

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

October 19, 2025

Rev. Melinda Quellhorst, Senior Pastor

An Open & Affirming Congregation

A Just Peace Congregation

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Live boldly and justly!

Prelude

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

arr. Craig McKibben

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: A dream is an ideal that brings us happiness to imagine.

All: Working to bring the dream to fruition, gives accomplishment and contentment, a new reality.

One: God's dream is for us to follow our dreams with God's love holding us.

All: Excitement and anticipation surround us as dreamers.

One: When we dream together, we trust and relax in God's support,
allowing us the joy of our faith, as it grows in our everyday lives.

***Hymn #417**

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

NCH

***Prayer (Please remain standing)**

All: Faithful God, we come before you this day in worship and praise. We come with questions and hope, grace and exploring. We wonder what it means to dream together. We journey together in your dream of loving all. We pray for one another and ourselves as we listen and grow in your dreams. Help us to dream your dream in our lives. 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***

Scripture

Jeremiah 31:27-34

****Please Stand if able***

NCH= New Century Black Hymnal

Offering of music (10:00 AM)

"Come, Holy Spirit, Still My Heart"

Deborah Govenor

Children's time (10:00 AM)

Dreaming God's Dream

Judy MacKeigan

***Hymn# 451**

"Be Now My Vision"

NCH

Honoring Ben Malkevitch

Scripture

Luke 18:1-8

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. Dr. Elena Larssen

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"

Till Fellner

***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 #531**

"God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

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

"I Woke Up This Morning"

arr. David Kidwell

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

Serving You in Church Today

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Elena Larsson

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman

Media: Joe Brizzolara

Liturgist: Judy MacKeigan

Organist: Ben Malkevitch

The flowers on the Communion table are given in gratitude to Deanna Dunbar for her dedication to the church choir, O&A, Council, mission group and book club. We wish her a wonderful new beginning at Friendship Village in Columbus near her daughter, Joanna.

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: TODAY 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).

Meet us in the parlor right after 10:00 AM worship!



Faith Formation and Faith Explorers are in full swing. This month our children will be learning about prayer and kindness. 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