

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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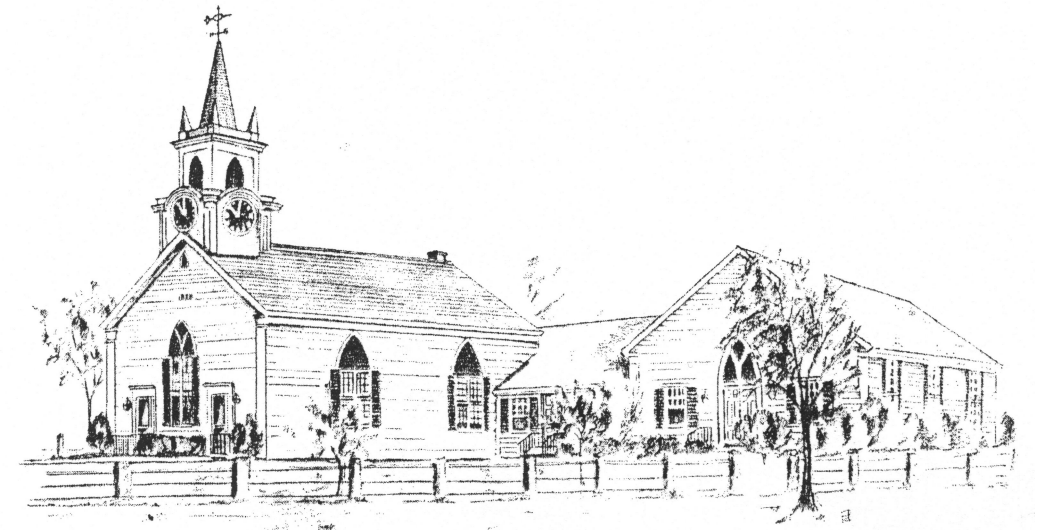
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DENNIS UNION CHURCH

United Church of Christ... Congregational

An open & affirming congregation



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Dennis, MA

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

APRIL 8, 2018

April 8, 2018

10:00 A.M.

The Second Sunday of Easter

RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE – “Christ lag in Todesbanden” J. S. Bach

WELCOME

CENTERING PRAYER (Sourcebook of Worship Resources)

To honor and praise you, O God, we come in gratitude and love. With great joy and amazement, we remember the victory of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Therefore we raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving for your incomparable gift of love revealed in Christ’s resurrection.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Sourcebook of Worship Resources)

Something deep inside us calls us, beckons us.

We are looking for truth that anchors us in the midst of competing voices.

We are searching for life that sparkles with joy and glows with warmth.

We are finding our way to Christ, to community, to love.

And we are bold to sing a resurrection song.

Let us celebrate the continuing joy of Easter.

***HYMN** – “Crown Him with Many Crowns” blue hymnal No. 234

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

We are still basking in the glory and joy of Christ’s Easter victory, O God. The stone was rolled away! The “stones” which have trapped us – our worries, fears, anxieties, troubles and doubts of various sorts – need not threaten us. We pray that your power that raised Christ from the dead will also raise us out of darkness and doubt. We pray in the name of the risen Lord. Amen.

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

WORD FOR THE YOUNG

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 133 Bible p. 501

ANTHEM - “Offertory” J. N. Beck

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 20:19-31 Bible p. 883

SERMON “*HONEST DOUBT*” Rev. Terry Martinson

HYMN - “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” blue hymnal No. 233

OFFERING/OFFERTORY – “Joy in the Morning” N. Sleeth

***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** – “Because He Lives” blue hymnal No. 562

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – “Threefold Amen”

POSTLUDE – “Heut’ triumphieret Gottes Sohn” J. S. Bach

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

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.