

# DENNIS UNION CHURCH

an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 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

"A Trumpeter's Lullaby"  
Nash Ten Hagen, trumpet

Leroy Anderson

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Silent Reflection

\*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>

O God, creator of this community of faith, like willful children we turn away from you;  
**yet you open your arms to us with love and compassion.**

Soften our hearts and warm our hands

**so that we may lead others to your embrace, saying**

"Children of God, you are welcome here."

**May the grace of God, love of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit  
bless this time of worship.**

\*Hymn #709

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

***Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayest smile at all thy foes.***

***See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like our God, the Giver, never fails from age to age.***

***Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering, showing forth that God is near!  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.***

## \*Invocation

**You, Gracious one, see us as we are and you offer us arms wide open, receiving us as the gracious parent you are. We are filled with a sense of awe when we experience your extravagant love and amazing grace. May this day be one where we lean into your mercy, share your compassion and bear witness to the beauty and amazing grace of this life lived in companionship with you. May it be so. Amen.**

# Anthem

## Contemporary Reading

Scripture Reading      John 8: 1-11

Homily	"Glimpses of Grace"
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\*Hymn                      “Prodigal Grace”<sup>2</sup>                      (Tune: AMAZING GRACE)

*As once a wandering son, disgraced, was welcomed home anew,  
as Christ was raised, so by your grace, we have new life in you.*

*Forgiven, reconciled as one, we answer to your call,  
to serve in love with Christ, your Son, to share you love with all.*

## Offerings of the People

# Choral Thanksgiving

***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)***

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because of what the Lord has done for us.  
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 of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.*

*Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy righteous goal,  
lest we miss thy righteous goal.*

*Set our feet on lofty places; fill our lives that we may be  
strengthened with all Christ-like graces pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail our call from thee,  
lest we fail our call from thee.*

\*Sending Forth / Passing of the Peace

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

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

\*Benediction

Recessional

"Moderato"

David Johnson

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

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**\*Please rise in body or spirit.** Music for the service today reproduced with permission: One License #8-730116.

<sup>1</sup> Before the Amen, Tirabassi and Tirabassi. <sup>2</sup> Lyrics by Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes.

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 Nash Ten Hagen on trumpet this morning.  
He is a rising junior, works at Encore, and is Carol & Bob Michel's grandson!

Flowers are provided today by Sandra Hallett  
"In love and unending memory of my husband Donald "Don" Hallett"

Deacon of the Day: Lisa Sherman Ushers: Annmarie Gavin, Earl Springer  
Greeters: Bob Bullard, Dottie Damon, Emily Woudenberg

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**Silent Auction**

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

The “Silent Auction” is a very successful part of DUC’s annual Auction & Bazaar. Donations of sports tickets, cottage rentals, gift cards, boating trips and any type of service would be helpful. The Auction team is preparing the online bidding site now, so please bring in your items soon!

Follow the QR code to preview the available offerings for the Silent Auction:



We are grateful to have our “Pick-Up” Choir at worship through September 7.

Everyone who enjoys singing is invited to join in - visitor or member.

The choir meets at 9 am on Sundays to rehearse an anthem that is well-known to the choir, so you’ll be able to lean on other voices.

Casual dress – no robes. Take a chance!

Please note: next week, a “pick-up” bell choir will play for the August 3 worship service.

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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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