

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



***Dover Congregational United Church of Christ***

***February 1, 2026***

***Rev. Melinda Quellhorst, Senior Pastor***

***An Open & Affirming Congregation***

***A Just Peace Congregation***

***4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany***

***Blessed!***

***\*Please Stand if able  
Black New Century hymnal***

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

*"Short Walk by a Star"*

*Jamie Kunselman*

**Centering**

**\*Opening Song #584 Chorus** *"I Am the Light of the World"*

*I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!*

*If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.*

**\*Call to Worship**

One: A single step on a twisted road,

**All: A fragile toehold on an upward climb,**

One: A cautious peep around a sudden corner,

**All: A joyful skip on a sun-drenched path.**

One: Many journeys,

**All: Yet one common goal.**

One: Different paths,

**All: Yet one shining star.**

One: Like the wise people, come and worship.

**\*Hymn #177**

*"God of Change and Glory"*

**\*Opening Prayer** (Remain Standing)

**All: God of the winter sky, place a star on our horizon, for we need to lift  
our tired eyes and weary souls from the multitude of tasks and lists.  
Raise us to glimpse your wonder, to be struck in awe and to marvel at  
your love. God of the winter sky, place a star on our horizon and a  
song in our hearts. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*Gloria #756**

*"Gloria, Gloria"*

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

**Scripture**

Micah 6:1-8

**Offering of music (10:00 AM)** "The Beatitudes" arr. Bryceson Trehame

**Children's time (10:00 AM)**

**Hymn #451** "Be Now My Vision"

**Scripture** Matthew 5:1-12

**Sermon** Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

**Call to Prayer # 772** "Nothing Can Trouble" Taize  
*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten, God alone fills us.*

**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** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" Diane Bish

**\*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.)*

**Invitation**

**Prayer of confession**

One: Will you join in me in the prayer of confession.

**All: Holy God, we live such cluttered lives. Society deluges us with messages that we need and deserve and find status in more stuff. We do not realize that to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly doesn't require us to own one material thing. Forgive us. Help us turn from our destructive patterns of accumulation and seek first your kingdom and righteousness. In Jesus' name we pray.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

One: Take courage: God's Spirit empowers us to move from the ways of death to the ways of new life. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and hope is renewed.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving / Sharing the elements**

### **\*Prayer following Communion**

**All: We are blessed as we have shared this meal of love; where all are included, where all are loved, where all laugh and cry and squirm and dance, where the wonder of your love shows through. Thank you loving God. Amen**

### **\*Hymn #454**

*"Lord, I Want To Be a Christian"*

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*"Festive Song of Praise"*

*Lani Smith*

## **Serving You in Church Today**

**Sermon:** Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

**Music Director:** Jamie Kunselman

**Liturgist:** Dan Read

**Organist:** Nichole Fehrman

**Media:** Dave MacKeigan

**The flowers on the communion table are in memory of Walter Kalix for his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday, given with love by Angie Kalix and family. "We miss you!"**  
**AND**

**The rose on the on the communion table is in memory of Walter Kalix from a friend.**

**Join us for coffee hour after the Annual Meeting—your hostess is Peggy Montgomery.**

**\*\*\*\*\*COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!\*\*\*\*\***

The new year is here and it is again time to sign up for Coffee Hour! If you have any questions, or need help with coffee hour, please contact Dawn Smith.

## **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!**

Come enjoy a bowl (or two!) of delicious homemade soup after 10:00 AM worship on February 8<sup>th</sup>—beverages and dessert provided. Take out bowls available—take some home, too! A freewill donation will be taken up to support the Back Bay Mission 2026 trip. **VOLUNTEERS TO BRING A CROCK POT OF SOUP ARE NEEDED! See Martha Vivona if you can help.**

## **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.**

~ **Contributions**~ At the home page click on the **"Give"** button and follow the directions



**OR** you can easily connect to our online donation page by scanning this QR code with the camera on your phone or a QR app--will take you directly to our online donation page!

### **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