

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

October 12, 2025

Rev. Melinda Quellhorst, Senior Pastor

An Open & Affirming Congregation

A Just Peace Congregation

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Gratitude Living!

Prelude

"Traumerei"

Robert Schumann

Centering

***Song**

"What Does the Lord Require of You"

Jim Strathee

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice, and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

***Call to Worship**

One: Sometimes our faith ebbs and wanes, and dreaming God's dream is hard.

All: We wonder why people are struggling and hurting.

One: We look around for God's dreams in our community, our family, our faith community. God is always with us. We are grateful.

All: We live into God's dream of love. As we praise and worship, we dream God's dream together.

***Hymn #13**

"O My Soul, Bless Your Creator"

NCH

***Prayer** (Please remain standing)

All: O God, you meet our every need with blessings, each of us with different gifts, where no gift is too small, and no dream is too big. Jesus' generosity at the table grounds our community. He welcomed all and shared equally with all, even with those who would eventually betray him. As we strive to follow him, we fall short of an inclusive community. How can we dream God's dream if we are missing people at the table? In this time of worship, God welcomes us one again. We are blessed as we Dream, God's dream. Amen

***Gloria #759**

***Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen***

**Please Stand if able*

NCH= New Century Black Hymnal

Scripture

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Offering of music (10:00 AM) "Hear Our Thankful Praise" arr. Hal H. Hopson

Children's time (10:00 AM)

Dreaming God's Dream (10:00 AM)

Dan Read

Reception of New Member page 44 **(8:15AM)**

Mary Dunham

***Hymn #32**

"God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale"

NCH

Scripture

Luke 17:11-19

Song of Preparation

"Dream God's Dream"

Sirchio

***Dream God's Dream! Holy Spirit help us dream
of a world where there is justice and where everyone is free
to build and grow and love, and to simply have enough
the world will change, when we dream God's Dream.***

Sermon

Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

Pastoral Prayer / Silent Prayer

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

"Andante"

Gary Schocker

***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 #397**

"Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers"

NCH

***Benediction**

***Closing Song** (Please connect and hold hands with those around you)

***Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the sharing of our common life is like to that above.***

Postlude

"Postludium"

Flor Peeters

If you have a joy or concern you would like to share during worship, please write it down and hand to Pastor Mindy before worship.

Serving You in Church Today

Sermon: Rev. Melinda Quellhorst
Music Director: Jamie Kunselman
Media: Joe Brizzolara

Liturgist: Ken Delfing
Organist: Ben Malkevitch

Please join us after 10:00 AM worship for Coffee Hour in Thomas Hall.

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 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.

REMINDER: On Sunday, October 19th, Mary Anne Culbertson and Kim Delfing will be demonstrating use of “Libby,” a library app that allows you to download ebooks and audiobooks to your cellphone or tablet. Please bring your smartphone and your library card(s). **Please download the app to your cellphone or tablet prior to our meeting.** You can receive help with this at the meeting, if needed. **Meet us in the parlor right after 10:00 AM worship!**

Church of the Redeemer UCC will hold a **“Caregiver Support Group”** meeting on Thursday, 10/16, at 11:00 am – 12:00 pm in their lounge room. More info on the bulletin board outside the office—who to contact, RSVP, etc.

~ **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