

# DENNIS UNION CHURCH

an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ



**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 13, 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

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Silence

\*Call to Worship

God has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows and runs upon it.

**We stand in awe, O God, of the gifts you give.**

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

**We stand in awe, O God, of the life you give.**

God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

**We stand in awe, O God, of the call to be the beloved community.**

God meets us in the ordinary and holy places where we live.

**Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving and reverence.**

\*Hymn # 72

"The Spacious Firmament on High"

Red Hymnal

*The spacious firmament on high, with all the blue ethereal sky,  
and spangled heavens, a shining frame, their great original proclaim.  
The unwearied sun, from day to day, does his creator's power display,  
and publishes to every land the work of an almighty hand.*

*Soon as the evening shades prevail, the moon takes up the wondrous tale;  
and nightly, to the listening earth, repeats the story of her birth:  
whilst all the stars that round her burn, and all the planets in their turn,  
confirm the tidings as they roll, and spread the truth from pole to pole.*

*What thought, in solemn silence, all move round the dark terrestrial ball?  
What though no real voice nor sound amidst their radiant orbs be found?  
In reason's ear they all rejoice, and utter forth a glorious voice;  
forever singing, as they shine, "The hand that made us is divine."*

\*Invocation

O God we are in awe of your creation and the world you have provided us.  
We delight in the abundance of vegetation, the glorious colors, textures, and sounds.  
We relish the music of the sea as the waves roll in and out. We are enamored by the songs of the birds and we are tickled by the laughter of children.

**Gracious God, we find ourselves breathless when we gaze at the vast expanse of the night sky. We stand in awe of the majesty and magnitude of the universe. In the midst of all of this grandeur you think of us. You love us and keep inviting us to draw closer to you. You, O God, truly are an awesome God and we are filled with thanks and praise. Amen.**

Anthem                                      "The Majesty and Glory of your Name"                                      Fettle

Scripture Reading                      Acts 2:41 - 3:10

Homily                                      "Awe and Amazement"

\*Hymn # 688                              "When, in Awe of God's Creation"                                      Verses 1 & 4

***When, in awe of God's creation, we view earth from outer space,  
this mysterious, floating marble, strewn with clouds and bathed in grace,  
how can we not pause in wonder, seeing earth as one and whole?  
As we heal our proud divisions, may earth's healing be our goal.***

***Now we face the unknown future, challenged by the work at hand.  
Still the God of all creation summons us with one command:  
"Love each other!" Will we do it? "Love each other!" Wars might cease!  
"Love each other!" Justice follows: "Love each other!" There is peace!***

Offerings of the People

Choral Thanksgiving #528                      "Give Thanks"

***Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. (repeat)  
And now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the poor say "I am rich"  
because of what the Lord has done for us. (repeat)  
Give thanks!***

Joys and Concerns of the Community

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)**

***God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place,  
flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,  
we your children, in your likeness, share inventive powers with you.  
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.***

***As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,  
children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you.  
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun.  
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.***

\*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

*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: Gary Forrister

Ushers: John & Sue Schofield

Greeters: Judy Black, Bob Bullard, Dottie Damon

Flowers are provided today in celebration of summer on the Cape!

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**Sorting for the Auction continues each Tuesday at 9 am**

All are invited to be a part of this important step in Auction prep which will continue each  
Tuesday through July. There will be an extra day of sorting on Thursday, July 17.  
Training for new folks gladly provided!

## **Silent Auction**

The "Silent Auction" is a very successful part of DUC's annual Auction & Bazaar. 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 for donations\***

The Auction Committee also asks that each church committee or board donate a gift card or small item that can be offered at the Silent Auction. 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.**

## **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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