

DENNIS UNION CHURCH, UCC

an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022

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

Bells Toll the Hour

Prelude "Day By Day" (Blott en Dag) arr. Eithun

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Moment Jeff Gordon, Stewardship Committee

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship

God has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows and runs upon it.

Thanks be to God.

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

Thanks be to God.

God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

*Hymn #27 "Come, Thou Almighty King" Verses 1, 2 and 3

***Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise:
one God, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us, ancient of days.***

***Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword; our prayer attend:
come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.***

***Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour!
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.***

Invocation

Glory to the Holy One in whom all creation flourishes;
whom we call Source, Mother, Father, Friend, Mystery.

Glory to the Spirit, who delights in steadfast love and justice.

Glory to Jesus the Christ, who followed the path of faithfulness all the way to the cross.
We praise you, blessed Trinity, Maker of earth and sky and sea,

For you execute judgement, feed the hungry, lift those who are bowed down,

*For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, (pledge our word)
help us rise and pledge our word.*

*All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life’s brief span, (life’s brief span)
may we hallow life’s brief span.*

*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

“Harlech”

Wilbur Held

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

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Portions of our Liturgy today adapted from *Touch Holiness*, Duck & Tirabassi.

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.

**Hearing Assistive devices are available for use.
Please see one of the deacons if you would like to use one.**

Deacon of the Day: Paul Gray

Ushers: Susan Overstreet, Ann & Lloyd Swaim

Greeters: Jeff Gordon, Lois André & Earl Springer

**Flowers are given today Jeff & Judy Mereschuk
"In honor of our children and grandchildren"**

DUC WALK NOVEMBER 15

**Carpool from DUC at 9 am; walk begins at 9:45 am
88 Old Main Street in West Chatham**

Sylvan Gardens is one of Chatham's best kept secrets, containing almost ten acres of undeveloped land and six hundred feet of freshwater pond shore. Its' rustic trails feature native plants, while winding through deep woods and open fields to broad pond views.

Join us on our walk November 15th (meet at DUC to carpool at 9 am) as we explore this site as it prepares for its' winter nap. We will start at the Old Main Street access point located at 88 Old Main Street in West Chatham. Please dress in layers and wear substantial shoes. We will go, light rain or shine. Please RSVP to Jane in the church office at 508-385-3543 if you are planning to attend the walk.

CHRISTMAS GIFT COLLECTION UPDATE

Every gift for the children Dennis Union Church was assigned for the Salvation Army Christmas Program has been sponsored. **Thank you so much for your quick and generous response.**

All gifts should be returned by Sunday, November 20 if possible – no later than Sunday, November 27 – so they can be delivered to the Salvation Army in Hyannis in time for their party.

The item should be returned wrapped with the ornament tag attached.

If you need to have your gifts picked up, please call Glenna Cappola at 508-362-8497.

**We are extending our gift collection to include gift cards for teenagers
through the Hands of Hope holiday program.**

Ornaments have been added to the hallway tree to take – gift cards should be for \$25 or less (store ideas: Old Navy, Marshall's, Dick's Sporting Goods and Target).

**These should also be returned by November 27 (no gift wrap needed!)
so they can be delivered before December 1.**

DY-ECH CARDS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

If you would like to purchase gift cards for your holiday list, consider purchasing cards from DY-ECH. A list of available cards is on the hallway bulletin board – some are readily available during Fellowship Hour; some will need to be ordered.

A percentage of the value of each card is donated to the HAC's program to prevent homelessness on the Cape – making your gift \$\$ an additional benefit to the community.

Advent Book Study

In Isaiah 9:6, a divine utterance is given to us using four royal titles – Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. *Names for the Messiah* by Walter Brueggemann ponders each title and how the people understood it then, how Jesus did or did not fulfill the title, and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title.

Join Rev. McHugh and Connie Bickford on Zoom Wednesdays beginning November 30 at 8:30 am to discuss the book. The office will have a few copies of the book or they can be ordered online.

Upcoming Dates to Note:

November 27	First Sunday of Advent
November 30	First session - <i>Names for the Messiah</i> Book Study at 8:30 am on Zoom
December 8	Service of Hope and Light at 7 pm
December 10	Cookie Sale benefitting the Colombia Project
December 11	“Messiah” Sing as part of the Dennis Village Stroll
December 18	Music Sunday
December 24	Pageant at 4 pm; Candlelight Service at 7 pm
December 25	Carol Sing and Brunch at 10 am

**Advent devotionals are available during Fellowship Hour
or from the office during the week**

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