

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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An open & affirming congregation



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

APRIL 15, 2018

APRIL 15, 2018		10:00 A.M.	ANTHEM – “Pass Me Not Oh Gentle Saviour”	Doane/McDonald
<u>The Third Sunday of Easter</u>			NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 24:13-35	Bible p. 860
RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE			SERMON - <i>MEETING THE MASTER FACE TO FACE</i>	Rev. Terry Martinson
PRELUDE – “Deep River”		Spiritual/D. Marlatt	HYMN - “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”	blue hymnal No. 627
WELCOME			OFFERING/OFFERTORY – “How Sweet the Sound”	arr. M. Hayes
CENTERING PRAYER (<u>Sourcebook of Worship Resources</u>)			*DOXOLOGY	(blue hymnal No. 46)
<i>Holy God, as once long ago you turned a gray dawn into a springtime alleluia, so come to us this morning. Call us by our own names and lead us back into the land of the living. Come, risen Christ, surprise us with your grace. Amen.</i>			<i>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.</i>	
CALL TO WORSHIP (<u>Sourcebook of Worship Resources</u>)			*PRAYER OF DEDICATION	
Astounding good news. <i>A surprise beyond expectation.</i> Christ is alive! <i>Christ is risen indeed!</i> Easter is God’s light shining in our darkness... hope washing over despair. <i>Easter is joy brimming over, flowing into each day and setting alleluias loose, causing our hearts to sing.</i>			CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE	
*HYMN – “Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us”		blue hymnal No. 231	SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER (“debts/debtors”)	
*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (<u>Sourcebook of Worship Resources</u>)			*HYMN – “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”	blue hymnal No. 557
<i>Exalted Lord, you reign in the high and holy place, but for your royal throne you choose people of humble heart. We need not gaze into heaven to follow you, for you pledge to abide with all who live in your name. Grant us grace to recognize your presence in the brothers and sisters with whom we live and worship. At the last, permit us to know you face to face in glory. Amen.</i>			BENEDICTION	
*GLORIA PATRI		(blue hymnal No. 35)	BENEDICTION RESPONSE – “Day by Day”	
WORD FOR THE YOUNG			POSTLUDE – “We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace”	Spiritual/M. Ham
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 4		Bible p. 425	*****	
			*Please stand as you are able...	
			Music Notes: Our DUC Singers lift familiar hymn tunes in new rhythms in worship this week. Musical gifts abound as we are joined by Bruce Abbott, alto sax; Shannon Goheen, percussion, and Claudia Landall accompanying DUC Singers! For all gifts so richly shared, we give thanks as we continue our journey this Eastertide season. Welcome to worship! -Bette Anne	
			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.	

