# **DENNIS UNION CHURCH, UCC**

an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ

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

**June 30. 2024** 

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

# **Bells Toll the Hour** "Elevation No. 7" Prelude Benoit Welcome and Announcements Moment of Silence \*Call to Worship from Psalm 46 Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord as long as I live. Sing praises to God. Who made heaven and earth, who is faithful forever, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, who watches over the stranger, who cares for widows and orphans. The Lord will reign forever. **Praise the Lord!** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" \*Hymn #670 Verses 1, 3, 4 & 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home! Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same. A thousand ages in thy sight, are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

\*Invocation

Gracious God, who has the power to create the whirlwind and the wisdom to speak to us in the still small voicer, we ask that you bring your love to us today. We are in need of the strength of your Spirit. We live in the hope of your call. We depend on you; there is no other who gives us such hope and life. Be with us, care for us, comfort and confront us with your love and grace. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading 1 Kings 17:1-16

Homily "Neither the Jar nor the Jug Will Fail"

\*Hymn #606 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone; born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure too you have entrusted, gain thru powers your grace conferred; or to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word. Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

Offerings of the People

Offertory

"Pastorale"

Zipoli

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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 /O Holy One)

\*Hymn #609

"Take My Life"

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing; unto God my praise I bring. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

\*Sending Forth

Live as ambassadors of Jesus Christ every day; rejoice when a sister or brother returns home to God. **We will seek to love as we have been loved;** 

## we will welcome, not judge, our brothers and sisters.

We have been reconciled to God through Jesus Christ; God's love and compassion will be with us always.

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

Recessional"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"HillertThe congregation is welcome to leave quietly or stay seated and listen.Hillert

#### \*Please stand in body or spirit.

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We welcome The Rev. Deirdre Greenwood White as our covering pastor through July 21. The Rev. Greenwood White is ordained in the PC(USA) and lives in Orleans, where she is Pastoral Associate at the Federated Church of Orleans, UCC.

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: Heath Burney Lay Reader: Patti Goyette Ushers: Al & Darlene Fisk, Betsy Waters Harrison Greeters: Dottie & Renny Damon, Barbara & Paul Gray, Karen Mutti, Craig Valenti

Flowers are given today by Ralph & Judy Conrad "In loving memory of our parents"

# <u>The 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction & Bazaar will take place on</u> <u>Saturday, August 10 from 9 am to 2 pm.</u>

## Don't miss out on being a part of the fun! How can you help?

Sorting for the Auction continues on Tuesday mornings beginnning at 9 am. Join in fun and fellowship as donated items are priced and prepared for sale.

Postcard-sized info cards about the Auction are available on the hallway table – please take several to share with neighbors and friends. Larger flyers will be available in July.

The Silent Auction team is looking for donations of sporting tickets, cottage rentals, gift cards, boating trips and other services. Any donation that you can make or acquire would be appreciated! Please notify Luke Furey about your donation plans or stop by the church office.

# Auction Day is a highlight of the summer for our congregation and the wider community – thanks to everyone's hard work to make it happen!

# Steeple Lighting Dedications for June In honor of Lee Mapletoft – my college roommate and a kind, generous friend for more than 60 years, who lost his battle with Parkinson's in June. From Neal Carlson In honor of Cindy Fiscus with thanks. From Mary Ann Eldred For Hope Prochaska - with prayers of healing For Max Schmidt – Offering guidance to a clearer path on his journey through life From Ginny Corsini In memory of Pete November From Judy November



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