## OUR 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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# **DENNIS UNION CHURCH**

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An open & affirming congregation



Main Street (Route 6A) at Old Bass River Rd. Dennis, MA

With Jesus as our anchor and compass, God bids us to be a blessing in the world.

July 8, 2018

10:00 A.M.

#### The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

#### RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

#### WELCOME

## **CENTERING PRAYER**

We gather as your people, O God, to delight in your presence, to experience your healing, and to receive your grace. Let us be reconciled and renewed as we worship you through Christ in the Spirit. Amen.

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Chalice Worship)

What an abundance of gifts we have to offer:

Musical talent, the melody of laughter, the use of our hands in cooking and repairs, the use of our minds in problem solving, curiosity, compassion, patience, urgency, spiritual reservoirs, financial resources, obedience, and courage to act.

All these gifts, and others which bear our personal marks, are symbolized in our offering for the work of the church.

Let us commit ourselves in service as we worship God with open hands.

\*HYMN – "The Sun Is on the Sea and Shore"

blue hymnal No. 3

## \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Chalice Worship)

Bounteous God, increase our faith as we gather as your people. Pour forth your love upon us and shower us with gifts of the Spirit. In our turning to you, grace us this hour with your abounding love, joy, peace, and patience. Fill us with kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Strengthened in faith, may we share your generosity with all the world. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI (blue hymnal No. 35)

## WORD FOR THE YOUNG

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Psalm 48	Bible p. 450
ANTHEM - "Is There Anybody	Here?"	arr. Hampton

NEW TESTA	MENT LESSON	Matthew 18:21-35	Bible p. 800
SERMON	<b>RMON</b> "Forgiveness From The Heart"		Rev. Terry Martinson
HYMN - "Help Us Accept Each Other"			blue hymnal No. 487
OFFERING/OFFERTORY – "It Is Well With My Soul"			arr. Clausen
Praise Go Praise Go		•	d all creatures here below. nd Holy Ghost. Amen.
CONCERNS	OF THE PEOPLE		
SILENT PRA	YER, PASTORAL	PRAYER, LORD'S PR	AYER
* <b>HYMN</b> – "Go	od, Dismiss Us with	Your Blessing"	blue hymnal No. 439
BENEDICTIC	ON		
BENEDICTIC	DN RESPONSE – "T	Threefold Amen"	
POSTI LIDE			

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\*Please stand as you are able...

We welcome guests to our worship today. We hope that you will share in the fellowship following worship. Please sign one of our guest books located at the entrances to the sanctuary.

Visitors: If you would like more information about Dennis Union Church, please fill out a guest card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Crib Room: For your convenience, our CRIB ROOM is located directly off the sanctuary.