### **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.

MAY 13, 2018

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## The Seventh Sunday of Easter

#### RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE - "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

arr. M. Hayes

WELCOME

**CENTERING PRAYER** (Sourcebook of Worship Resource)

Unbearable weight becomes bearable. We don't know how. We just know that it does. Thanks be to you, O God.

**ANTHEM –** "Clap Your Hands, All Ye People!"

V. Johnson

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Sourcebook of Worship Resources)

God's Grace - Supporting,
Caring, Surprising.
Grace - Tending,
Holding, Embracing.

Grace - God's amazing grace.

\*HYMN - "Amazing Grace"

blue hymnal No. 546

## \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Sourcebook of Worship Resources)

Come, Lord Jesus, open us to the wonder of your amazing grace, show us the fullness of your salvation, grant us the peace that passes all understanding. We place ourselves in your care and yield our lives to your touch. Speak to us today in word and silence. In Jesus' name. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI (blue hymnal No. 35)

WORD FOR THE YOUNG

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 1 Bible p. 424

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 14:1-6, 25-27 Bible p. 877

**SERMON** *Does Grandpa Still Live Here?* Rev. Terry Martinson

**HYMN** – "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

blue hymnal No. 638

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY** – "For the Beauty of the Earth"

setting J. Raney

\*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 - "Pass It On"

blue hymnal No. 477

**BENEDICTION** 

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** – "Shalom to You Now"

blue hymnal No. 436

**POSTLUDE** – "New Faith, New Life"

Franklin Ritter

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

**Music Notes:** As we continue to lift "seasons of our lives", Women's Song leads us in an opening anthem, "Clap Your Hands", inspired by Psalms 47 and 98, and fitting this time of Christ's ascension. Our offertory is a setting of a favorite hymn, "For the Beauty of the Earth." 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.