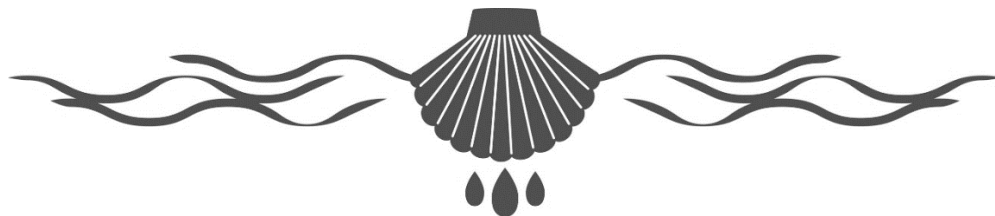


DENNIS UNION CHURCH, UCC

an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ



Baptism Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

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

Bells Toll the Hour

Prelude

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

arr. Charles Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Silence

*Call to Worship

God our Wisdom, enable us to be humble and kind in all things.

Remind us that, whatever the issue, today we know only in part.

In Christ, however, we are fully known, loved and called by name.

Help us, O God, to hold fast to faith, hope and love,

Love being the greatest of all.

Help us to be, like you, Love incarnate.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord and friend. Amen.

*Hymn #75

“I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry”

I was there to hear your boring cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;

in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the word I was there to cheer you on;

you were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,

I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,

I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

***I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.***

Call to Confession

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Prayer of Confession

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end. Do not fear, therefore, but have faith in God's steadfast love, God's healing power, and God's ability to make all things new.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Invitation and Introduction

Norah Maureen Young and Molly Gayle Young

Questions

- to the Parent
- to the Church Community
- to the Candidates

Prayer over the Water and Act of Baptism

Baptism Prayer

Welcome by the Congregation

*Hymn #368

"I Come to Be Baptized Today"

***I come to be baptized today to die with Christ and rise again.
I choose through Christ to walk God's way and see a new life without end.***

***I join with those who went before the family of God on earth.
I stand before the open door. Receive me, God, and give new birth.***

***The waters clear shall soon enfold my body and my old life, too.
Through Spirit's gift I will be bold to start to live my life anew.***

***I seek release from former ways and grace, forgiveness through this rite.
I come to walk my future days with Christ along the path of light.***

Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Homily "Love Poured Out"

Anthem "Kyrie"

R. Clausen

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

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

Thanks be to God whose name is Love. Thanks be to God who hungers to know us and be known by us. As we leave this table, may we carry with us a taste of the inherent worth and dignity of every person, offering the same to all we meet. Amen.

Offerings of the People

Offertory "Offrande"

Flor Peeters

*Doxology

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

The Lord's Prayer

+God, our Creator, 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 #76 "The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young"

The care the eagle gives her young, safe in her lofty nest, is like the tender love of God for us made manifest.

As when the time to venture comes, she stirs them out to flight, so we are pressed to boldly try, to strive for daring height.

And if we flutter helplessly, as fledgling eagles fall, beneath us life God's mighty wings to bear us, one and all.

*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

Recessional

"Gavotte"

Samuel Wesley

The congregation is welcome to leave quietly or stay seated and listen.

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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 Martin
Ushers: Lee Marchildon, Lisa Sherman, Shirley Sprague
Greeters: Judy Berrien, Dottie & Rennie Damon, Karen Mutti, Bruce & Linda Turner

Flowers are given today by Michael & Cheryl Cerbone
“In loving memory of Cheryl’s parents Ruth and Charles Williams”

Notes for the Annual Auction & Bazaar

Spring is here, and as you are doing spring cleaning and sorting through items, please keep in mind that this year’s Auction is only three months away - **Saturday, August 10, 2024 - save the date!**

The auction crew is especially interested in toys, jewelry, quality decoratives, paintings, bikes, baskets as well as small furniture pieces and household goods. Please call the office at 508-385-3543 to arrange a pickup or drop-off time.

The General Store booth is looking to add arts and craft for sale. If you knit, crochet, sew, quilt, paint or make jewelry, please consider donating items. Contact Laurie Higgins at lauriehiggins@comcast.net if you have any questions or suggestions. Thank you!

Mark your calendars – Sunday, May 19 is Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday

Blankets for Mother’s Day

Sunday, May 12, is Mother’s Day and also **Blanket Sunday** at Dennis Union Church. This event is sponsored by Church World Service and is so easy to participate in. Just \$10 buys a blanket that may be given to a resident of a homeless shelter, to a traveling migrant or to the victims of a house fire.

When most of us think of how or why we would use a blanket, it is for warmth, but it might also be a pillow, a bed, a covering for a broken window, a table, a tent, a coat or even a suitcase. These blankets reach our neighbors near and far.

To purchase a blanket(s), please make checks out to DUC with “blankets” in the memo line. Envelopes are available on the hallway table for your donation and also “In Honor of” cards that can be mailed to thank that special “mother” in your life.

“Sermon on the Mount” Book Study

May 8, 15, 22, 29 - Wednesdays at noon

Join Rev. McHugh and Connie Bickford as we move beyond the Beatitudes for study and conversation on Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount.

Contact the church office for more details.

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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