

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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United Church of Christ... Congregational

An open & affirming congregation



**Main Street (Route 6A)
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Dennis, MA**

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

July 9, 2017

JULY 9, 2017

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** – “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” blue hymnal No. 606

***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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 11:28-30 Bible p. 792

ANTHEM

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 3:1 – 4:7 Bible p. 44

SERMON *What Is In Your Hand?* Rev. Terry Martinson

HYMN - “We Give Thee But Thine Own” blue hymnal No. 382

OFFERING – “Thanks Be To Thee” Handel

***DOXOLOGY** (blue hymnal No. 46)
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER

***HYMN** – “Take My Gifts” blue hymnal No. 381

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

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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.

