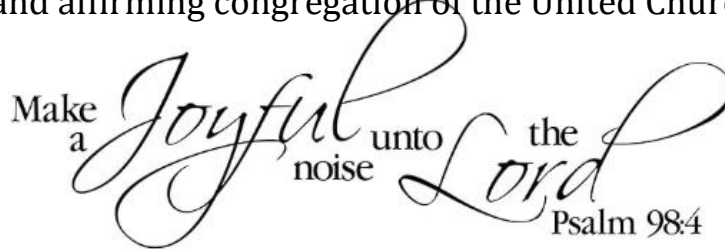


DENNIS UNION CHURCH

an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 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

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Silence

*Call to Worship

"This is the Day"

Hymnal #286

***This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.***

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

*Invocation

Gracious God, the gifts of awe you give to us take our breath away. You share them through the natural world, through visual design and music, through the acts of kindness and compassion that humans show one another and the very gifts of life and death. Awaken us to awe this morning as we lift up our hearts in song to experience the union of our very souls with your most holy spirit in our midst. Amen

*Hymn #7

"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"

Verses 1, 2 & 3

***When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried, "Alleluia!"***

***How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as
worship moved us to a more profound "Alleluia!"***

***So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue: "Alleluia!"***

Call to Confession

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

**Response**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Response

You desire truth in the inward being;

therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Response

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

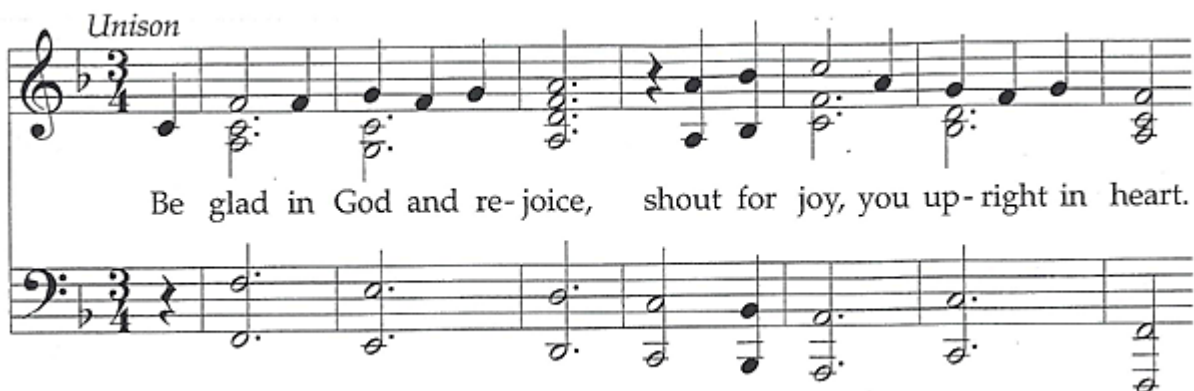
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Response**Response**

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom God imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to God,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Response

Solo

"What A Wonderful World"

Antonio Abate, tenor

Scripture Reading

Psalm 98

Reflections on Awe

"The Joy of Music"

Offerings of the People/Offertory "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

arr. Shackley

Choral Prayer of 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

Duet

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

arr. Richard Walters

Antonio Abate, tenor; Zack Johnson, baritone

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 #23

"Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven"

Verses 1, 2 & 3

*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven, glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all our days.*

*Praise to God for grace and favor shown to all who are oppressed.
God shows steadfast love forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!*

*Mother-like, God tends and spares us, knowing well our fragile frame.
Father-like, God gently bears us, tenderhearted, slow to blame.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me praise God's name!*

*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).

*Choral Benediction

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Hymnal #433

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

*When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.*

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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.

Flowers are provided today by Ken & Peggy McAloon
"With gratitude for DUC's generosity in time of need"

Deacon of the Day: Kim Seserman
Ushers and Greeters: Patti Goyette, Marla Ker, Jane Wilson

Welcome to Antonio Abate, tenor, and Zack Johnson, baritone, as our soloists this morning.
We are grateful to have our "Pick-Up" Choir at worship through September 7.
This morning, we welcome the men of the choir.

Everyone who enjoys singing is invited to join the Pick-Up Choir - 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!

**Bidding for the Silent Auction continues until 6 pm tonight.
There is still time to win your favorite item!**

The "Silent Auction" is a very successful part of DUC's annual Auction & Bazaar. Thanks to everyone who has gathered contributions and made donations for our Auction efforts.



Follow the QR code to view listings for the Silent Auction or visit <https://www.accelevents.com/e/2025-dennis-union-church-silent-auction#auction> to track the progress of your bids!

DUC Goes on the Road!

On Tuesday morning, five of our youth, led by Doreen Mayer, are going on a mission trip to New Haven, CT. The students will be joined by another youth group from the Seekonk Congregational Church in Rhode Island.

Together they will be participating in community service in the city, fellowship, relationship building and plain old fun opportunities. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travel and meaningful faith experiences this week. We will look forward to hearing all about their adventures.

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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