

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 – “Christ Arose!”

blue hymnal No. 224

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – “Threefold Amen”

POSTLUDE – “Festive Trumpet Tune”

D. German

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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.

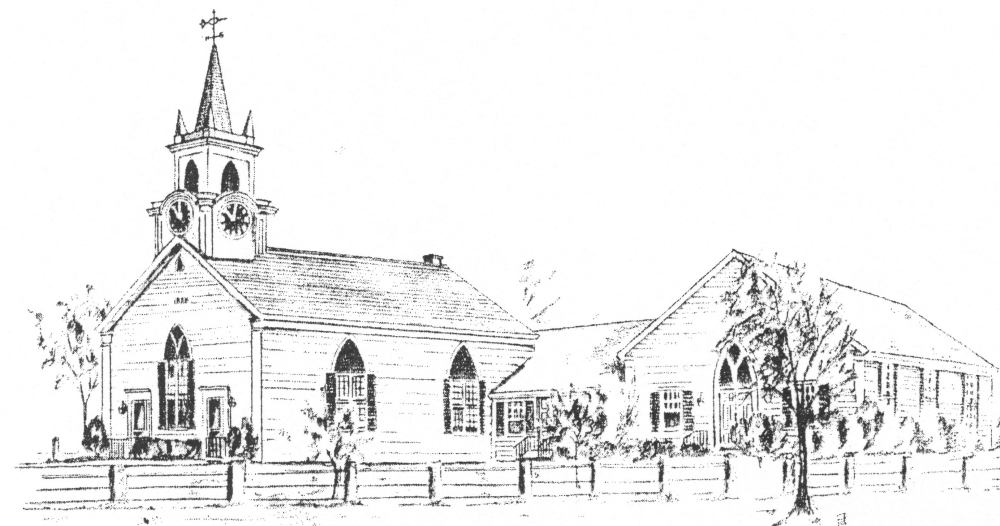
OUR OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF WELCOME

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.

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.

APRIL 1, 2018

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9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:1-18

Bible p. 882

EASTER SUNDAY

RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE – “Intermezzo”

P. Mascagni

WELCOME

CENTERING PRAYER ([Sourcebook of Worship Resources](#))

Holy God, as once long ago you turned a gray dawn into a springtime alleluia, so come to us this morning and turn our sadness into joy. Call us by our own names and lead us back to the land of the living. Come, risen Christ, surprise us with your grace, Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP ([Sourcebook of Worship Resources](#))

This is the day! *Glorious day, Resurrection day!*
Empty tombs and renewed lives. *This is God's doing.*
So, rejoice - *Alleluia!*
And sing - *Alleluia!*
Be glad - *Alleluia!*
For Christ is risen from the dead. *He is risen as he said.*
Alleluia! *Alleluia!*

***HYMN** – “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

blue hymnal No. 216

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** ([Chalice Worship](#))

God of endless possibility, we confess that we do not always perceive the opportunities you place before us. Caught up in our own hopes, plans, and fantasies, and crushed when they disappoint us, we are slow to see the open pathways you set before us. Open our eyes, that we may accept the new life that you offer us, and thus show forth the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***KYRIE ELEISON**

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

ANTHEM – “Jesus Lives, Alleluia”

L. Larson

Stephen Curran, trumpet

SERMON “*I Am The Resurrection and the Life*” (John 11:25)

Rev. Terry Martinson

OFFERING/OFFERTORY – “Anthem for Spring”

Kristin Howard, soprano

P. Mascagni

***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, THE LORD'S PRAYER (“debts and debtors”)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN – “Thine Is the Glory”

blue hymnal No. 218

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