

## 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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# 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.*

MARCH 18, 2018

March 18, 2018

10:00 A.M.

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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

**PRELUDE**

**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** (Chalice Worship)

Living God, we come to worship you, praising you for the past and trusting you for the future.

*We come to join our will to your will, make your purpose our purpose, and your love our love.*

We come in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Let us worship God!*

\***HYMN** – “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” blue hymnal No. 91

\***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (Chalice Worship)

*God of love, take hold of us in this act of worship, and do not let us go until we have been blessed by a vision of love, infinitely generous, gentle and forgiving; simple, wholesome, mysterious, profound; in which all are accepted and no one rejected; love that never ends. Living God, Love itself, live in our hearts now and forever. Amen.*

\***GLORIA PATRI** (Blue Hymnal No. 35)

**WORD FOR THE YOUNG**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Psalm 51:1-12 Bible p. 452

**ANTHEM** – “Ah, Holy Jesus”

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** John 15:1-17 Bible p. 878

**SERMON** “*I Am The True Vine*”

Rev. Terry Martinson

**HYMN** - “The Gift of Love”

blue hymnal No. 526

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY** – “Let There Be Peace On Earth”

\***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** (“Debts/Debtors”)

\***HYMN** – “More Love to Thee, O Christ” blue hymnal No. 527

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** – “Threefold Amen”

**POSTLUDE**

\***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.

**Music Notes:** The Bell Choir is observing the Season of Lent with our choices this week.