

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.

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 following worship. Please take a red cup if you are visiting today. 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. For your convenience, our **CRIB ROOM** is located directly off the sanctuary.

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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 6, 2018

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10:00 A.M.

Service of Word and Sacrament – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE – “Wonderful Words of Life”

Lani Smith

WELCOME

CENTERING PRAYER (Sourcebook of Worship Resources)

Majestic God, your spirit opens our hearts and teaches us how to love. Come to us now and stir up this gift so we may truly live as you command. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Sourcebook of Worship Resources)

Christ Jesus calls us together -

We gather in praise!

Christ Jesus reveals God’s love to us -

We know God’s love!

Christ Jesus brings new life -

We celebrate life in Christ. Alleluia!

*HYMN – “We Gather Together”

blue hymnal No. 276

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Sourcebook of Worship Resources)

Holy God, your love is like a gentle wind that is forever guiding us along. Yet how often we turn from your support and attempt to push ahead in our own way. We prefer our plans and miss seeing how we might cooperate with your guidance. We believe that it is by our own efforts that we accomplish the deed or possess the reward. We miss the spirit of joyful thanksgiving in our driven-ness. We live without gratitude and languish in isolation. Holy God, keep our sails turned toward you. In your guidance, in the example of your Son, we move toward joy, wholeness and community. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*KYRIE ELEISON

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

MOMENTS FOR MISSIONS – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (Deb Anderson, Patricia

Monahan, John Scofield)

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:10-17

Bible p. 848

SERMON *Healing, Holding, Letting Go*

Rev. Terry Martinson

OFFERING – “It is Well with My Soul”

arr. Rene Clausen

*DOXOLOGY (blue hymnal No. 46)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD’S PRAYER (‘debts and debtors’)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN – “In this Very Room”

blue hymnal No. 295

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

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 – “My Life Flows On”

blue hymnal No. 619

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – “It is Well with My Soul”

ORGAN POSTLUDE – “Go Forth in Faith”

Franklin Ritter

Thanks to Claudia Landall for helping this morning on organ and piano.

*Please stand if you are able...