

DENNIS UNION CHURCH

an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ



COMMUNION SUNDAY

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 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

"Largo" from *Serse*

G.F. Handel

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Prayer and Silent Reflection

*Call to Worship

God of truth, sow the seed of your Word in our hearts.

We receive your grace with glad and generous hearts.

Loving Christ, sow the seeds of healing and growth in our bodies and souls.

We receive your grace with glad and generous hearts.

Holy Spirit, sow the seeds of your love in our lives.

We receive your grace with glad and generous hearts. Alleluia!

*Hymn #491

"As Grain on Scattered Hillsides"

Verses 1, 2 & 4

As grain on scattered hillsides, when gathered, makes one bread,

God, gather all your people as one in Christ our head.

We come from many places and we are not the same,

yet your strong love has called us to meet in Jesus' name.

A grain of wheat is fruitless until in earth it lies;

then, dying to its old life, it bears and multiplies.

So may we die to hatred, to all our hurtful ways,

reborn to common living, to love, to work, to praise.

O Christ, our risen Savior; O Spirit, holy dove,

come now and move among us; make us a sign of love.

Come, knead and blend each texture with strong and gentle hands,

that we may be one body, one loaf in many lands.

*Invocation

O good and generous God, you have sown the seed of your Word in our hearts. Nourish that Word by our worship today, so that it may grow and flourish in us, and so that in all our lives we may bear the fruit of your love. Amen.

Anthem

Call to Confession

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess we have lived wrapped up inside ourselves, not joined with you, led by your Spirit. Rejoin us to you. Forgive our sin, heal our fear, and renew in us your spirit of love. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Grace

Neither this world nor your life is so broken that God cannot restore it to wholeness. Trust and believe that, after separation, reconciliation is possible. God does show us the way home. In the name of Christ Jesus, your sin is forgiven.

Scripture Reading

Mark 4: 1-20

Homily

*Hymn #324

“Your Words to Me Are Life and Health”

Your words to me are life and health; pour strength into my soul; enable, guide, and teach my heart to reach its perfect goal!

Your words to me are light and truth; from day to day they show their wisdom, passing earthly lore, as in their truth I grow.

Your words to me are full of joy, of beauty, peace, and grace; from them I learn your blessed will, through them I see your face.

Your words you have fulfilled on earth, yourself, the living Word; within my heart your image print in clearest lines, O Lord.

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

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

Loving and generous God, you have sown your grace in our hearts.

We thank you for your blessings, and in gratitude we offer to you our gifts,

and our very lives. Bless us that we may be your fruitful wheat planted

by your hand, bread for the world in the name and spirit of Christ. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“To a Wild Rose”

E. McDowell

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 #463

“Renew Your Church”

Verses 1 & 4

Renew your church, our ministries restore: both to serve and adore.

Make us again as salt throughout the land, and as light from a stand.

‘Mid somber shadows of the night, where greed and hatred spread their blight,

O send us forth with power endued. Help us, God, be renewed.

***Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, each and all – humankind!
Break down old walls of prejudice and hate, leave us not to our fate.
As you have loved and giv’n your life to end hostility and strife,
O share your grace from heav’n above, teach us, God, how to love.***

*Sending Forth / Passing of the Peace

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 in the way of Jesus the Christ, who seeks peace in broken relationships, who seeks healing in alienated persons, who seeks justice in oppressive structures.

Let us share in this shalom with one another.

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

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

*Benediction

Recessional

“St. Anthony Chorale”

F.J. Haydn

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: Allan Fisk

Ushers: Darlene Fisk, Annmarie Gavin, Jane Wilson

Greeters: Dottie Damon, Alyssa Davis, Jeff Gordon

Flowers today given by Alex Scopeletis “To the glory of God
and in loving memory of my aunt, Marta R. Soper”

JOIN OUR PICK UP CHOIR

We are happy to welcome the summer pick up choir to lead music in worship while our “official” choirs take a summer break. Each Sunday, you’re invited to come as you are (no robes) at 9 am. Maggie will select a familiar piece for the assembled group to rehearse and sing at the 10 am worship service.

Bake pies for the auction with Maggie!

Help with apple pie on June 10 or strawberry-rhubarb pie on June 11.
No previous baking experience needed - just a willingness to roll up your sleeves and help!
Baking sessions will run from 9 am to 1 pm in the downstairs kitchen.

72nd Annual Auction and Bazaar - August 8, 2026

Auction time is around the corner, and June will be a busy month of work and good fellowship. Please see Auction Chairs John Schofield, Pete Politi, and Mary Ann Politi to find out how you can help on auction day or for set-up and clean-up.

Sorting of all the items received by the pickup crew begins at **9 am on Tuesday, June 16**. Plan to join in this activity which will continue Tuesdays from 9 am - 11 am through July.

The **Silent Auction** plays a key part of the Auction's financial success, thanks to everyone who helps to solicit gifts and gather creative donations. We ask for your help in making this year's sale another success. Donations of sports tickets, cottage rentals, gift cards, boating trips and any type of service are needed for the sale. Any donations that you can make or acquire would be greatly appreciated!

The Auction Committee is also again asking that each church committee or board donate a gift card or small item for 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, July 31 and end at 6 pm on Sunday, August 9 at 6 pm.



Next Sunday, June 14, our 10 am worship will include contributions from our children, youth and some of the adults who have helped with programs.

Memorial Scholarship recipients for 2026 will also be recognized during worship.

Following worship, the ONA Committee has scheduled a Question-and-Answer session today in the Multi-Purpose Room at 11:30 am. You are invited to meet with committee members for questions about anything ONA and especially about trans issues.

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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