

## 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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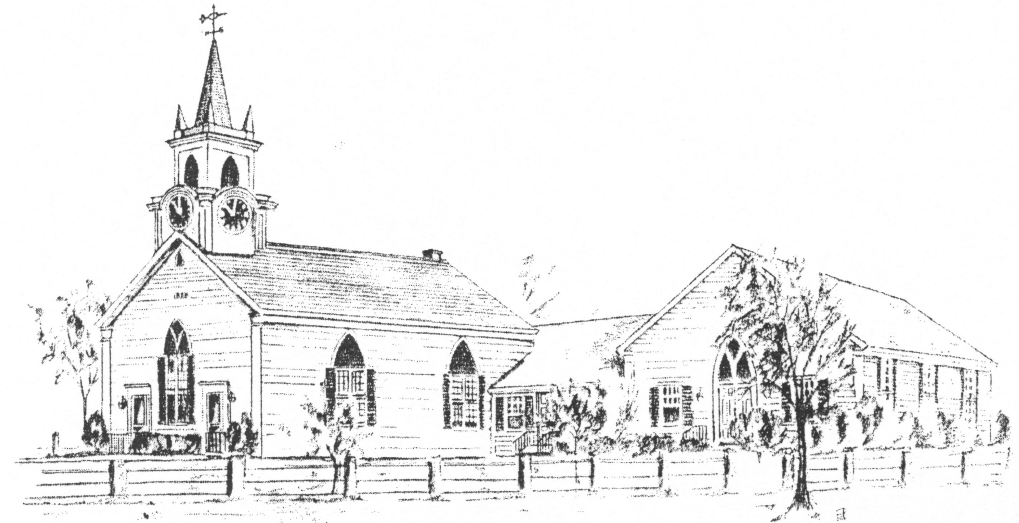
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# DENNIS UNION CHURCH

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.*

JUNE 10, 2018

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10:00 A.M.

**RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRELUDE** – “Holy Ground”

David/Larson

**WELCOME**

**CENTERING PRAYER**

O God, you gather people together in your name for your purpose. We give you thanks that we can be a community called Christian. Forgive us for our internal conflict, forgive us for our inability at times to see beyond ourselves, forgive us for being closed. We pray for this community – that it might always be mindful of your vision for us. We pray for discernment that is pure, not clouded by our motives. We pray for openness to all people of all colors and cultures. In the name of the one who binds us together. Amen.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Doors open. Hearts ready, God beckons.

**Looking for a center point to life, for a union of all the scattered and torn edges.**

May your soul find communion here.

**Searching for honesty, for a truth spoken in love.**

May your faith be challenged here.

**Looking for a place to offer your time and talents.**

May your spirit enrich this community.

**Searching for joy to blossom and hope to grow.**

May our songs reach the heavens, touch our hearts and spread love into the world.

**\*HYMN** – “O Christ, the Healer”

blue hymnal No. 503

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of infinite tenderness and strong compassion, weave your will into the fabric of our lives. Weave your joy into our songs, your peace into our prayers and your justice into our deeds. Let this time of worship be a holy moment where the frayed edges of our lives are woven into a beautiful tapestry that comforts and blesses, inspires and renews.

God of infinite tenderness and strong compassion, weave your love into our service of praise. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI** (blue hymnal No. 35)

**WORD FOR THE YOUNG**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** - 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Bible p. 939

**ANTHEM** – “Inscription of Hope”

Z. Randall Stroppe

**GOSPEL LESSON** – Mark 3:20-35

Bible p. 814

**SERMON** – “Opening New Life”

Rev. Lyle Ashby

**HYMN** – “Healer of Our Ev’ry Ill”

blue hymnal No. 506

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY** – “The Awakening”

Joseph Martin

**\*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**

**\*HYMN** – “Help Us Accept Each Other”

blue hymnal No. 487

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** – “Irish Blessing”

**POSTLUDE** – “Concerto in A Minor”

Vivaldi-Bach

**Music Notes:** What’s next in our music ministry? This week we welcome the return of the Men of Hyannis Sound who join our DUC Singers for worship. Katie Crowell will add texture to both the prelude and an anthem as she shares her talents on oboe. We are blessed, indeed, at Dennis Union with so many musical gifts in our services. Welcome to worship!

-Bette Anne

***We welcome Hyannis Sound, singing this morning with the  
DUC Singers, our men’s choir.***

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

**We welcome guests** to our worship today. We hope that you will share in the fellowship time after our worship service. Please sign one of our guest books located at the entrances to the sanctuary.

**Visitors:** 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.