

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

October 5, 2025

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

17th Sunday after Pentecost

***World Communion Sunday/Neighbors in Need
Walking in Faith!***

Prelude

"Jesus, in Whom I Trust"

J.W. Tauscher

Centering

***Song**

"What Does the Lord Require of You"

Jim Stratthdee

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's Dream includes:

**All: all of us getting along, working together for a better community,
country, world and planet!**

One: Dreaming God's dream means:

**All: all give our gifts, financial and talents, to achieve a
balance where all are taken care of and we live in unity.**

One: Dreaming God's dream as we worship in community.

***Hymn #349**

"I Come With Joy"

NCH

***Prayer** (Please remain standing)

**All: O God, when I dream your dream, I love God with all my heart, soul and
mind, as I love my neighbor as myself. God's dream is that we live in a
world that we treat each other with love no matter the color of our skin,
our sexual preferences or how much money we make. We share those
resources so no child goes hungry, is cold or homeless, and we respect the
earth so our water is clean and air is fresh. 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

Luke 17:5-10

Offering of music (10:00 AM) "I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord" *Carl Schalk*
Chancel Choir

Children's time (10:00 AM)

***Hymn #409** "I Heard My Mother Say" *NCH*

Scripture

II Timothy 1:1-14

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. 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 "Canticle 9" *Alexander Boëly*

*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

Communion

One: Like a sower, God scatters, and God will give growth.

All: God scatters life across the earth.

One: God scatters people in every land and nation.

All: God scatters disciples far and wide.

One: Like a shepherd, God gathers.

All: God gathers people into families of faith.

One: God gathers people into communities of love.

All: God gathers people into the body of Christ.

Communion Music

"Wichita Vortex Sutra"

Philip Glass

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

All: We thank you, generous God, for the nourishment of this table and the living presence of Christ among us. We thank you for the gift of growth and grace in this life-renewing feast. We thank you for the company of your great cloud of witnesses, here in this place, in every land, and throughout the generations. Take your gathered people and scatter us again into the world—renewed, invigorated, and committed—that, so nourished, we may take root and bear life-giving fruit to feed, heal, clothe, and comfort, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Hymn #476

"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"

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

"Cornet Voluntary"

George Berg

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

Liturgist: Sharon Nichols

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman

Organist: Ben Malkevitch

Media: Joe Brizzolara

The flowers in the chancel area are donated by Eileen Schultz in honor of Dawn Smith who gives her time and talents to our church lovingly and in many ways we never see.

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.
Bunco Is How We Roll!**

It is that time again—Bunco night at Dover! Join us Tuesday, October 7, at 7pm in Thomas Hall. Don't know how to play? It takes about a minute to learn. Come join the fun and refreshments. Sign up at the Hub.

Wear your tie-dyed shirts on Sunday, October 12!

~ **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