

DENNIS UNION CHURCH
an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 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

“Longing for Home”

Florence Price

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Prayer and Silent Reflection

“Live in Charity”(Ubi Caritas)

Hymn #523

(The music will play through once and then we will sing the hymn twice.)

Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.

*Call to Worship

Janet Morley

Christ is in our minds

that we may see what is true;

Christ is in our mouths

that we may speak with power;

Christ is in our hearts

that we may learn to be touched;

Christ is in our hands

that we may work with tenderness;

Christ is in our souls

that we may know our desires;

Christ is in our arms

that we may embrace without fear;

Christ is in our faces

that we may shine with God.

*Hymn #3

“The Sun Is on the Sea and Shore”

***The sun is on the sea and shore, a new day has begun;
with morning hymns we will adore the blessed Three-in-One;
and we shall praise you evermore until the day is done.***

***Your love is ever in our view, like shining stars by night;
your gifts are every morning new, O God of love and light;
your mercy, like the heaven's blue, fills all our dazzled sight.***

***We do not know what grief and care each coming day may bring;
the heart shall find some gladness there that trusts you in each thing;
the life that serves you everywhere will never cease to sing.***

*Invocation

Holy Spirit of God, who gathers the church into one body, gather us once again in your presence and strengthen the bonds of affection that hold your people together. Bless us with grace to cooperate with one another in love and service, that we may be the signs of your uniting love to our fractured world. Teach us to show compassion for those in need, to face challenges with imagination, and to counter disappointment with prayerful trust. So may your church proclaim your will and your reign. Through Christ, in Christ and held in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Word for the Young

Anthem

"How Great Thou Art"
Peggy Moreau & Mary Jo Nabywaniec

Stuart K. Hine

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Romans 12:9-21

Homily

"Operating Instructions (2)"

*Hymn #530

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

***I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.***

***I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.***

***I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul. I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul.***

Call for the Offering

Offertory

"The Lord is My Shepherd"

Howard Goodall

Joys and Concerns of the Community

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!**

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
 Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
 With the bread we need for today, feed us.
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
 From trials too great to endure, spare us.
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
 For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
 Now and forever. Amen

*Hymn #517

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Verses 1, 2 & 3

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
 fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;
 Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
 visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
 let us all in thee inherit, let us find thy promised rest;
 take away our love of sinning; alpha and omega be;
 end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
 suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
 pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

*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 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

“Sunset”

Florence Price

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
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Deacon of the Day: Allan Fisk
Ushers: Mary Czajkowski, Darlene Fisk, Cindy Johnson
Greeters: Jeff Gordon, Marla Ker

We welcome The Rev. Deirdre Greenwood White
as our covering pastor while Rev. McHugh is traveling in Scotland.
The Rev. Greenwood White is ordained in the PC(USA) and lives in Orleans.

THANK YOU for your donations to the Hands of Hope Outreach Backpack Program.
Your contributions will help make a difference in the lives of our needy students.
We deeply appreciate your kindness and generosity.

SAVE THE DATE!

Come and join us at our annual DUC Homecoming Picnic directly after the service on Sunday,
September 13. Everyone is welcome, wear your casual picnic clothes and enjoy
good food, good friends and good fun!

Please sign up to bring a dessert, side dish or salad. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks
are provided. Hope to see you all on the lawn!

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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