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

#### 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.

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.

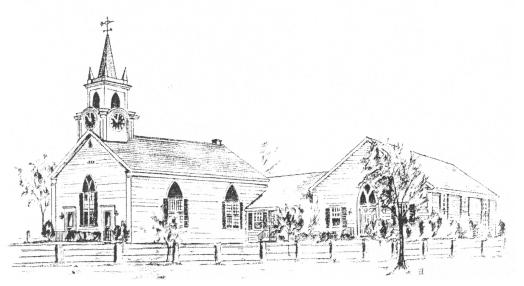
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With Jesus as our anchor and compass, God bids us to be a blessing in the world.

November 12, 2017

10:00 A.M. November 12, 2017

# Celebrating The Lord's Day

#### RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**PRELUDE** – "In Quietness and Confidence"

J. S. Bach

#### 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)

This is the hour of blessing. Now is the moment of Grace. Today is the day of salvation. Here is the path to new life.

And love is flowing. Already joy is abounding, For this is the day God is making. Let us rejoice and sing.

\*HYMN – "How Great Thou Art"

blue hymnal No. 33

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

Creator God, whose glory full glory is unseen by human eyes: as we settle our hearts now to seek you, help us to seek you in the right place: not within ourselves, but high above us. Help us to seek you in the right way: not each by ourselves, but in unity. Help us to seek you in your Son, in whose name we gather together, to see your glory revealed. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI (Blue Hymnal No. 35)

WORD FOR THE YOUNG

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 78:1-7

Bible p. 468

ANTHEM - "Thank You, Lord"

arr. J. Carter

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** 

Matthew 25:1-13

Bible p. 806

SERMON BE PREPARED – TENDING GOD'S LIGHT Rev. Terry Martinson

**HYMN** – "Give Me Oil In My Lamp"

(insert)

**OFFERING** – "Be a Gift to a World in Need"

Long/Pote

## \*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** – "For the Fruits of All Creation"

blue hymnal No. 714

## BENEDICTION

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - "Listening Now"

C. Grundy

**POSTLUDE** – "Voluntary in A Minor"

M. Greene

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Music Notes: Women's Song this week weaves songs of thanksgiving to our God and what God seeks from us as we stay tuned to our still-speaking God. The organ prelude and postlude are compositions by masters of centuries past – J. S. Bach and Maurice Greene. Welcome to worship! Bette Anne

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as you are able...