

DENNIS UNION CHURCH, UCC

an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2023

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

Today during worship we will enjoy singing some favorite hymns and learn more about those who wrote them and the story behind the music and lyrics.

Please open the music attachment to view words and music for the hymns today.

Bells Toll the Hour

Prelude

“Menuet”

Catherine Krukowski, flute

Bizet

Welcome and Announcements

Silence

*Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 66

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

Sing the glory of God's name – give glorious praise!

Come and see what God has done: how awesome your deeds among mortals.

Bless the Lord, all you peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard!

Truly God has listened; God has given heed to the voice of my prayer.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn #22

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Written in 1225 by St. Francis of Assisi based on Psalm 148.

*Invocation

Psalm 145:2-3,5,20; 2 Thessalonians 2:17

Ever-living God, splendid and wondrous are your acts!

You give life and breath to your whole creation and watch over those you love.

**Strengthen us in every good work, and keep us in your care,
that our days may be long to bless you and praise you.**

You are great, and greatly to be praised! Amen.



Response

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my Sovereign and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Response

Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Israel!

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

Response

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather be a door keeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

For the LORD God is a sun and shield who bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Response

*Offertory Hymn #420 "I Come with Joy"
Words by Brian Wren; Tune: Dove of Peace, a Southern Harmony Shape Note selection

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God for all that love has done!
Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.***

Joys and Concerns of the Community

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

**+Creator God, 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 /O Holy One)

*Hymn #714 "For the Fruit of All Creation"
Words by Fred Pratt Green; Tune: Traditional Welsh Melody

*Sending Forth
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

Benediction Response #433 "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"
Words by John Fawcett; Music by J.G. Nageli, arranged by Lowell Mason. Tune name: DENNIS

*There is no postlude this morning we conclude with the benediction response.
We invite you to come to the front patio for lemonade following worship.*

***Please rise in body or spirit.** Music for the service today reproduced with permission: One License #8-730116.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Dennis Union Church. 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: Heath Burney
Ushers: Dennis & Patti Goyette, Ann Swaim
Greeters: Judy & Peter Berrien, Karen Mutti, Peggy McAloon

Flowers are given today by Nancy & Ralph Aceti
"In loving memory of our mothers Jessie Aceti and Gertrude Colpitts"

~ An Abundance of Thanks! ~

Thanks to our Auction Co-Chairs John Schofield and Lori Doig, the chairs of the tables and areas, and to our stalwart Pick-Up Crew who work year round as well as organizing this week's set-up and clean-up.

We want to thank the vast number of volunteers, church members, community members, friends and family who all came together to make the 69th Auction & Bazaar a success!

August Service Project

The Christian Education Committee is hosting a Backpack and School Supply Collection throughout August and ending on Homecoming Sunday, September 10.

We are asking for donations of all kinds of school supplies including: pens and pencils, magic markers, crayons, glue sticks, highlighters, notebooks, report folders, ring binders, and empty backpacks. There will be a collection bin near the table in the main hallway.

All items will be donated to Child and Family Services in Hyannis. Thank you!

Interested in becoming a member of DUC?

If you are curious about what it means to be a member of Dennis Union Church, you are invited to join us for two information sessions to be held on **September 17 and 24** after the 10 a.m. worship service. New members will be received at worship on **October 8**.

Please contact the office if you are interested in participating.

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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