

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

March 29, 2026

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

Palm Sunday

*The Blessings of Messiness, a wilderness journey
Wilderness is a place where we are brave*

**Please Stand if able
Black New Century Hymnal*

Announcements

Prelude *Fanfare Prelude on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" James Southbridge*

Centering Silence

Wilderness is a place where we can writhe and turn, but the truth is that the path of Lent leads here: to this week, where all that has been set in motion finally unfurls. The disciples are sent on a strange and specific mission. Jesus' direction is sure: he is heading closer and closer to the center. He is heading closer and closer to the story we order our lives by. The forty days are almost over.

***Call to Worship**

One: Waving palms of joy, waving branches of peace,

All: Eager to see Jesus, anxious for his healing touch, hoping to receive a blessing.

One: Waving palms of joy, waving branches of praise,

All: Longing to know abiding peace in the midst of pressing worry, longing to be accepted for who we are.

One: Waving palms of joy, waving branches of peace.

***Parade Hymn #216**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11

Hymn #213 verse 1

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Children's time (10:00 AM)

Offering of music (10:00 AM)

"Hosanna to Jesus"

Craig Courtney

Poem

"Full to the Brim Brazen Even the Stones Cry Out"

Prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Call to Prayer

Hymn tune: Children praying

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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

"Prelude in g minor, BWV 558"

J.S. Bach

*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 Dedication

Scripture

Philippians 2:5-11

Hymn #223 verses 1-2

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

Scripture

Matthew 26:14-27:66

*Hymn #226

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

*Benediction

Postlude

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded with Beethoven's Symphony No. 7" Marilyn Ham

Serving You in Church Today

Pastor: Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

Liturgist: Ken Delfing

Organist: Nichole Fehrman

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman

Media: Dave MacKeigan

Please join us for coffee hour immediately following the 10:00 AM worship—your hosts are Dave & Judy MacKeigan.

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.

SCONES 101 WITH REGGIE

Make, take & bake—ingredients and recipe provided. If you have 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 **TODAY** at 11:30 in Thomas Hall.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Dover UCC is partnering with four area churches for Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is "Snowball Mountain Challenge." VBS will take place June 15-19, 2026 at Prince of Peace Church. **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** Check The Hub for more info and QR code to register. Thank you for your support—let's keep shining bright! Jacquie DelMonte 440-463-6460

SENIOR RECOGNITION

Those graduating from high school, college, post-grad, or a vocational/technical training program will be celebrated on Sunday, June 7th, after the 10:00 AM worship service. Please let Martha Vivona know if you have or know of someone who should be celebrated at this time.

~ **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