

## 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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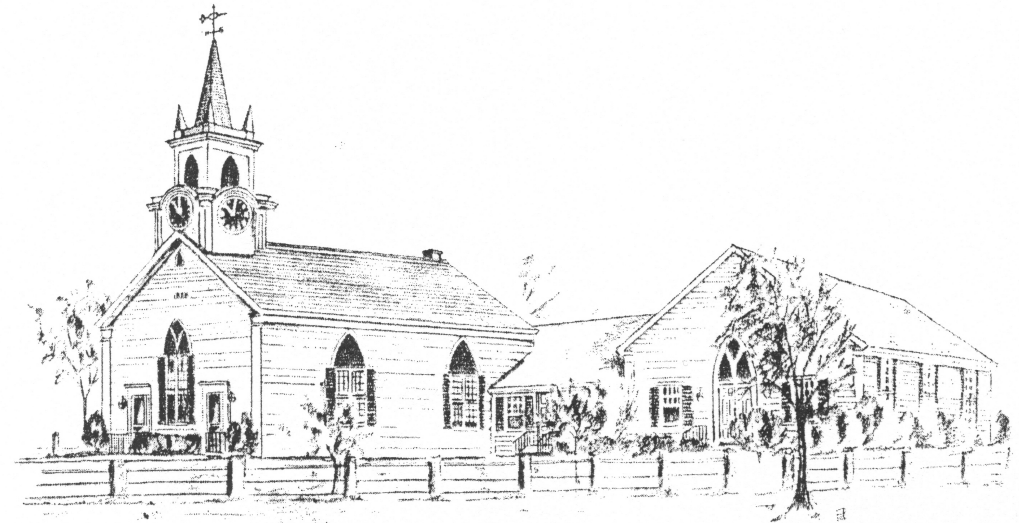
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# DENNIS UNION CHURCH

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.*

AUGUST 12, 2018

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10:00 A.M.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 105:1-6

Bible p. 484

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S DAY

ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 4:4-13

Bible p. 955

RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

SERMON *The Blessing of Contentment*

Rev. Terry Martinson

PRELUDE

HYMN – “My Life Flows On”

blue hymnal No. 619

WELCOME

OFFERING – “The Lost Chord”

Sullivan

CENTERING PRAYER ([Sourcebook of Worship Resources](#))

*Eternal and loving God, we come remembering that all our days and years are gifts from you. As we center our thoughts on your goodness, we are prompted to glorify you with our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. Receive then, all expressions of our love and reverence. May we truly realize this day that we have been with you. In the name of the Master, Jesus the Christ. Amen.*

\*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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP ([Sourcebook of Worship Resources](#))

In the presence of God, toes tap to some heavenly chorus,  
*Tears emerge from a hidden ache, silence descends like a gentle mist,*  
Joy ascends like a rocket in the sky. God is here!  
*Glad hearts are refreshed, sorrowing hearts find comfort.*  
Broken hearts discover healing, searching hearts find home.  
*Here in the presence of God, we are made whole and sing our joyful songs of praise.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN – “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

blue hymnal No. 86

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

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\*HYMN – “Morning Has Broken”

blue hymnal No. 53

\*Please stand as you are able...

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION ([Sourcebook of Worship Resources](#))

*Gracious God, you delight in giving us the kingdom, priceless treasures hidden in the ordinary. Open our eyes to discover the treasures hidden within each other, and within your Word, and within our lives. Open our hearts to know their value, which comes only from your touch. We pray this in the name of the greatest treasure you have given us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Thanks to Ken Bouchard and Leroy Hazzard for providing wonderful music to an auction-weary congregation.

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

\*GLORIA PATRI (Blue Hymnal No. 35)

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.

WORD FOR THE YOUNG

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