

## 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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10:00 A.M.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

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RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lois Andre

God is the shining star in every dark sky,

***The kindness in every embrace,***

The love in every gift given,

***The joy in every new birth.***

God is the hope in every deep sigh.

***The spark in every angel's song,***

The peace in every night's rest,

***The delight in every carol sung.***

Come and worship, come and worship...

***Worship Christ, the newborn King.***

\*CAROL NO. 149      *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Peggy McAloon

***God of manger and star, open us to the depths and heights of***

***your incredible love which comes through humble stories and***

***glorious songs. Speak to us in word and music and lift us to***

***the realms of glory. Amen.***

\*GLORIA PATRI (Blue Hymnal No. 35)

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

\*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

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

Katie and Linny Clancy

CAROL 153

*It Came Upon The Midnight Clear* (verses 1 and 3)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 1:28-38

Lloyd Swaim

CAROL 144

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

THIRD LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Judy Livingstone

CAROL 147

*Away In A Manger*

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-14

Betsy Crowell

CAROL 155

*Angels We Have Heard On High*

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:15-20

Beverly Larson

CAROL 145

*Silent Night*

SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

Earl Springer

CAROL 173

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

SEVENTH LESSON

*John 1:1-5, 14-17*

Linda Gillespie

\*CAROL 143

*Joy to the World*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

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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. 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.