

DENNIS UNION CHURCH, UCC

an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

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

Bells Toll the Hour

Prelude

“Carey”

Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Silence

*Call to Worship

When we long for the special effects we think life should offer,
it is enough for us that God comes in a soft summer breeze.
When our hearts are cracked by the drought of doubt,
it is enough for us that God opens up the fountains of faith for us.
When our senses are numbed by the clamor of our culture,
it is enough for us that God wraps us in the silence of grace.
Let us worship God!

*Hymn #24

“The God of Abraham Praise”

***The God of Abraham praise. All praised be the Name,
who was, and is, and is to be, is still the same;
the one eternal God, ere all that now appears,
the First, the Last, beyond all thought through timeless years!***

***God's spirit flowing free, high surging where it will -
in prophet's word it spoke of old - is speaking still.
Established is God's law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, or land.***

***God has eternal life implanted in the soul.
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
Praise to the living God! All praised be the Name,
who was, and is, and is to be, is still the same!***

*Hymn #452

“Here I Am, Lord”

Verses 1 & 3

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart, in my heart.*

*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

“Toccata”

Frescobaldi

The congregation is welcome to leave quietly or stay seated and listen.

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

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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: Earl Springer

Ushers: Linda Gillespie, Peggy McAloon, Lisa Sherman

Greeters: Nancy Aceti, Judy & Peter Berrien, Margaret & Ted Housman, Karen Mutti

Flowers are given today by Liz Cross “In memory of Harry Cross and Arnold Bossi”

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.

Thanks to our Pick-Up Choir today!

Next week our bell choir will provide music for worship. The Pick-Up Choir will resume after that
for summer Sundays through August. If you are interested in singing,
just show up at 9 am on Sunday morning for a brief rehearsal.

If you are interested in learning more about participating in the Bell Choir,
Maggie is planning two **Beginning Bell Workshops –**
Sunday July 21 and Sunday July 28 immediately after worship.

Find out everything you’ve wanted to know about the bells and what playing in a bell choir is like.

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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