

*Christ is our Guide and Friend on whom we can depend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing for evermore: Alleluia! Amen!*

Invocation

Invisible God give us hearts to see the things our eyes overlook. Open our hearts to feel the things our hands can't touch. Open our hearts to hear the still, small voice which sounds like only silence to our listening ears. Teach us to know you for what you really are - Not flash or thunder, but love, softly spoken, flowing like a fountain, bathing the soul and the skin. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Erin and Nicholas Li
Lisa and Jim Sherman

Introduction and Questions to the Candidates

Litany of Ministry (responsive)

Blessed are those who yearn for deepening more than escape;
who are not afraid to grow in spirit.

Blessed are those who take seriously the meaning of being in covenant with one another and with God and who regularly join in the celebration and learning; who come as much to minister as to be ministered unto.

Blessed are those who bring their children; who invite their friends to come along, to join in fellowship, service, learning and growth.

Blessed are those who support the church and its work by their regular, sustained, and generous giving through time, talent and resources.

Blessed are those who know that the church is often imperfect, yet are willing to constructively work and talk through with compassion the concerns that surface in living together in community.

Blessed are those who, when asked to serve, do it gladly, who realize that change is brought about through human meeting, who do the work of committees, and stay till the end.

Blessed are those who speak their minds in meetings, who can take and give constructive feedback, who keep alive their sense of humor.

Blessed are those who know that the work of the church is transformation of society; who have a vision of God's love made known in the Beloved Community transcending the present, and who do not shrink from hard work, sacrifice or change.

Blessed are they, indeed! Amen.

*Congregational Welcome

Peggy McAloon, Board of Deacons

We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of that love in the world.

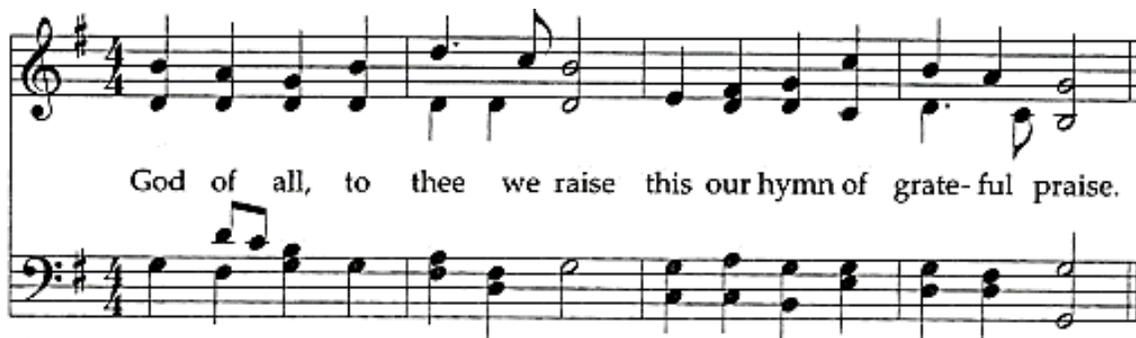
Prayer

Welcome and Right Hand of Fellowship

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 97

Hymn 749



God of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Response

The LORD reigns! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

Clouds and thick darkness surround the LORD;

righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.

Fire goes before the LORD, and consumes God's adversaries on every side.

God's lightnings illumine the world; the earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim God's righteousness; and all the peoples behold God's glory.

Response

All worshipers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before the LORD.

Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice,

because of your judgements, O God.

For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

The LORD love those who hate evil, guards the lives of the faithful

and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!

Response

Offerings of the People

Offertory

Scripture 2nd Kings 5: 1-14

Homily "When A Word Changes Your Life"

*Hymn # 514 "God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty" Verses 1, 3 and 4

***God, who touches earth with beauty, make my heart anew.
With your Spirit recreate me pure and strong and true.***

***Like your dancing waves in sunlight, make me glad and free.
Like the straightness of the pine trees let me upright be.***

***Like the arching of the heavens, lift my thoughts above.
Turn my dreams to noble action, ministries of love.***

Joys and Concerns of the Community

Prayers of the People and 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 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. (*Creator God/ O Holy One)

*Hymn #699 "Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

***Rejoice, the Lord is King! The risen Christ adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore;
lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!***

***God's reign can never fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!***

***Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, our judge, shall come
to glorify the saints for their eternal home:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!***

*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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We welcome everyone to worship today. We are glad you have joined us, 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: Sue Scofield

Ushers: Peter & Schatze Thorp

Greeters: Glenna & George Cappola

Flowers are given by Sue Martin "in loving memory of Lillian (Betty) Bartlett on her birthday"

Today we are receiving new members who participated in our previous class but were unable to be present for the reception of members in April.

We anticipate holding an inquirers class again this fall. If you are interested in exploring membership at DUC, contact Rev. McHugh or one of the Deacons.

SILENT AUCTION AUGUST 5 -13

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

Don't miss your chance to bid on a variety of choice items – an oil painting "From High Head to Monument" donated by artist Susan Overstreet, a getaway trip to Nantucket, fishing charters, an Italian meal catered by Maggie, a custom charcuterie board from cityscape, plus an array of gift cards and certificates and gift baskets assembled by church boards and committees.

**The link <https://www.accelevents.com/e/2022ducsilentauction>
for the silent auction goes live at noon on Friday. Bid early and often!**

AUCTION NEWS

**The 68th Annual Auction & Bazaar is coming up in less than 2 weeks!
Join in the fun on Saturday, August 13 from 9 am to 2 pm -- don't miss your chance
to be part of this important day for DUC.**

How can you help?

- Bake a pie! Baked goods are needed for the Country Store booth – as well as pickles, jams and preserves. Pies sell at a premium, but all baked goods are needed – plus washed and bundled produce and fresh flowers in mason jars.

- Share info about the Auction on social media – if you follow Dennis Union Church, share upcoming posts about the Auction with your friends and family.
- If you don't already have a place to work on Saturday, contact Barbara Wingardner by texting 508-776-0659 or email her at Barbwingardner@yahoo.com. She'll be glad to find a spot that works for you.

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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