

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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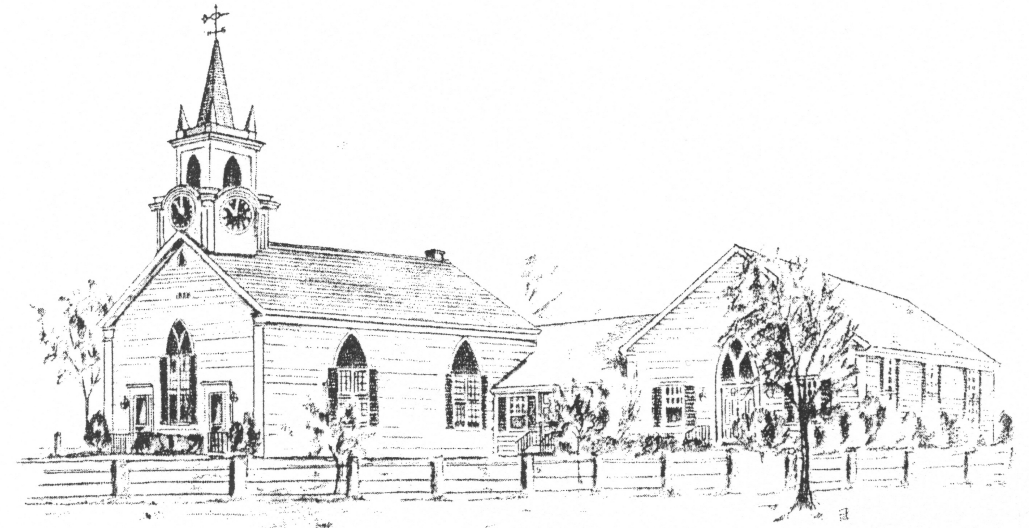
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United Church of Christ... Congregational

An open & affirming congregation



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Dennis, MA

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

APRIL 22, 2018

April 22, 2018

10:00 A.M.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter – “Good Shepherd Sunday”

RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE – “Morecambe”

G. Young

WELCOME

CENTERING PRAYER (Sourcebook of Worship Resources)

Come, Good Shepherd. Be our guardian and guide. Strengthen us in this hour to respond to your presence in our lives. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (re: Worship – based on Psalm 100)

Shout with joy to the Lord! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him singing with joy! Know that the Lord is God!

The Lord made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him. Bless his name.

For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

***HYMN** – “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

red hymnal No. 204

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (Ministry Matters)

We are standing at the gate, O loving Shepherd, not sure about the journey. But you have called our names, and in your voice we hear such love and surety. Bring us safely on the journey and strengthen us that we may serve you in all that we do. Amen.

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

WORD FOR THE YOUNG

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Psalm 23 (unison reading No. 69) red hymnal p. 518

ANTHEM – “Lift High the Cross”

arr. M. Thompson

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 10:11-18

Bible p. 872

SERMON “*The Good Sheep Dog*”

Rev. Terry Martinson

HYMN – “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

red hymnal No. 80

OFFERING/OFFERTORY – “Recollection”

T. Waugh

***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** – “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

red hymnal No. 327

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – “Dresden Amen”

POSTLUDE – “Nun Danket Alle Gott”

Max Reger

***Please stand as you are able...**

Music Notes: Today’s offertory is an original reflective and meditative composition for bells and instruments. Adding to the enjoyment are Willa Crowell (violin) and Emir Sehic (cello).

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.