

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – Threefold Amen

POSTLUDE – “In Dulci Jubilo”

Buxtehude

** ** * * * * *

***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 following worship. Please take a red cup if you are visiting today. 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.

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.

CHURCH PHONE 508-385-3543

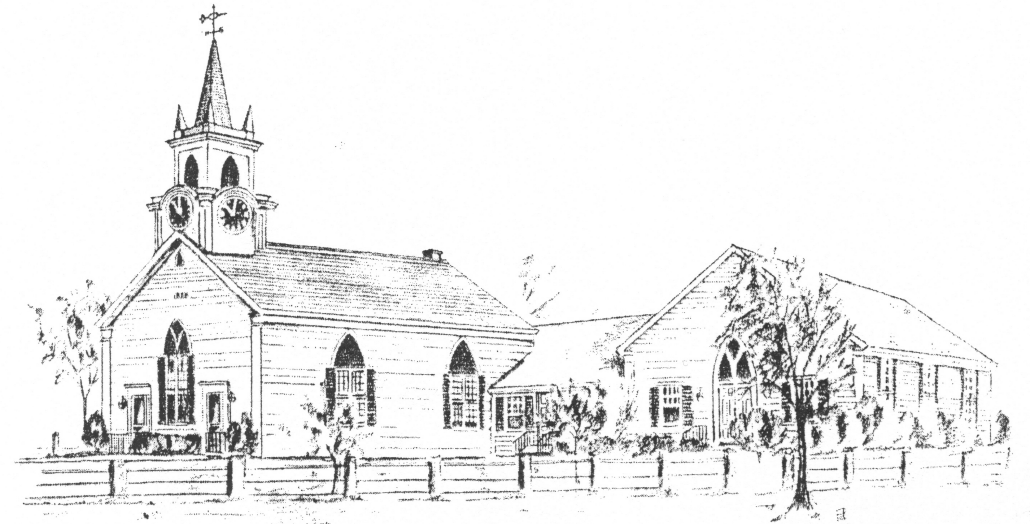
Website: WWW.DUCHURCH.ORG

Interim Pastor	Rev. Terry Martinson	seniorpastor@duchurch.org
Organist/Choir Director	Margaret Bossi	music@duchurch.org
Assoc. Organist/Choir Director	Rev. Bette Anne Crowell	
Bell Choir Director	Barbara Wells	
Church School Facilitator & Youth Fellowship Coordinator	Cindy Fiscus	cedirector@duchurch.org
Media Coordinator	Sue Martin	media@duchurch.org
Office Administrator	Nancy McKiernan	office@duchurch.org
Finance Secretaries	Peter Berrien and Gordon Bellemer	finance@duchurch.org
Sexton	Dave Crocker	

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.

January 7, 2018

JANUARY 7, 2018

10:00 A.M.

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

INTROIT – “Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light”

Bach

WELCOME

CENTERING PRAYER

*Most gracious God, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your deep peace.
Prepare us now to receive your living Word with joy through Christ our Lord.*

CALL TO WORSHIP <Sourcebook of Worship Resources>

Wade into the waters of love; ***Step into the rivers of blessing.***
Here, find renewing streams of mercy; ***Here, taste the wonder of God’s goodness.***
Feel the waters of life; ***Know the joy of baptism.***
See the springs of eternal life; ***Sing the triumph of God’s blessing.***

*HYMN – “As with Gladness”

blue hymnal No. 173

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION <Sourcebook of Worship Resources>

Loving God, strong Shepherd, your love for us reaches from the cradle to the grave. There is no place or time or situation in which we are cut off from your care. Remind us of that love whenever we doubt our own worth, forget our blessings in baptism or act out of fear or anger. Forgive us for finding life boring or predictable, filled with routine and sadness when you have placed us in a garden. Turn our world upside down occasionally and surprise us with grace and joy. Keep us forever amazed at your love. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

ANTHEM – “What Strangers are These”

arr. Forrest

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:4-11

Bible p. 812

HOMILY **BELOVED CHILD**

Rev. Terry Martinson

OFFERING/OFFERTORY – “Kings in Glory”

Shaw

*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

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD’S PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN – “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

blue hymnal No. 245

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS ***Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord.***

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Chalice Worship)

God our help, we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your servant Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings life eternal. We praise you for Giving us all good gifts, and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us. Amen.

*HYMN – “Be in Our Midst, O Christ”

blue hymnal No. 373