

## 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

United Church of Christ... Congregational

*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 15, 2018

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10:00 A.M.

*The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CENTERING PRAYER (Chalice Worship)

*Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Sourcebook of Worship Resources)

Loving God, place me in a circle of joy,

*Where laughter bubbles like a flowing stream*

And gladness dances like wind in the trees.

*Place me in a community of joy,*

Where children laugh and tears are kissed away

*And the vitality is still in everyone's faith.*

Place me in a church of joy,

*Where God's surprises are expected and cherished*

And people know how to sing praise, even in the midst of worry and difficulty.

*Let the joy be sung.*

\*HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" blue hymnal No. 2

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Sourcebook of Worship Resources)

*Surprising and persistent God, you never give up on us. You seek us, follow us, call us. We cannot escape from your yearning for us, and only when we turn to you do we find the sweetness of life, the reason for living, an everlasting fountain of joy.*

*Thank you for your amazing grace that surprises us, comforts us and renews us. Give us hearts of gratitude, and forever let us sing your praise. Amen.*

\*GLORIA PATRI (blue hymnal No. 35)

WORD FOR THE YOUNG

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 89 as interpreted by Leslie Brandt

ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 4:1-9 Bible p. 955

SERMON "GOD INSPIRED JOY" Rev. Terry Martinson

HYMN - "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart" blue hymnal No. 15

OFFERING

\*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 ("debts/debtors")

\*HYMN – "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" blue hymnal No. 699

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – "Threefold Amen"

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able...

We welcome guests to our worship today. Please sign one of our guest books located at the entrances to the sanctuary. We hope that you will share in the fellowship time after worship. If you are visiting with us today, please take a red cup. 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.