there never cometh,
One who can hold such high and honored place!

Verse 2

Oh happy home, where each one serves Thee, lowly,
Whatever his appointed work may be,
till every common task seems great and holy,
when it is done, oh Lord, as unto thee!

Verse 3

O happy home, where thou are not forgotten,
When Joy is overflowing, full and free;
oh happy home, where every wounded spirit is brought
Physician, Comforter, to Thee.

Verse 4

Until at last, when earth's days work is ended,
All meet thee in the Blessed home above,
From whence Thou camest, where Thou hast ascended, Thy
everlasting home of peace and love. Amen!

Intro to sermon - Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

Scripture text - Genesis 2:4-25

⁴This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, ⁶but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. ⁷Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

⁸Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing

to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²(The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.) ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. ¹⁴The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

¹⁸The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

¹⁹Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²²Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;

she shall be called 'woman,'
for she was taken out of man."

²⁴That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

²⁵Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Sermon - "A Taste of Paradise" - Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

Hymn: #472 Red hymnal - Happy the Home When God is There.

Verse 1

Happy the home when God is there,
and love fills every breast;
When one their wish, and one their prayer,
and one their heavenly rest.

Verse 2

Happy the home where Jesus' name
Is sweet to every ear.
Where children early lisp his fame,
And parents hold him, dear.

Verse 3

Happy the home where prayer is heard,
and praise is wont to rise,
where parents love the sacred Word,
and all its wisdom prize.

Verse 4

Lord, let us in our homes agree
this blessed peace to gain;
Unite our hearts in love to Thee,
And love to all will reign.

Benediction -

Beloved, listen! God calls us to worship in our gathering *and* in our scattering. May the Triune God bless you as you go from this place to answer God's call to worship in everything you do in thought, word, and deed that you may be a blessing of love, hope, and peace to all you meet. Amen.

Purpose:

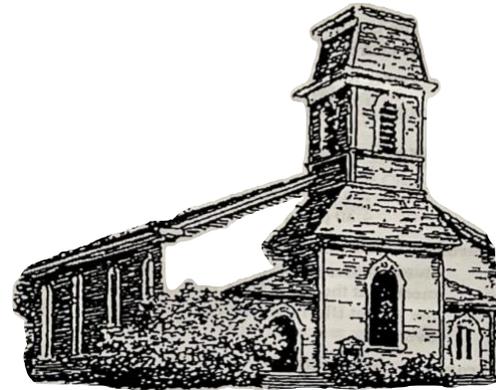
To share the love of Jesus.

Vision:

Beacon of hope, welcoming all.

Mission:

Worship God, Follow Jesus, Rely on the Holy Spirit, and Love Everyone.



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And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God

Revelation 21:3