

***The vision of Dover UCC is to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.***



**Dover Congregational United Church of Christ**  
January 11, 2026

**Rev. Melinda Quellhorst, Senior Pastor**  
**An Open & Affirming Congregation**  
**A Just Peace Congregation**  
***Epiphany Sunday***  
**Baptism of Jesus**  
**Named & Claimed!**

*\*Please Stand if able  
**Black New Century hymnal***

## Announcements

## **Prelude** "The Love of Jesus Melody" arr. Mark Hayes

## Centering

**\*Opening Song**      "Baptized in Water"      *Bunessan/Morning Has Broken*  
*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
Born of the Creator, we are God's children,  
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.*

## **\*Call to Worship**

One: Wade into the waters of love;

**All: Step into the rivers of blessing.**

One: Here, find the renewing streams of mercy.

**All:** Here, taste the wonder of God's goodness.

One: Feel the waters of life;

## All: Know the joy of baptism;

One: See the springs of eternal life;

**All: Sing of the triumph of God's blessing.**

One: O God, we have risen from the waters of baptism to a newness of life. We are witnesses one with God. God has promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to nurture us. We are blessed. We rejoice in God's empowering love. We praise God for the circle of love in our lives, and we praise God for the gift of community. We pray for each other. We covenant together to love God with our whole bodies, and our neighbors as ourselves. In Jesus' name Amen

**\*Gloria # 756**      "Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo"

<b>Scripture</b>	Isaiah 42:1-9	
<b>Offering of music (10:00 AM)</b>	<i>"Down By the Riverside"</i>	<i>arr. Jay Althouse</i>
<b>Children's time (10:00 AM)</b>		
<b>Hymn #326</b>	<i>"Crashing Waters at Creation"</i>	
<b>Scripture</b>	Matthew 3:13-17	
<b>Sermon</b>		Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

**Call to Prayer # 772**                   *"Nothing Can Trouble"*  
**Joys and Concerns/Prayers- both silent and spoken**  
**Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Invitation to Gratitude (10:00 AM)**

**Offering our Gifts**

**Offering Music**                           *"Aria in F Major"*

*Handel*

**\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Christ all creatures here below;  
 Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter  
 One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Hymn #584**                           *"I Am the Light of the World"*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**                                   *"Postlude in G Major"*

*Handel*

**Serving You in Church Today**

**Sermon:** Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

**Liturgist:** John McDougald

**Organist:** Carol Sue Beck

**Music Director:** Jamie Kunselman

**Media:** Dave MacKeigan

**Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour in Thomas Hall.**

**\*\*\*\*\*COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!\*\*\*\*\***

The new year is here and it is again time to sign up for Coffee Hour! Volunteers are needed each Sunday to prepare coffee and set out snacks/pastries, then clean up. You do NOT need to be a great baker—store-bought treats are welcome! If you have any questions, or need help with coffee hour, please contact Dawn Smith.

**Stream Events at Dover**

- ~The **worship service** will be live on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. on the Dover Congregational UCC website (<https://www.doverucc.org>) and Facebook page and the recording will be posted immediately after the service.
- ~Monday thru Friday, the office will be open from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Please call the office to ensure someone is in to assist you.
- ~If you have a care or concern you need to discuss, please contact Rev. Quellhorst at [revmql@gmail.com](mailto:revmql@gmail.com) or call her on her cell, 330-717-5357
- ~During the 10:00 AM service, child care is available for children five years and younger in room 104, on the lower level, Faith Formation for older children.

**Large print bulletins and hearing amplifications are available in the back.**



Faith Formation and Faith Explorers are in full swing. Come grow with us—there's something for every age!

Any questions—please contact Jacquie DelMonte  
440-463-6460

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### **Open and Affirming Statement**

Dover Congregational United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation. We affirm that God's grace is available to all. We welcome people of all ages, genders, races, views, abilities, sexual orientations, expressions and identities, ethnic educational and economic backgrounds into the full life and ministry of our church. We declare this in the name of God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, welcomed all people into God's circle of grace.

Approved by the congregation September 21, 2008  
Additions approved by the congregation April 13, 2014

### **Just Peace Covenant**

As a Just Peace church continuing the work of Jesus, we commit to work toward a world where all persons are treated with dignity and equality, where societies are structured in ways that promote the well-being of all people, and where conflicts are resolved through communication and negotiations, without resorting to exploitation or violence. We strive to embody these principles in our lives and witness as individuals and as a congregation. Our specific focus is: Just Peace in the community- so that all may live free from fear. Just Peace with the Earth – so that life is sustained. Just Peace in the marketplace- so that all may live with dignity. Just Peace among nations- so that human lives are protected. Through our worship, programs, and outreach we seek to be a community of reconciliation, hope, and courage as we work for peace and justice in our world.

Adopted and approved by congregation September 14, 2025