

# DENNIS UNION CHURCH

an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ

**Pentecost / Communion Sunday**

**June 8, 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 "Down Ampney" (Come Down, O Love Divine) R.V. Williams, arr. C. Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Silence

\*Call to Worship

The prophet Joel told us that you will pour out your Spirit on all humankind.

**Here we stand O Lord, pour out your spirit on us.**

You promised that children will prophesy,

**Elders will have prophetic dreams,**

Young people will see visions,

**And those who call upon your name will be transformed.**

Fill us by your spirit with lives that will proclaim your great love.

**Come Holy Spirit, Come! Fall afresh upon us, Alleluia! Amen.**

\*Hymn #237

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

Verses 1, 3 & 4

*On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,  
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing and pray.  
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,  
and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.*

*God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,  
on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.  
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.  
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.*

*O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,  
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.  
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,  
so people of all nations glad songs of joy shall raise.*

\*Invocation

**God of Creation, in the beginning your Spirit breathed over the waters and you brought forth life. Re-create us by your Word. Baptize us in your grace. Bring us to new life, and kindle in us your love for all your people, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

The breath of the Spirit does not abandon us, though sometimes we choose the rush of other winds.

**In the winds of trade and academics, the winds of fortune or poverty, the winds of controversy and activism, the winds of anxiety and despair, we forget why we are and whose we are.**

Our confusion keeps us from recognizing the Spirit that blows within each of us and spreads to all, often because we do not expect that Spirit.

**It seems easier to extinguish a spark than to give ourselves to transforming fire, as witnesses for a new order.**

The Spirit fuses us in loving community with energies to empower our world.

**But we tire of setting priorities, of being effective, of being intentional about the work God calls us to do in the world.**

**Where is the Spirit's wind and fire then?**

Let us lift up our individual joys and sorrows, successes and defeats, as an act of accountability for our lives and the life of our world

and as an act of awareness of the presence of the Spirit's wind and fire in all of life.

## Silence

## Assurance of Grace

The gift of God's grace descends like a dove upon us.

May we have the grace to accept this gift freely given to us in Christ Jesus.

**For the gift of new life, we give thanks to God, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Anthem

## "She Is the Spirit"

Blue Hymnal #255

*Choir sings verses 1 and 2; congregation invited to join for verses 3 and 4*

*She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters.*

*Hov'ring on the chaos of the world's first day; she signs and she sings, mothering creation, waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.*

*She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,*

*lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies; she nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder, nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.*

***She dances in fire, startling those who see her,***

***waking tongues of ecstasy where dullness reigned; she weans and inspires all whose hearts are open, nor can she be captured, silenced or restrained.***

*For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,  
gifted by the Savior in eternal love; she is the key  
opening the scriptures, enemy of apathy and heav'nly dove.*

New Testament Reading          Acts 1:1-5, 2: 1-21

Homily

\*Hymn #245                      "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

*Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.*

*To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the Vine,  
to the church in faith assembled, to our midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.*

*With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.*

### 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

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

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

**Gracious God, we give you our gifts as symbols of our lives. Receive them with love, bless them with grace, and use them according to your will. Anoint us with your Spirit, unite us with all who love you, give us the language of grace, and send us into the world aflame with your love, in the name of Christ, for the sake of the blessing of the world. Amen.**

Offerings of the People

Offertory

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

arr. J. Schrader

\*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.***

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 #261

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

***There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place;  
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.  
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.***

\*Sending Forth

Based on John 14:27

Receive the peace of Christ, which cannot be taken from you: Christ says,  
“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”  
**We are God's Beloved. God is at peace with us, always.  
Christ accompanies us, and will be kind to us, always.  
The Spirit is in us.  
We are always free to choose kindness.  
We go in peace, unafraid.**

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

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

\*Benediction

Recessional

“Trumpet Voluntary“

G. Young

*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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Deacon of the Day: Sue Martin

Ushers and Greeters: Peter Berrien, Mary Czajkowski, Marla Ker, Judy November, Jane Wilson

Flowers are given today by the Damon Family “With deep gratitude for this kind and caring congregation, especially during the past year”

### **THIS WEEK AT DENNIS UNION CHURCH**

#### **MONDAY – June 9**

4:00 Board of Trustees/Finance Committee

6:00 Personnel Committee

#### **TUESDAY – June 10**

8:30 Auction Pick Up Crew

8:30 Prayer Group

4:00 Church Council

#### **WEDNESDAY – June 11**

6:00 Village Improvement Society Meeting

#### **THURSDAY – June 12**

3:30 Social Concerns Committee

4:00 Called to Care Team

7:00 Hyannis Sound Concert

#### **FRIDAY – June 13**

6:00 Youth Fellowship “Glow Night”

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

Along with 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.

Peggy & Ken McAloon are continuing their recovery at home with family assisting, and are grateful for the help provided by the DUC Congregation and other friends..

If you are able to help with meals during July and August, please check the hallway clipboard for dates meals are needed. Bev Miller is coordinating efforts for DUC and will be the contact person for questions.

### **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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