

***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

20TH Sunday after Pentecost

Insiders or Outsiders

Prelude

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. Melody Bober

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: God dreams a universe in perfect balance, where planets circle stars,
and crystal waters and pure air bring beauty and abundance to this planet
Earth.

All: We dream God's dream.

One: God dreams a world of justice, where all creatures live together in unity,
sharing Earth's beauty and abundance equally and joyfully.

All: We dream God's dream.

One: God dreams of a community of love, where no matter who we are or what
journey we travel, we abide in the circle of God's grace.

All: We dream God's dream.

***Hymn #17**

"To You, O God, All Creatures Sing"

NCH

***Prayer (Please remain standing)**

**All: Loving God, in a world of brokenness and division, where so many
voices flaunt their power, we pray for healing and community. May
we hear your word today spoken through the Spirit among us. Send
us the flames of your justice, pour out the cooling rain of your
forgiveness. As we worship here today, may we soak up your
dreams and find the courage to make them ours. Amen**

****Please Stand if able***

NCH= New Century Black Hymnal

***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

Psalm 65

Offering of music (10:00 AM)

"He's Got the Whole World (This is My Father's World)" *Joel Raney*

Children's time (10:00 AM)

You Are Special by Max Lucado

Dreaming God's Dream

Adam Jakubiak

***Hymn #575**

"O For a World"

NCH

Scripture

Luke 18:9-14

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. Sharon Nichols

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

"Abide With Me"

arr. Marilyn Ham

***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**

"Let Us Build a House (All are welcome)"
(See bulletin insert)

by Marty Haugen

***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

"Benediction Medley"

arr. Mark Hayes

If you have a joy or concern you would like to share during worship, please write and hand to Sharon Nichols before worship.

Serving You in Church Today

Sermon: Rev. Sharon Nichols

Liturgist: Don Nichols

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman

Organist: Bret Tassone

Media: Dave MacKeigan

Please join us after 10:00 AM worship for Coffee Hour in Thomas Hall—your host is Pam Compton.

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.



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