

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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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.

DECEMBER 17, 2017

10:00 A.M.

The Third Sunday of Advent
MUSIC SUNDAY

RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE – “A Short Fantasy on a Basque Carol”

Salzedo

WELCOME

CENTERING PRAYER (Sourcebook of Worship Resources)

We come to praise you, O Lord, and to think about your love for the world as revealed in your gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. Open our spiritual eyes that we may see, and understand as best we can, the fuller meaning of the coming of the Savior for us all. In his name, Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Sourcebook of Worship Resources)

Come, open your hearts. ***Light the candles,***
Sing the carols, ***Rest in the prayers.***
Come, open your lives ***To the Light of the World,***
To the songs of blessing, ***To the prayers of healing.***
Watch, listen, feel. ***God is coming.***
God is here. ***Rejoice!***

***HYMN** *Joy to the World*

blue hymnal No. 143

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

Wondrous God, let the music of this day lift our spirits, wing us heavenward and give us new perspectives.
Let Mary’s song become our song.
This day, let praise and joy weave hope into us and into our world.
Amen.

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

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY

Connie Bickford, Laura and Wesley Kaser

RESPONSE *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

blue hymnal No. 134

CHOIR CAROL

“Nativity Carol”

Rutter

CHOIR CAROL

“Joseph’s Carol”

Crosby

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:1-5

Bible p. 581

CHOIR CAROL

“I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In”

Rutter

HARP SELECTION

“Interlude”

Britten

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:46-55

Bible p. 831

CHOIR CAROL

“Catalonian Carol”

arr: Ratcliff

OFFERTORY CAROL

“Star Carol”

Rutter

Refrain: See his star shining bright in the sky this Christmas night!
Follow me joyfully; hurry to Bethlehem, and see the son of Mary!

***DOXOLOGY and PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CHOIR CAROL

“In The Bleak Midwinter”

Darke

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER

CHOIR CAROL

“King Jesus Hath A Garden”

arr: Rutter

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

arr: Sprunger

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PARTICIPANTS

Bette Anne Crowell, piano and organ

Maria Rindenello-Parker, harp

Anna Crowell, flute

Catie Crowell, oboe

The combined choirs of Dennis Union Church directed by

Margaret Bossi