

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

November 2, 2025

***Rev. Melinda Quellhorst, Senior Pastor
An Open & Affirming Congregation
A Just Peace Congregation
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Transforming Love!***

Prelude

"God Be With You"

arr. Judy Hunnicutt

Centering

***Song**

"What Does the Lord Require of You" Jim Strathdee

***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: We have come here as a people of faith,

All: Thankful for all those who have gone before us.

One: We stand in awe of so many who have served faithfully, shared
and lived the good news.

**All: May their example and their courage be a guide and
model for us. Let us now remember and join in
community as we praise God!**

***Hymn #433**

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

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***Prayer** (Please remain standing)

All: God of the dreamer and the dream, you place in our midst prophets of hope and visions of peace. We give you thanks for those who have walked before us proclaiming hope. We give you thanks that you still set hope ablaze in our hearts, that you are the planter of seeds behind our visions, that you are the voice behind our words of protest, that you are the nudge behind our deeds of compassion. May we dream your dream. In Jesus' name. 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

II Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

1Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: **2** Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **3** We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. **4** Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. **11** To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, **12** so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Offering of music (10:00 AM)

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

arr. Larry Mayfield

Children's time (10:00 AM)

Dreaming God's Dream (10:00 AM)

Judy Brizzolara

Remembering the Saints

Jack H. O'Malley	February 28, 1942-December 1, 2024
Sara Lee Burneson	November 23, 1933-December 29, 2024
Rosetta Lentsch Beckwith	May 5, 1931-January 8, 2025
Dorothy McLaughlin	June 21, 1932-January 17, 2025
Anne Smith Long	January 17, 1939-February 18, 2025
Catherine Montgomery	November 16, 1931-May 20, 2025
David C. Edsall	February 2, 1963-June 18, 2025
George S. Sarvay	May 25, 1935-June 25, 2025

*Hymn #299

"For All the Saints"

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Scripture

Luke 19:1-10

19 He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound" arr. Judy Hunnicutt

***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

(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.)

One: Friends, we have all been invited to eat supper in the Lord's house.

All: We come hungry and thirsty.

One: Jesus walked into the world inviting everyone to his feast, --the rich and the poor, the faithful and the unfaithful, the strong and the weak.

All: We meet at the Lord's table.

One: Come then and sit down to life with our Lord Jesus Christ, for he will wash the dust from our feet, he will wipe the tears from our

eyes, he will take the burden from our shoulders and the heaviness from our hearts.

All: We come to this table to celebrate life, to celebrate faith.

One: Bread, the warmth of the sun, the care of the farmer, the touch of the baker. This is the bread of heaven, broken to bring new life. Wine, the blessing of the rain, the attention of the vinedresser, the care of the maker. This is the cup of forgiveness, poured out for our joy.

All: We come to this table to live love.

One: We come to sing the good news of the blessings of the Holy Spirit.

Hymn # 793

"Santo, Santo, Santo"

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

My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, God.

One: This is what God's Kin-dom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gather at the table not because they are rich or worthy or good but because they are hungry because they said yes and there's always room for more.

Sharing the elements

Communion music

Prayer after communion

All: Faithful God, we are members of the body of Christ. We are offspring of your kin-dom. May we live in grace. We are blessed by this table of love, renewed by your promises within us, empowered by your Spirit as we witness and serve. Step by step you'll lead us, and we will follow you all of our days, in this walk of faith we are on. Amen

***Hymn #295**

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

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***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

"Hanover"

arr. Birchwood

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

Serving You in Church Today

Sermon: Rev. Mindy Quellhorst

Liturgist: Dan Read

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman

Organist: Bret Tassone

Media: Dave MacKeigan

The flowers on the communion table are given by Terry & Dody Chadwick in appreciation of Pastor Mindy.

Please join us after 10:00 AM worship for Coffee Hour in Thomas Hall—your hosts are Karin Shaughnessy and Bette and Mike English.

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

POINSETTIA SALES START TODAY!

Poinsettia sales to decorate the church for the Advent season begin today, and will continue on the next two Sundays, **11/9th** and **11/16th**, before or after the 10:00 AM worship service. A table will be set up outside the church office to take your orders. Poinsettias are \$10 each, and are available in red, white, pink and marble. The plants will be used to beautify the sanctuary and narthex; you are welcome to take them home with you after the Christmas Eve service. You can also order on the doverucc.org website—instructions are included on the order form which is available at the table outside the office and at The Hub.

New this year—our supplier of poinsettias, Dean's Greenhouse in Westlake, is offering incentive to come into their store and shop between **November 15th** and **December 24th**! They will generously donate 20% of all sales to Dover if you just **tell them you are with Dover at the time of the purchase**. If you decide to use this option to purchase a poinsettia for decorating the church, there are forms at the order table and at The Hub for you to complete that allow you to list names of loved ones/friends you would like to honor and/or remember in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Complete that form and turn into the Church Office or give to a member of the Worship Committee, who will be taking orders for poinsettias.

Please call the office if you have any questions.

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

"The Berry Pickers"

BY Amanda Peters

Monday, Nov. 3rd 12:30 PM
Parlor

EVENING BOOK GROUP

"The Lost Bookshop"

By Evie Woods

Monday, Nov. 17th 7:00 PM
Martha Vivona's house



Last names are listed below; in streaming, we are being safety conscious and will only use first names.

Meri Armour

Tom Beck

Karen Bellebuono (Friend of Mary Ann & Joe Brizzolara
and Judy Brizzolara)

Katrina Burton (Maria Vélez-Colon's daughter)

Family of Andrew Butheras (Son of friend of Ted Vance)

Rev. Wayne Chasney (Pastor at Monroeville UCC)

Mark Chomoa (Rae-Rita Chomoa's son)

Gail Cordy

Betty Correll (Sandy Burkey's mother)

Eli (Friend of Judy Brizzolara)

Jim & Kaye Mesaros

Inge Moorman

People of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Gaza, Myanmar, Middle East

Bob Pozwick (Patricia Houser's brother)

Pastor Mindy

Rachel (Friend of Judy Brizzolara)

Joann Sarvay

Maura Young (Friend of Lois McCreight)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DOVER

Sunday, November 2, 2025

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

- 8:15 AM Early worship service
- 10:00 AM Nursery & Sunday school
- 11:00 AM Coffee Hour – Thomas Hall

Monday, November 3, 2025

- 12:30 PM Book Club - Parlor
- 6:00 PM Ice cream at Mitchell's

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

ELECTION DAY

- 12:30 PM Artists group – Thomas Hall
- 7:00 PM Scouts – Thomas Hall

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

- 1:30 PM Calling & Caring committee meeting - Parlor
- 7:00 PM AA – Thomas Hall

Thursday, November 6, 2025

- 5:30 PM Al-Anon – Thomas Hall
- 6:00 PM Al-Anon – book meeting - Parlor
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon – Thomas Hall

Friday, October 31, 2025

- 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM PEO – Thomas Hall

Saturday, November 8, 2025

- 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM PEO – Thomas Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/8:** Karaoke night
- 11/9:** Stewardship Sunday
- 11/11:** Scouts flag retirement ceremony – 7:00 PM
- 11/23:** Chili cookoff (after worship)
- 11/24:** Community Thanksgiving service / Piefest – 7:00 PM;
St. Ladislav Catholic Church; 2345 Bassett Rd., Westlake
- 11/30:** First Sunday of Advent
- 12/7:** Poetry night
- 12/14:** Cookie walk (after worship)

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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