

DENNIS UNION CHURCH, UCC

an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2022

In essentials, unity. In nonessentials, liberty. In all things, charity. (Early disciples' motto, attributed to Rupertus Meldenius)

Bells Toll the Hour

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship

Let us open our hearts to the sunshine of God's love.

Let us open our souls to the gentle wind of God's Spirit.

We have gathered to hear the good news of divine love and grace

A Word that renews us again and again.

Glory be to God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, who loves, saves, and renews us.

*Hymn #585 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and grief to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bear,

all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

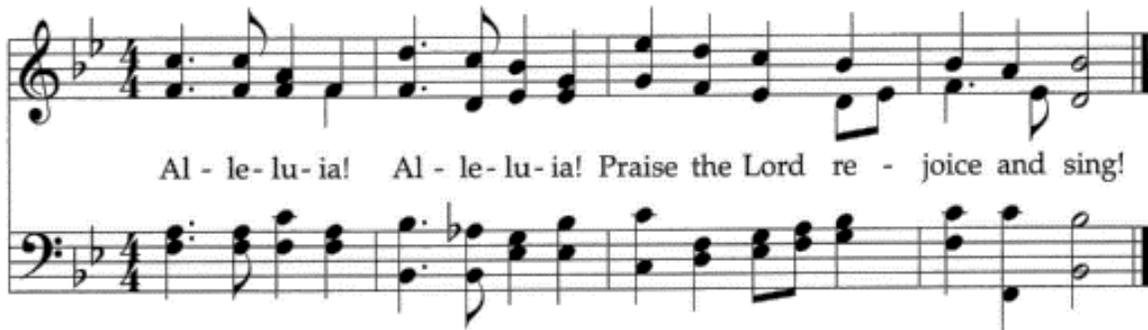
Invocation

**O God of grace, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness.
We ask that you enter the lives of each of us today, refreshing, renewing
and healing us with the power of your loving Spirit, that we may rise up
into the fullness of life and live with abandon and serve you with joy.
Amen.**

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 150¹

Hymn #768



Response

Praise God!

Praise God in the sanctuary;

Praise God in the mighty firmament!

Praise God for mighty deeds;

Praise God for exceeding greatness!

Praise God with trumpet sound;

praise God with saxophone!

Praise God with trombone and drums;

praise God with piano and song!

Praise God with clanging cymbals;

praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise God!

Praise God!

Response

Prayer of Confession

**O God of Grace, we confess that sometimes we are unsure of our faith.
We are weighed down with doubt and fear, and do not have the courage
to trust in you. Fill our hearts with the assurance of your love, and renew
our courage through your Holy Spirit, that we may serve you with joyful abandon.
Amen.**

Silence

Call to Confession

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Assurance of Grace

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem "Temporary Home" Scooter Simmons, arr. Rouse

Scripture Lesson Luke 13: 10-17

Homily "Nameless"

Offerings of the People

Offertory "I Go to the Rock" D. Rambo, arr. McDonald

Joys and Concerns of the Community

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

O Holy One*, 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.
(*Our Father/Creator God)

*Hymn #544 "No, Not One!" Verses 1,2 and 3

*There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus - no, not one! no, not one!
None else could heal all our soul's diseases - no, not one! no, not one!
Jesus knows all about our struggles, he will guide till the day is done;
there's not a friend like the lowly Jesus - no, not one! no, not one!*

*No friend like him is so high and holy - no, not one! no, not one!
And yet no friend is so meek and lowly - no, not one! no, not one!
Jesus knows all about our struggles, he will guide till the day is done;
there's not a friend like the lowly Jesus - no, not one! no, not one!*

*There's not an hour that he is not near us - no, not one! no, not one!
No night so dark but his love can cheer us - no, not one! no, not one!
Jesus knows all about our struggles, he will guide till the day is done;
there's not a friend like the lowly Jesus - no, not one! no, not one!*

* Passing the Peace and Sending Forth

Before we leave this time of worship let us greet one another.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you. (Please turn and acknowledge those around you).

*Benediction

Postlude

***Those who can easily do so may stand.**

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¹ Psalm 150 had been modified; portions of our liturgy this morning are from *Bread for the Journey* by R.C. Duck.

We are glad you have joined us today for worship, for we are the church whether we are gathered or scattered. Please feel free to contact the church at 508-385-3543 if you have any concerns, prayer requests, or desire a pastoral call.

Deacon of the Day: Simon Bookout
Ushers: Al & Darlene Fisk, Susan Overstreet
Greeter: Judy Chesley

Flowers are given today by Dennis & Patti Goyette
“In loving memory of our parents Anita and Victor Goyette and Dorothy and Sonny Lewis”

We thank the musicians today who enriched our service with their talents:

Paul Chatelain and Thom Bober, trumpet
Jim Corbett, tenor sax Laurie Lang, alto sax
Teresa Katuska and Chuck Katuska, trombone
Matthias Bossi, percussion

Photo Directory

Would you like to have a photo taken to include in the new church directory?
A photographer will be available Thursday, July 28 by appointment starting at 5 pm.

Please call the church office to add your name to the schedule -- you'll be able to stop in and get your photo taken with no waiting. Don't miss being included in the new directory!

July Office Hours

Please note that during the month of July the church office will close at 2 pm Monday – Thursday;
hours on Friday will remain 9 am – 12 pm

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

**The Silent Auction Committee is seeking gift cards and certificates
from a variety of restaurants and shops. Can you help?**

**The Silent Auction offerings will go live on Friday, August 5 at noon; bidding will continue
until 2 pm on August 13.**

AUCTION UPDATE

The 68th Annual Auction & Bazaar will be held Saturday, August 13 from 9 am to 2 pm -- don't miss your chance to be part of a fun and important day for DUC.

If interested in helping the day of the auction or with preparations ahead of time, please contact Barbara Wingardner by texting 508-776-0659 or email her at Barbwingardner@yahoo.com.

Dennis Union Church Open and Affirming Covenant of Welcome

Believing that everyone is a child of God, it is with joy, and in the love of Christ, that we welcome all persons into the full life, ministry and mission of Dennis Union Church. We choose not to turn away anyone whom Christ would welcome. We affirm the dignity and worth of every person including, but not limited to, people of every race, ethnicity, age, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, family structure or economic circumstance. We celebrate God's creative love shown in the wide diversity of humanity and the unique gifts each of us brings to the world. It is our intention to love one another as Christ has loved us.



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