

# DENNIS UNION CHURCH, UCC

an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ

## COMMUNION SUNDAY

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 7, 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

May God's peace rest on our busy lives so that we are quieted into prayer.

**May God's love flow through our worship words so that  
we are awake to opportunities for service.**

May God's grace embrace every need and may the restless Gospel set our hearts afire.

**Amen and Amen.**

\*Hymn #24

"The God of Abraham Praise"

*The God of Abraham praise. All praised be the Name,  
who was, and is, and is to be, is still the same;  
the one eternal God, ere all that now appears,  
the First, the Last, beyond all thought through timeless years!*

*God's spirit flowing free, high surging where it will -  
in prophet's word it spoke of old - is speaking still.  
Established is God's law, and changeless it shall stand,  
deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, or land.*

*God has eternal life implanted in the soul.  
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.  
Praise to the living God! All praised be the Name,  
who was, and is, and is to be, still the same!*

\*Invocation

**Creator God, we thank you that you never forsake us, that you never  
stop loving us. Trusting in your unfailing love, we have gathered to worship  
and praise you. Through your Holy Spirit, touch us, renew us, comfort us,  
challenge us; for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson            Genesis 16: 7-20 and 21: 9-20

Homily                        "Sarai and Hagar"

Rev. Connie Bickford

\*Hymn #398                "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

***Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.***

***There sup with us in love divine; thy body and thy blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.***

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and good to give God thanks and praise.**

Sanctus

***Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!***

***My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord.***

Words of Institution and Blessing of Elements

Prayer of Consecration

Choral Response

***The gifts of God for the people of God! Come now, for all is prepared!***

***The gifts of God for the people of God! The Gospel is among us.***

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Please hold each element so we can partake together as a congregation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the opportunity to gather around the table in your name. We are grateful for the beauty of the earth and the gifts of the fruit of the vine and the bounty of the seed that once fell into the earth and died so that at last it might rise up into new life that filled us with bread and nourishment by your tender mercy and gift of grace. Help us now to rise up into new life and to bear witness to your love and justice, this day and forevermore. Amen.**

Offerings of the People

Offertory

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 #458

"Ours the Journey"

Verses 1, 3 and 4

*In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,  
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering their sep'rate ways?  
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,  
we your people, ours the journey now and evermore.*

*Though we reach the highest heavens, holding worlds at our command,  
we are yet a desert people searching for the promised land.  
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,  
we your people, ours the journey now and evermore.*

*Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,  
may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again.  
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,  
we your people, ours the journey now and evermore.*

\*Sending Forth and Passing the Peace

The Spirit of God is upon us.

**God has anointed us to bear good news to the afflicted  
and to bind up the broken hearted.**

To proclaim freedom to the captives.

**To open the prisons of those who are bound.**

Before we leave this time of worship let us greet one another with the peace of Jesus the Christ, who seeks peace in broken relationships, who seeks healing in alienated persons, who seeks justice in oppressive structures.

**Let us share in this shalom with 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

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\*Those who can easily do so may stand. *Music for the service today reproduced with permission: One License #8-730116*

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: Earl Springer**  
**Ushers: Paula & Simon Bookout, Ann Prall**  
**Greeters: Mary Ann & Peter Politi**

**Flowers are given today in loving memory of our daughter Lin by Renny and Dottie Damon**

### **AUCTION NEWS**

#### **The 68th Annual Auction & Bazaar is this week! How can you help?**

- Bake a pie! Maggie will have a pie-baking session this Friday at 2 pm if you'd like to help.
- 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, it's not too late. Contact Barbara Wingardner by texting 508-776-0659 or email her at [Barbwingardner@yahoo.com](mailto:Barbwingardner@yahoo.com). She'll be glad to find a spot that works for you – or for friends and family that might want to come along.
- Help setting up on Friday and cleaning up after the sale concludes at 2 pm on Saturday is always welcomed!

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