

# DENNIS UNION CHURCH

an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ

**First Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 15, 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

"Reflection"

Robert Lau

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Silence

\*Call to Worship

This is a new day filled with fresh possibilities.

**We gather to participate in the new things God is doing.**

Old ways and tired routines are left behind.

**God comes to us in unexpected ways offering release from bondage and a deeper kind of freedom.**

Let us together explore the wonders of God.

**Rejoicing with thanksgiving and praise.**

\*Hymn #236

"Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow"

*Wind who makes all winds that blow – gusts that bend the saplings low,  
gales that heave the sea in waves, stirring in the mind's deep caves –  
aim your breath with steady power on your church this day, this hour.  
Raise, renew the life we've lost, Spirit God of Pentecost.*

*Fire who fuels all fires that burn – suns around which planets turn,  
beacons marking reefs and shoals, shining truth to guide our souls –  
come to us as once you came: burst in tongues of sacred flame!  
Light and Power, Might and Strength, fill your church, its breadth and length.*

*Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame, move within our mortal frame.  
Make our hearts an altar pyre, kindle them with your own fire.  
Breathe and blow upon that blaze till our lives, our deeds and ways,  
speak that tongue which every land by your grace shall understand.*

\*Invocation

**We thank you gracious God, that you hear us when we pray.  
Make us bold to trust you; make us patient to wait on you;  
make us faithful in service. Help us open wide the door of our hearts  
that we might abide in you and you in us this day and always.  
Amen.**

Word for the Young

Anthem

"This Is My Father's World"

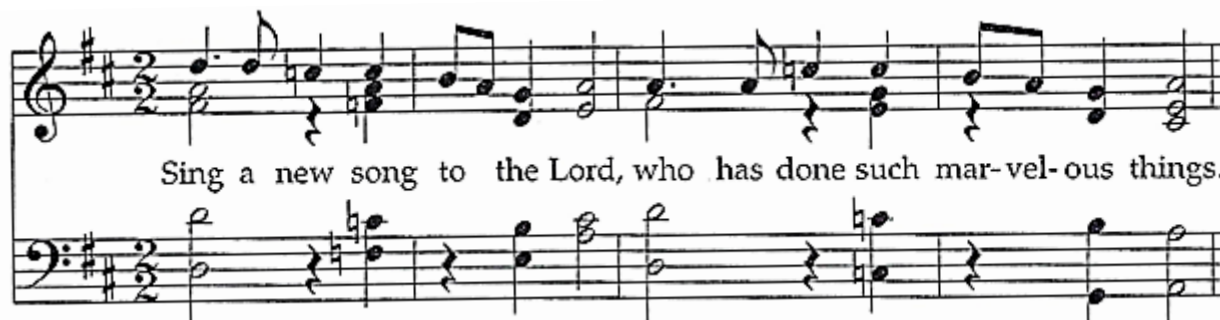
arr. Richard Walters

Antonio Abate, tenor

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 98

Blue Hymnal #750



**Response**

O sing to the LORD a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things.

God's right hand and holy arm have gotten the victory.

**The LORD has declared victory, and has revealed vindication in the sight of the nations.**

The Lord has remembered steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

**Response**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

**break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn**

**make a joyful noise before the LORD who reigns.**

**Response**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

**the world and those who live in it.**

Let the floods clap their hands;

**let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD,**

**who is coming to judge the earth.**

**The Lord will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

**Response**

New Testament Reading

Acts 16:16-40

Homily

"Disturbing the City"

\*Hymn #265

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Verses 1 & 4

***Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth,  
through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mightily as thou art,  
and make me love thee as I ought to love.***

***Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame; the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove.  
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.***

Offerings of the People

Offertory

“Come Thou Fount”

arr. Richard Walters

\*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.***

\*Prayer of Dedication

**We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace.  
Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

**+O Holy One, 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/Creator)**

\*Hymn #4

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Verses 1, 2 & 4

***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!***

***Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee;  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, God ever living, through eternity.***

***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty; God in three persons, blessed Trinity!***

\*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.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.** (Please turn and acknowledge those around you).

\*Benediction

Recessional

“Terra Beata”

V.D. Thompson

*The congregation may be seated for the music or depart.*

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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.

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We welcome Antonio Abate - Cape Cod’s best tenor- back today!

Deacon of the Day: Allan Fisk

Ushers: Judy Black, Dennis & Patti Goyette

Greeters: Darlene Fisk, Annmarie Gavin, Marla Ker

Flowers are given today by Peter & Elaine Simoneau

“In loving memory of David and Gayle Williams”

**Please join us on Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> to celebrate YOUTH SUNDAY**

Along with church youth participating in the worship service, we will be recognizing our  
Graduating Seniors during a celebratory Potluck Luncheon following the service. All are  
encouraged to bring sandwiches or any other luncheon entree to share.

Dessert and drinks will be provided.

The Activities Committee will have sign-ups during Fellowship Hour.

### **Auction & Bazaar Update**

#### **Sorting to begin Tuesday June 24**

Sorting of the MANY items received by the pickup crew begins  
on **Tuesday, June 24 at 9 am.** All are invited to be a part of this important step in Auction prep  
which will continue each Tuesday through July. Training for new folks gladly provided!

## **Silent Auction**

The "Silent Auction" is a very successful part of DUC's annual Auction & Bazaar. In order to continue this great event again, we kindly ask our members for help. Your donation of sports tickets, cottage rentals, gift cards, boating trips and any type of service would be helpful. Any donations that you can make or acquire would be greatly appreciated!

Check out the hallway board for letters you can use when asking businesses for donations.

The Auction Committee is again asking that each church committee or board donate a gift card or small item that can be offered at the Silent Auction. These items are always a big hit!

Thank you again for your support and please help in any way that you can.

**The Silent Auction will "go live" for bidding online on Friday, August 1  
and end at 6 pm on Sunday, August 10 at 6 pm.**

## **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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