

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ
February 8, 2026

Rev. Melinda Quellhorst, Senior Pastor
An Open & Affirming Congregation
A Just Peace Congregation
5th Sunday after Epiphany
Salt and Light!

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

Announcements

Prelude "Prelude in F Major, BWV 556" **J.S.Bach**

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: We are God's beloved! Let us worship in love!

***Hymn #576** "For the Healing of the Nations"

***Opening Prayer** (Remain Standing)

One: We are the salt of the earth.

All: We season our community with the love of God.

One: We are the salt of the earth.

All: We preserve the life of Christ in the world.

One: We are the salt of the earth.

All: We flavor our relationships with mercy and forgiveness.

One: We are the salt of the earth.

All: We cause people to be thirsty for truth and justice.

One: We are the salt of the earth.

All: We help to thaw the icy hearts of the cold and dispassionate.

One: We are the salt of the earth.

All: We sow integrity, wholeness and joy.

One: We are the salt of the earth.

All: We sprinkle goodwill, peace and hope.

One: We are the salt of the earth.

All: Let us remain ever salty and ever faithful to God's call!

One: We are the salt of the earth and as we worship, praise, and be, we will praise the Creator of the earth in all we do and say. Amen

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

Scripture Isaiah 58:1-9a

Offering of music (10:00 AM) "He Is a Mighty Lord" *Jay Althouse*

Children's time (10:00 AM)

Hymn #531 "God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

Scripture Matthew 5:13-20

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 "Light of the World" *Franklin Ritter*

***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**

***Hymn #524** "This Little Light of Mine"

***Benediction**

Postlude "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" *arr. Mark Hayes*

Serving You in Church Today

Sermon: Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

Liturgist: Joan Brickley

Media: Dave MacKeigan

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman

Organist: Nichole Fehrman

The flowers on the communion table are given by Gary and Dawn Smith in honor of their fathers, Wallace and Chester.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!

Come enjoy a bowl (or two!) of delicious homemade soup **TODAY**—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.

SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On Sunday, February 15th, immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service, Scout Troop #208 will be serving their annual pancake breakfast here at Dover, to show their appreciation for support provided by Dover through the years.

*******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.

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



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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