

# DENNIS UNION CHURCH

an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ



*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 27, 2025**

*We claim as our mission the promotion of justice, human dignity, and peace.*

*Thus we bind ourselves to follow where the Spirit of God shall lead, revealing God's will for our lives and the life of the Church.*

Bells Toll the Hour

Prelude

"Tema con variazioni" K.331

W.A. Mozart

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Silence

\*Call to Worship

In the breaking of the bread and in prayers,

**Jesus is among us.**

In the telling of stories and in signs,

**Jesus is among us.**

In the sharing of resources and in justice,

**Jesus is among us.**

In this place and in this moment,

**Jesus is among us in joy.**

\*Hymn #21

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

***Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!***

***"Glory be to God on high!" Alleluia!***

***Sun and moon, lift up your voice, Alleluia!***

***Night and stars, in God rejoice, Alleluia!***

***All who strive to serve the Lord, Alleluia!  
Prophets burning with God's word, Alleluia!  
Those to whom the arts belong, Alleluia!  
Add your voices to the song, Alleluia!***

***Men and women, young and old, Alleluia!  
Raise the anthem manifold, Alleluia!  
Join with children's songs of praise, Alleluia!  
Worship God through all your days, Alleluia!***

**\*Invocation**

**O God, in love you created us, and in your grace you sustain us.  
We thank you for all in creation that provides for our needs,  
for all that is pleasing to our senses, for all that is part of the web of life  
on our planet. Help us to use wisely the resources of this earth:  
to be willing to share and cooperate with others,  
to pursue peace in all of our relationships,  
to cherish all that your hands have made.  
Help us to live responsibly so that the earth may not only endure,  
but flourish to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**Word for the Young**

**Readings from Scripture      John 20:19-31  
   2 Corinthians 8:7-15**

**Homily**

**\*Hymn #684                      "We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"**

***We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflow'rs growing,  
for we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.  
With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,  
that all may have abundant life in eve'ry earthly nation.***

***When bodies shiver in the night and, weary, wait for morning,  
when children have no bread but tears, and warhorns sound their warning,  
God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labor,  
that all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbor.***

***God calls humanity to join as partners in creating  
a future free from want and fear, life's goodness celebrating.  
That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor,  
that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.***

Offerings of the People

Offertory

“Andante Cantabile”  
from Sonata No. 8, Op. 13 “Pathétique”

L.V. Beethoven

Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns of the Community

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

(from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
Now and forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn #230

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

Verses 1, 3 & 4

*Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth  
many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
Love is come again like wheat arising green.*

*Christ came forth at Easter, like the risen grain, who that for three days  
in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, the risen Christ is seen;  
Love is come again like wheat arising green.*

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain, your touch can call us  
back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;  
Love is come again like wheat arising green.*

\*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**

Postlude "Rondo alla Turca" K. 331 W.A. Mozart  
Please remain seated for the postlude today by our guest Genie Chang, and feel free to clap at the end.

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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.

We welcome The Rev. Deirdre Greenwood White as our covering pastor while Rev. McHugh is  
away on sabbatical. The Rev. Greenwood White is ordained in the PC(USA) and lives in Orleans,  
where she is Pastoral Associate at the Federated Church of Orleans, UCC.

We are so happy to welcome back our guest musician, Genie Chang, a junior at Falmouth  
Academy. Maggie is so lucky to have Genie in her mixed choir and a cappella ensemble.  
Genie just presented an all-Mozart recital at school two weeks ago.

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Deacon of the Day: Gary Forrister  
Ushers and Greeters: Judy Black, Dottie Damon, Jeff Gordon,  
Dennis & Patti Goyette, Marla Ker

Flowers are given today by Betsy Crowell "With love and gratitude to all  
the important people in my life, those living and those gone."

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**Part-Time Finance Secretary Position Available**

The Finance Office is looking for a part-time Finance Secretary for approximately 6 to 8 hours  
per week (two flexible 3 to 4-hour shifts each week) to assist in the DUC Finance Office.  
If you or someone you know has basic computer skills and experience with Excel spreadsheets  
and is familiar with (or willing to learn) payroll and some basic accounting procedures this is  
the job for you. Interested persons should submit a resume to [office@duchurch.org](mailto:office@duchurch.org) for further  
information about this great opportunity.

## **“Cherished Belonging” Book Study continues through May 13**

The book group that began during Lent to discuss “Cherished Belonging” by Gregory Boyle” has decided to meet for a few more weeks to extend their discussion of this compelling text. They are meeting at 11 am on Tuesday April 29, May 6 and May 13.

Please see John Gregory-Davis if you have questions.

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## **Rhubarb needed for Country Store Pies!**

Pies made with rhubarb are highly sought after at the Country Store booth at the Auction in August. Maggie is planning ahead – if anyone has rhubarb plants and would like to donate to the cause, please leave the cut stalks in a bag in the upstairs kitchen, so she can freeze the rhubarb now and have rhubarb and strawberry-rhubarb pies later. Thank you!

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## **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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