

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ
February 15, 2026

**Rev. Melinda Quellhorst, Senior Pastor
An Open & Affirming Congregation
A Just Peace Congregation
Transfiguration! Mardi Gras!
Transformation/Vision**

**Please Stand if able
Black New Century hymnal*

Announcements

Centering

*Call to Worship

One: Come gather together in the presence of the Spirit.

All: We hunger for hope and joy.

One: We dance and move in the Spirit.

All: We are empowered by love.

One: We are welcomed as we are.

All: We are named and claimed as God's own.

***Hymn #282**

Opening thoughts
One: Mardi Gras and Transfiguration: at Mardi Gras I hear in a really good jazz band a model for living into justice, a joyous community, and the heavenly city. I see a recurring ritual devoted to spontaneity, a festival in which collective display is impossible without individual creativity, a form in which innovation is grounded in tradition. In short, a model for community where individual expression is the basis for social harmony and where continuity is the basis for creativity. I see in Transfiguration, a joy of community and celebrating, a time of change. Let's celebrate together!

Special music (10:00)	"Victory in Jesus" Pete Greco	E.M. Bartlett
Scripture	Exodus 24:12-18	
Offering of music (10:00 AM)	"Be Thou My Vision" Natalie Roeger	Susan W. Henry
Children's time (10:00 AM)		
Hymn #182	"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"	
Scripture	Matthew 17:1-9	
Sermon		Rev. Melinda Quellhorst
Call to Prayer #772	"Nothing Can Trouble"	Taize
<i>Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting.</i>		
<i>Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten, God alone fills us.</i>		
Joys and Concerns/Prayers- both silent and spoken		
Lord's Prayer	<p>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.</p>	
Invitation to Gratitude (10:00 AM)		
Offering our Gifts		
Offering Music	"Wayfaring Stranger" Pete Greco	Traditional
*Doxology	<p>Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen</p>	
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Hymn #16	"Let Us with a Joyful Mind"	
*Burying the Alleluia for Lent	"Hallelujah" Pete Greco	Leonard Cohen
*Benediction		
Postlude	"Ain't that good news" Bonnie Eggers	arr. John Carter

Serving You in Church Today

Sermon: Rev. Melinda Quellhorst
Liturgist: Julie Rinehart
Media: Dave MacKeigan

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman
Musicians: Bonnie Eggers, Pete Greco, Natalie Roeger

The flowers on the communion table are given by Carol Riordan in honor of Loreen Flesher's birthday. Happy birthday, Loreen!

SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY!

Immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service, Scout Troop #208 will be serving their annual pancake breakfast here at Dover **TODAY**, to show their appreciation for support provided by Dover through the years.



FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH

Join us for a review of our new AED and Compression Only CPR after the 10:00 AM service today. Note: I will only be checking blood pressures prior to the service for this week! Hope to see you!

~Julie Kiefer

SCONES 101 WITH REGGIE

Make, take & bake—ingredients and recipe provided. If you've ever had one of Reggie's delicious scones you know this event is a must. So come find out her baking secrets and you can make perfect scones for your Easter brunch. Join us Sunday, March 29th at 11:30 in Thomas Hall. Please sign up at The Hub.



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 revmqi@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