

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



**Dover Congregational United Church of Christ**

January 25, 2026

**Rev. Melinda Quellhorst, Senior Pastor  
An Open & Affirming Congregation  
A Just Peace Congregation  
Epiphany Sunday**

## **Epiphany Sunday** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany All that we are!

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

## Announcements

## Prelude "Short Walk By a Star" Jamie Kunselman

## Centering

**\*Opening Song #584 Chorus**   *"I Am the Light of the World"*  
*I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!*  
*If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.*

## **\*Call to Worship**

One: Are you hungry? Come and worship.

**All: Are you thirsty? Come and worship.**

One: Are you weary, worn out and tired? Come and worship.

**All: Are you joyous? Come and worship.**

One: Are you grateful? Come and worship.

Are you full, expectant and hopeful? Come and worship.

**All: Let us come just as we are to worship.**

**\*Hymn #158**      "O Morning Star, How Clear and Bright"

## **\*Opening Prayer (Remain Standing)**

**All: Jesus, we declare to be your followers and say that we are your Disciples. Are we really living as you would have us live? Give us boldness to share your truth. Give us hearts that are willing to turn from our own desires to follow yours. Give us courage to love our enemies. Give us faith that triumphs doubt. Help us to live in your empowerment. Amen.**

## \*Gloria #756 "Gloria, Gloria"

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!*

## Scripture

## Isaiah 9:1-4

**Offering of music (10:00 AM)** "Come, Follow Me" Elly & Steve Kupferschmid

**Children's time (10:00 AM)**

**Hymn #172** "Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult"

**Scripture** Matthew 4:12-23

**Sermon** Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

**Call to Prayer #772** "Nothing Can Trouble" Taize

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting.*

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten, God alone fills us.*

**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** "Arioso"

Bach

**\*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 #173** "You Have Come down to the Lakeshore"

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** "Trumpet Tune in D Major"

Purcell

**Serving You in Church Today**

**Sermon:** Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

**Music Director:** Jamie Kunselman

**Liturgist:** Sharon Nichols

**Organist:** Carol Sue Beck

**Media:** Dave MacKeigan

**The flowers on the communion table are in memory of Walter Kalix for his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday, given with love by Angie Kalix and family. "We miss you!"**

\*\*\*\*\***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.**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Dover UCC will once again partner with four area churches for Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is "Snowball Mountain Challenge." VBS will take place June 15-19, 2026 at Prince of Peace Church. Dover UCC will lead snacks again, partnering with Church of Redeemer. We are currently in need of volunteers for Music/Bible stories, Games (outdoor recreation), and Crafts. And the big one: we are collecting 600 empty one gallon water jugs to build an igloo for VBS. Please place donated water jugs in the collection box in Thomas Hall. Thank you for your support—let's keep shining bright!  
Jacquie DelMonte 440-463-6460

~ **Contributions**~ At the home page click on the “**Give**” button and follow the directions



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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