

DENNIS UNION CHURCH

an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

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

“Simple Gifts”

arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Prayer and Silent Reflection

*Call to Worship

Come into God's presence, you who imagine and you who seek,
you who disrupt and you who repair.

By the Spirit, we gather in hope.

Come into God's fellowship, you who are broken and blessed,
you who show mercy, as God has first been merciful to you.

In Christ, we gather in blessing.

Come into God's presence, singing for joy and for justice;
bringing prayer and worship, your most faithful acts of resistance.

To God be the glory! We gather to praise!

*Hymn #365

“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

***Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures of your womb.
Number them among your people, raised like Christ from death and tomb.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling, compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.***

***Ev'ry day we need your nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us; guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.***

***O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us, God, transform!***

*Invocation

Generous God, you bless your people in every age: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Mary, children and those who are vulnerable, all who know poverty, hunger, grief, and hate. May we follow your example in sharing and seeking blessing for others, not hoarding it for ourselves. Let us share your abundant life and love, offered to us and to all through the vulnerability and generosity of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Sebastian Josiah Gwinn, Jakobe Maddox Gwinn, Jedaya Lee Miller

Presentation of Candidates for Baptism

Questions to Parents

Act of Baptism

Prayer over the Baptized

Reception of New Members

Clinton and Jessica Gwinn, Jedaya Miller

Introduction

Questions to the Candidates

Question to the Gathered Community

*Congregational Welcome

We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of that love in the world.

Right Hand of Fellowship

Anthem

"Ubi Caritas"

Ola Gjeilo

New Testament Scripture

Luke 6:17-36

Character Narrative and Reflection

*Hymn #409

"I Hunger and I Thirst"

***I hunger and I thirst; Jesus, my manna be!
O living waters, burst out of the rock for me!***

*O bruised and broken Bread, my lifelong needs supply.
As living souls are fed, so feed me, or I die.*

*O true life-giving Vine, let me your goodness prove.
By your life sweeten mine, refresh my soul with love.*

*For still the desert lies behind me and before:
O living waters, rise within me evermore!*

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your fears, your hopes, your dreams.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our generous, imaginative God.

We joyfully give our 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 and Blessing of Elements

Prayer of Consecration

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 thank you for these tangible gifts of bread and the fruit of the vine that feed our bodies and nourish our souls. May these blessings of grace be shared, not hoarded. Though we have been fed today at the table, may we still walk away hungry for justice, working for freedom and fullness for all of your creation. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

"Innocents"

Rosalie Bonighton

Prayer over the Gifts

Joys and Concerns of the Community

Prayers of the People and Sung Lord's Prayer

Hymn #307

Our Father, which 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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn #662

“Cuando el Pobre (When the Poor Ones)”

Choir will sing verse 1, congregation will sing verses 2 & 4

*When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the wounded in their weakness strengthen others,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.*

***When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seems all around us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.***

***When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.***

*Sending Forth / Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Benediction

Recessional

“Fanfare”

Dietrich Buxtehude

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.

Deacon of the Day: Gary Forrister
Ushers: Dory & Lee Marchildon, Earl Springer
Greeters: Bob Bullard, Marla Ker



“Praying from the Heart” Lenten Study

Study materials provided as needed
Tuesdays at 11 am March 3 - March 24

Lenten Simple Suppers

Soup, Salad and Bread Provided
Thursdays at 5:30 pm March 12 and 26

Contact the church office to sign up or for more information.

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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