

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

October 4, 2026

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

***19th Sunday after Pentecost – World Communion Sunday
Wisdom***

Announcements

Mission Moment Street Ministry

Prelude

With this Bread and Wine

Paul Taylor

Centering

***Acclamation #742**

*Gathered here in the mystery of this hour, gathered here in one
strong body,
gathered here in the struggle and the power, Spirit draw near.*

***Call to Worship**

One: Each year, on this day, our table is widened and lengthened to
make room for all Christ's people, all around the world.

**All: Each year, on World Communion Sunday, we share a holy
feast with churches of every nation.**

One: Each year, on this day, our offering baskets overflow with the
gifts of the whole United Church of Christ.

**All: Each year, when the Neighbors in Need Offering is
received, our individual gifts become a sign of common
ministry and mission.**

One: Come gather at the table of Jesus! Come share in the work of
God!

All: O God, make us into witnesses and advocates, healers and stewards, new beings in the image and likeness of Christ. Amen

***Hymn #400** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

***Opening prayer**

One: God of the strong arm and gentle touch, come near and bend low. Fill this room with your generous Spirit. Teach us courage instead of fear. Inspire us to share in a common ministry that transcends all that would divide us. Give us faith to trust in you and others, and may your way of love and peace be realized in this time and place. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen

***Gloria #756** *Gloria, Gloria*
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Children's time (10:00 AM)

Offering of music (10:00 AM) *Now The Table is Set* Jay Althouse
Chancel Choir

Scripture Psalm 19

¹The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. ² Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. ³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat. ⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and

drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹² But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults. ¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

***Hymn #282**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Scripture

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

20 Then God spoke all these words, ² "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. ⁷ "You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹² "Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³ "You shall not murder. ¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ "You shall not steal. ¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." ¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." ²⁰ Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Song #793

Santo, Santo, Santo

¡Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!

Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, Lord!

Sermon

Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

Call to Prayer

Hymn tune: Children praying

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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

This Holy Feast

C.B. Bovy-Lysberg

*Doxology #780 (hymn tune)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen

Time of World Communion

(Gluten free option is the wafer. As the tray is passed to you, please hold it for the person next to you as they take the bread/cup, then pass it to the next person. Please assist your neighbor, if they need help. When you receive the bread and then the juice, please hold it until the Minister indicates to eat and/or drink it, so that we commune together.)

Invitation

*Hymn of Praise #349

I Come With Joy

Prayer/ Sharing of the elements

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world: through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen

***Hymn #347** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

***Benediction**

Postlude *All People That On Earth Do Dwell* Robert Hughes

Serving You in Church Today

Pastor: Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

Liturgist: Sandy Burkey

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman

Organist: Nichole Fehrman

Media: Dave MacKeigan

The flowers on the communion table are given by Eileen Schultz in honor of the parlor renovation team—Joan Brickley, Bobbi Knoepp, Nancy Mayer, Leita Spencer, and Keith Stuart. Their months of planning and hard work are becoming a reality.

Please join us for coffee hour following 10:00 AM worship. Your hosts are members of the Stewardship Committee.

*****NEW MEMBER CLASS*****

A class will be held for those interested in becoming a member of Dover on Sunday, October 25th, immediately following 10:00 AM worship. Plan on meeting in Pastor Mindy's office.

TABLE FOR 8

Table for 8 will be starting up again soon. If you are interested in participating, please contact Loreen Flesher, loreen6300@gmail.com.

MITCHELL'S GIFT CARDS

Mitchell's Ice Cream gift cards are available through Loreen Flesher—please contact her if you are interested in purchasing any. Profit from the sales goes to the Back Bay Mission trip.

MICAH'S CAFÉ

REMINDER! Micah's Café is open Sunday mornings before the 10:00 AM worship service—come for your favorite coffee or tea! Proceeds go to Mission Trip.

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 revmq1@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.

~ **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