

# DENNIS UNION CHURCH, UCC

an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 23, 2024**

*In essentials, unity. In nonessentials, liberty. In all things, charity. (Early disciples' motto, attributed to Rupertus Meldenus)*

Bells Toll the Hour

Prelude

“Allegretto”

Diabelli

Ellen Clancy and Maggie Bossi, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Silence

\*Call to Worship

O Holy One, may this place be filled with your Spirit.

**Gentle us into an unclenched moment, a deep breath,**

a letting go of heavy expectations,

**of shriveling anxieties, of dead certainties,**

that softened by your love, surrounded by your light, and open to your mystery,

**we may be found by wholeness,**

upheld by the unfathomable,

**entranced by the simple,**

and filled with joy as we worship you together.

**Amen.**

\*Hymn #6

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Verses 1, 3 & 4

***Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.***

***With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory.***

***Then all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud your praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.***

***Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:  
to God all praise and glory.***

***Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;  
let all who own God's power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:  
to God all praise and glory.***

\*Invocation

**Journeying God, come into our house and find welcome here. Draw each of us to sit at your feet and listen to your words. Help us set aside all that would distract us from receiving you. Center our restless minds; soothe our anxious hearts; quiet our overwrought bodies; call to our thirsty souls. Dear Christ, be gentle with us as we are, and lead us to the better part of life which you have in mind for us today. Amen.**

Recognition of Ministry and Service

Cindy Fiscus, Director of Children and Family Ministries

Anthem "Jesus Loves Me" arr. Joel Raney

Gospel Reading Luke 10:38-42

Homily "Finding a Balance"

\*Hymn #490 "Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant" Verses 1, 2 & 4

***Sister, let me be your servant, brother, let me walk with you;  
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.***

***We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travelers on the road.  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.***

***When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together of great love and agony.***

Offerings of the People

Offertory

\*Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God for all that love has done!  
Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.***

Joys and Concerns of the Community

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

**+Creator God, 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/God/O Holy One)

*O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,  
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*

*O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.*

*We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice  
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.*

\*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 with the peace 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

\*Congregational Response

Blue Hymnal #434

*God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.*

*Till we meet, (till we meet,) till we meet (till we meet,)*

*till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,)*

*till we meet, (till we meet,) till we meet, (till we meet,)*

*God be with you till we 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.

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Deacon of the Day: Al Fisk  
Ushers: Earl Springer, Ann & Lloyd Swaim  
Greeters: George & Glenna Cappola, Elise & Jeff Gordon, Linda Hildebrant, Craig Valenti  
Chancel flowers today are in honor of Cindy Fiscus's years of dedication  
to the children and youth of Dennis Union Church

### **AUCTION NEWS**

**The 70th Annual Auction & Bazaar will be held Saturday, August 10  
from 9 am to 2 pm -- don't miss your chance to be part of a  
fun and important day for DUC.**

Sorting for this year's Auction begins on Tuesday, June 25 at 9 am,  
This preparation helps the set-up for the Auction go smoothly  
and is a great way to preview the variety of items that will be sold.

### **Silent Auction Donations Needed**

In addition to items for sale inside and outside the church, the Silent Auction offers the opportunity to purchase all sorts of items -- sports tickets, cottage rentals, gift cards, boating trips. It has been very successful -- thanks to the variety of items that our members and friends make or acquire. A list of businesses that have previously donated to the Silent Auction is available in the hallway -- please check off if you can make a contact -- and don't hesitate to visit new businesses that may have opened. If you have questions, please contact Luke Furey or check with Jane in the office.

The Auction Committee is again asking that each church committee or board donate a gift card or small item that can be offered at the Silent Auction. Last year these committees did a wonderful job and the items were a big hit!

**The Silent Auction will "go live" for bidding online at noon  
on Friday, August 2 and end at 6 pm on Sunday, August 11.**

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