

**Our guest minister** this morning is the Rev. David M. Powers. David lives in Dennis, where from 1977 to 1993 he served as Minister of the Dennis Union Church. He is currently Moderator of the Barnstable Association, UCC. David is the author of a book on the Parables, *Snapshots of the Kingdom* (2006), a biography of a Puritan leader, *Damnable Heresy: William Pynchon, the Indians, and the First Book Banned (and Burned) in Boston* (2015), and *Good and Comfortable Words: The Coded Sermon Notes of John Pynchon and the Frontier Preaching Ministry of George Moxon* (2017).

**OUR OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF WELCOME**

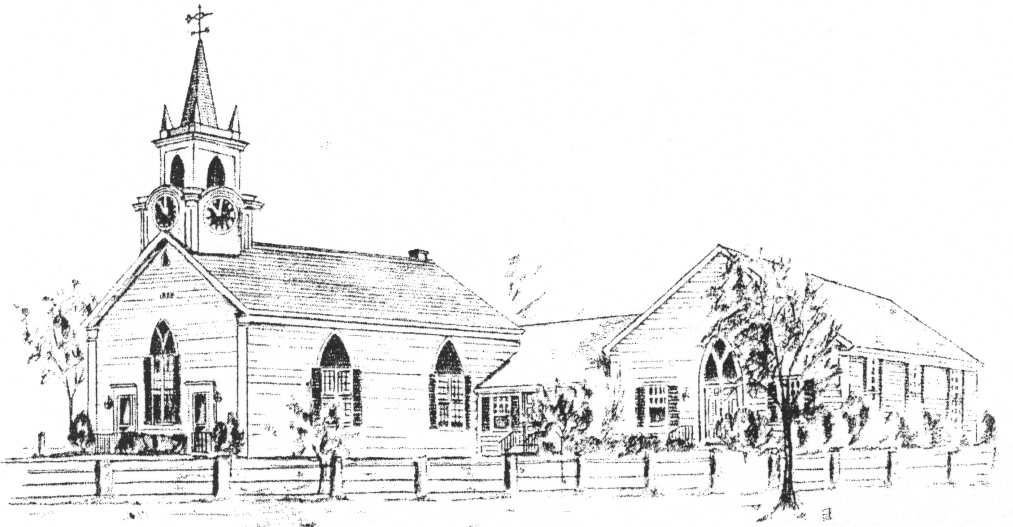
Believing that everyone is a child of God, it is with joy, and in the love of Christ, that we welcome all persons into the full life, ministry and mission of Dennis Union Church. We choose not to turn away anyone whom Christ would welcome. We affirm the dignity and worth of every person including, but 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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*With Jesus as our anchor and compass, God bids us to be a blessing in the world.*

January 28, 2018

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10:00 A.M.

*The Second Sunday after Epiphany*

**RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRELUDE** – “Rhosymedre” R. V. Williams

**WELCOME**

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

*Loving God, open our eyes to see what is beautiful, our minds to know what is true, and our hearts to love what is good.; for Jesus’ sake. Amen.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 105)

O give thanks to the LORD, call on God’s name, make known God’s deeds among the peoples.

*Sing to God, sing praises; tell of all God’s wonderful works.*

Rejoice in God’s holy name.

*Let the hearts of those who seek for God rejoice.*

Seek the LORD and his strength.

*Seek God’s presence continually.*

Remember the wonderful works God has done, God’s miracles, and the judgments God uttered.

*Praise the LORD! Rejoice in God’s holy name.*

**\*HYMN** – “Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him” red hymnal No. 13

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*Eternal God, we rejoice that you sent your Word to speak in the prophets and to live in the Christ. Prepare us to welcome your Word written in the Scriptures, made flesh in the Savior, and spoken by your Spirit within us, that in its truth we may have life in all its fullness; through Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.*

**\*GLORIA PATRI** (blue hymnal No. 35)

**WORD FOR THE YOUNG**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 85:8-13 Bible p. 473

**ANTHEM** – “Angels Visit When We Sing” E. Daley

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Romans 10:11-15a, 17 Bible p. 921

**SERMON** “How Will They Hear...?” Rev. David Powers

**HYMN** - “O Word of God Incarnate” red hymnal No. 252

**OFFERING** – “O Christ, Surround Me” arr. Sims

**\*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** - “Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult” red hymnal No. 322

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** – “Threefold Amen” trad.

**POSTLUDE** – “Lobe den Herren” Merkel

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**\*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.