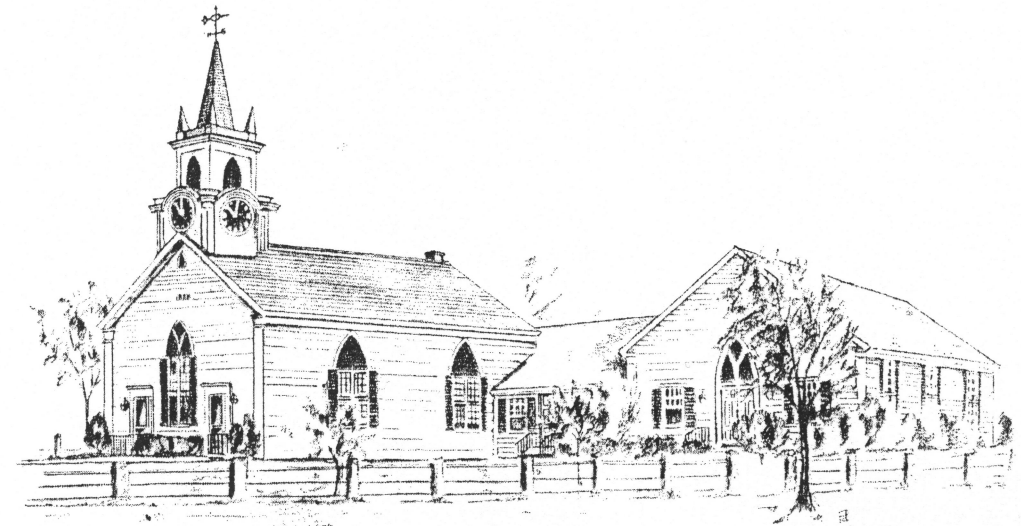


DENNIS UNION CHURCH

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.

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.

Crib Room: For your convenience, our **CRIB ROOM** is located directly off the sanctuary.

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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10:00 A.M.

RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE – “Saints’ Delight”

arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME

CENTERING PRAYER (Sourcebook of Worship Resources)

Lord, you have been faithful to gather us before you this day. Quiet now our thoughts that we may together hear your word. Empty our fretful minds and fill them with the assurance of your presence. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Sourcebook of Worship Resources)

God of goodness, God of grace, **bless us with your presence.**
God of hope, God of love, **bless us with your mercy.**
God of the present, God of the future, **bless us with vision to see your will.**
God of truth, God of justice, **grant us discipline to follow your way.**

***HYMN** – “Christians, We Have Met to Worship”

blue hymnal No. 277

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Book of Worship – United Church of Christ)

Most merciful God, we confess that we cannot free ourselves from sin. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***KYRIE ELEISON**

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

ANTHEM – “With a Voice of Singing”

Martin Shaw

GOSPEL LESSON John 10:1-10

HOMILY I AM THE DOOR (THE GATE)

Rev. Terry Martinson

OFFERING/OFFERTORY – “Rose of Sharon”

Matthew Armstrong

***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, THE LORD’S PRAYER (“debts/debtors”)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN – “Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken”

blue hymnal No. 387

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!

blue hymnal No. 111

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** – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

blue hymnal No. 622

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE – “Pisgah”

arr. Dale Wood

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

Music Notes: On this Communion Sunday, I have the pleasure of working with the Chancel Choir as they sing two very different anthems, “With a Voice of Singing” and “Rose of Sharon”. Welcome to worship as we continue our Lenten journey. –Bette Anne