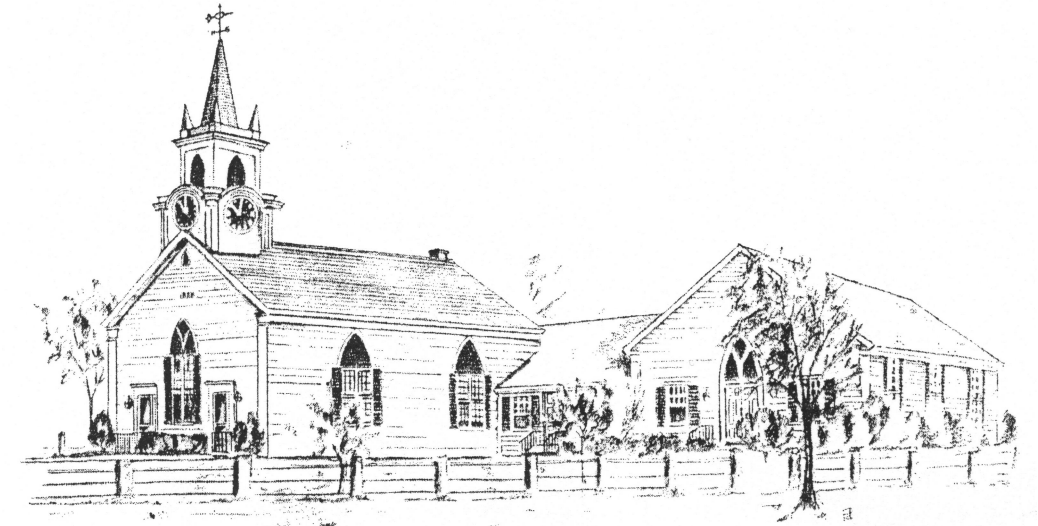


DENNIS UNION CHURCH

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.

February 11, 2018

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.

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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February 11, 2018

10:00 A.M.

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany - Transfiguration

RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE – *“I Am a Pilgrim”* Reckless Abandon
“Crying Holy Unto the Lord”

WELCOME

CENTERING PRAYER (Chalice Worship)

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Bruce Prewer – re: Worship)

Today we are celebrating the holy light that illuminated Jesus. We celebrate his transfiguration on the mountain. Light of light: transfusing and transforming light. Divine light flooding out the shadows. Light of love, light of delight. Light that turns doubters into followers.

It is the same God who at the beginning said: “Let there be light,” who has shone in our hearts with an understanding of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The mightiest One of all, God the Eternal, speaks and summons the whole earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

From God’s holy mountain, God’s light, the perfection of beauty, shines out.

***HYMN** *“We Have Come At Christ’s Own Bidding”* (insert)

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (Steven Fearing – re:Worship)

Reveal your presence to us this day, O God of light, love, and glory. As you did to your servants at the foot of the mountain, send your Spirit to show us your story. May the brilliance of your face illuminate this place as we dare to proclaim your Word and may we, your people, be never unable to tell all that we have heard. Amen.

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

WORD FOR THE YOUNG

SCRIPTURE READING - Acts 11:1-18 Bible p. 895

ANTHEM – *“Over in the Glory Land”* Reckless Abandon

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON - Mark 9:2-9 – The Transfiguration Bible p. 820

SERMON **“DEFINED BY LOVE”** Rev. Connie Bickford, Rev. Cal Mutti

HYMN *“Transform Us”* blue hymnal No. 182

OFFERING/OFFERTORY – *“All Night, All Day”* arr. Gilpin

***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** *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (Jesus, The Light of the World)* (insert)

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – *“When the Angels Carry Me Home”* Reckless Abandon

POSTLUDE – *“All Prayed Up”* Reckless Abandon

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

Music Notes: We welcome and thank our Bluegrass band this morning: Brian Davis – bass/vocals; Richard Hardy – mandolin/vocals; Arthur (Skip) King – banjo/vocals; Richard Fiscus – guitar/vocals.