

DENNIS UNION CHURCH, UCC

an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024

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

Bells Toll the Hour

Prelude

“Prelude on an English Folk Song”

arr. Andrew Unsworth

Welcome and Announcements

Silence

*Call to Worship

Come, all who are poor in spirit;

Come all who mourn,

Come all who are meek;

Come all who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

Come, all who would be merciful

Come, all who would be pure in heart;

Come all who would be peacemakers.

Let us come together – the weak and the simple, the powerless and the foolish.

Let us confess that the source of our life is Christ Jesus.

Let us worship the God of every blessing.

*Hymn #284

“Gather Us In”

Verses 1 & 2

Here in this place, the new light is streaming, shadows of doubt are vanished away.

See in this space our fears and our dreamings,

brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in; our spirits inflame.

Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a mystery; we are the old, who yearn for your face.

We have been sung throughout all of history,

called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in -- the rich and the haughty; gather us in -- the proud and the strong;

give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

*Invocation

Creator God, gather us in, draw near to us and instill in us the fire of your love.

Fill us with the courage we need to proclaim your good news, to stand up for peace and speak truth to power. Open our hearts and minds to the spirit at work within, among, and around us. Amen.

Word for the Young

Anthem

“O God Beyond All Praising”
See end of bulletin for music

Holst, arr. Proulx

Contemporary Reading

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5: 1-12

Homily

“Beatitudes: Part 3 of 3”

*Hymn #249

“Spirit”

Verses 1 & 4

***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.***

***You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep, and over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”***

***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.***

***You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes, from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.***

***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.***

Offerings of the People

Offertory

“Adagio (‘Fredericktown’)”

Robert Lau

*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

**+Our Creator, 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)

*Hymn #677

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

*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

Recessional

“Toccata in F”

D. Buxtehude

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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: Peter Berrien

Ushers: Dennis & Patti Goyette, Peggy McAloon

Greeters: Jeff Gordon, John & Sue Schofield, Craig Valenti, Emily Woudenberg

Flowers are given today by

Elise & Jeff Gordon “In honor of our dads Ken Larson and Norm Gordon”

Refreshments for Fellowship Hour today are provided by the Flower Committee.

O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

THAXTED

Gustav Holst, 1874-1934

Michael Perry, 1942-1996

Setting by Richard Proulx, 1937-2010



All 1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we
Choir 2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in
All 3. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac -



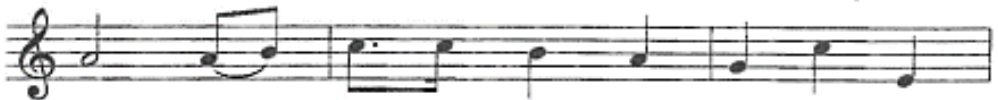
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cept the love we bring, that we who know your



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ren - der to you the Lord most high; but
fa - vor may serve you as our king; and



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mer - cies with - out end: we lift our hearts be -
heav - en's gar - den grown: for Christ the Man from
rise to bless you still: to mar - vel at your



fore you and wait up - on your word, we
heav - en from death has set us free, and
beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways, and



hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry!
make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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PRAYER LIST FOR JUNE 9, 2024

Lyle Ashby	Matilda (young friend of Pam Hill)
Barbara Clough (Joan Buffington's daughter)	Marilyn Nichols
Robert Colpitts	Chris O'Donnell (Jack's sister)
Dave Crocker	Janet Owen
Liz Cross	Jean Otto
Brent Damiano	Paul Peters (Lois Andre's brother-in-law)
Bob & Doris David	Peni Plucker
The Dinnan Family upon the death of Dawn's brother Dennis	Alexander Rosen-Schuh
Ed Fiddler and the Diaz/Fiddler Families	Sarah (Hildebrant) Setterlind
Melissa Gray	Ellen Sheetz
Dave Henry (Kathy Henry's brother-in-law)	Marita Smaltz (Cindy's mom)
	Jamie Story
	Paul Tarry (We Are the Men friend)

- Let us remember our service personnel serving at home and abroad.
- Let us keep all people in war-torn areas close to our hearts and in the forefront of our prayers.

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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