

# DENNIS UNION CHURCH

an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ

## JOURNEYS

*Celebrating our children, youth and students*

**Youth Sunday**

**June 22, 2025**

For our online congregation: sound for the worship service will be muted until after the Prelude due to copyright issues.

Prelude "Imagine" Josh Fuller

Bells Toll the Hour

Welcome and Announcements Robbie Furey

\*Call to Worship Ben Fuller

God says, come and see. Come and grow, for each day explodes in wonder.

**A toddler takes some first steps; a child discovers a new world in the pages of a book;  
a student grasps an insight, holds a friend, stands up for a cause.**

Each day is filled with possibility.

**A new skill learned gives hope; a new recipe brings hearty gratitude;  
a memory of a new teacher's care brings a second blessing.**

God says, open your eyes to wonder, take my words to heart and learn to treasure all of life.

**Where we are all connected... to one another, to our community and to God.**

\*Hymn "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" see end of bulletin

Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer Rebecca Sirignano & Norah Young

**Our Father, 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.**

Song "This Little Light of Mine" Elementary School

Poem "Where You Get to Go Next" Molly Young

Song of Praise                      "Every Step of The Way"                      Written by Christopher Grundy  
*Help me do justice to be done today. Help me love kindness in all I do and say.  
Help me walk humbly with You, O God, I pray, every step of the way, every step of the way.*

Scripture Readings              Ruth 1: 1-7    Alex Furey  
   Ruth 1: 8-18    Josh Fuller

Homily                              "Reflections on Ruth"    Pryce Lindholm

Offerings of the People

Offertory Song

Prayer of Dedication    Molly Young

Senior Recognition & Scholarships    Kim Crowell

Volunteer Recognition & Appreciation    Doreen Mayer & Evy Sirignano

\*Sending Forth    Norah Young

Today we honor our children

**May God always give you gifts of curiosity and discipline**

Today we honor our students

**And we ask God's blessing for the journey yet to come.**

Today we honor those of you who are graduating

**Your journey is not only the learning of your mind but the growing of your heart**

May you know always that Christ goes with you.

**We who have made many journeys give you our blessing.**

**By the grace of God, we surround you with our prayers.**

**Our spirits will go with you, for we too are journeying, always learning,  
always by the grace of God beginning anew. Amen**

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

**And also with you.** (Please turn and greet your neighbors with the love of Christ)

Postlude                              "We Are Walking" (Siyahamba)    Hymnal #442

***We are walking<sup>+</sup> in the light of God,***

***we are walking in the light of God. (repeat)***

***We are walking in the light of God. We are walking, walking,***

***we are walking, walking, we are walking in the light of God. (repeat)***

*<sup>+</sup> singing/praying*

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\*Please stand in body or spirit

**All generations are welcome to join us immediately following today's service  
in Fellowship Hall for a potluck sandwich lunch and celebration cake!**

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# I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

1. I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

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 3. \_\_\_\_\_ The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ No turn - ing back, \_\_\_\_\_ no turn - ing back! \_\_\_\_\_  
 (no turn - ing back,)

Words: Ascribed to an Indian Prince; as sung in Garo, Assam

Music: Indian Folk Melody; arr. Norman Johnson

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Our thanks to Doreen Mayer, Director of Faith Formation; Evy Sirignano, Children's Ministry Coordinator; Laura Sears, Crib Room Attendant, and the members of the Board of Christian Education for their work during the past year.

We look forward to a fun summer!

Want to keep up with youth fellowship news? Follow the DUC Youth Group on Instagram at **#UCCDennisUnionYouthGroup**.

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Deacon of the Day: Bob Bullard

Greeters: Ralph & Nancy Aceti, George & Glenna Cappola, Alyssa Davis

Student Ushers: Ben Fuller, Jonathan Furey, Norah Young

Congratulations to all graduating seniors from the DUC Community:

Sam Burney, Ellen Clancy, Carley Dinnan, Maxwell Ingram, Lily Pierce, & Bobby Stagg

Flowers for the chancel are donated by Ralph & Judy Conrad

"In loving memory of our parents"

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Next week, June 23 through June 27, the back doors of the church will be closed while the rear deck is being replaced. Access to the church will be through the "book room" door (past the auction container in the parking lot) or through the ramp to the front entrance door by the crib room.

**Thanks for your understanding while this important repair is completed.**

### **Auction & Bazaar News**

#### **Sorting for the Auction begins 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!

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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 to 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 at noon and end at 6 pm on Sunday, August 10.**

### **Containers Needed**

If you have half-pint or pint-sized jars that can be used with lids and rings (for heat-processing), please bring them in for Maggie and her helpers to turn into jams and jellies -- big sellers at the Country Store!

**Please do not bring quart-sized jars and/or jars that use regular lids.**

### **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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