

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



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

***April 12, 2026***

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

***2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Holy Language***

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

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

***"Prelude in Classic Style"***

***Gordon Young***

**Centering**

**\*Acclamation #236**

***"Halleluja"***

***Caribbean***

***Halle, halle, halleluja. Halle, halle, halleluja.  
Halle, halle, halleluja. Halleluja, halleluja.***

**\*Call to Worship**

**One:** The morning sun creates patterns of shadow and light,

**All: Like the contrasts in our lives.**

**One:** Joy and sadness,

**All: Rest and action,**

**One:** Words and silence,

**All: Laughter and tears.**

**One:** The morning sun is a gift of God,

**All: Touching and blessing all the patterns with grace and beauty.**

**One:** The morning sun sets loose a chorus of praise,

**All: For all patterns and seasons are holy.**

**\*Hymn #245**

***"The Day of Resurrection"***

**Opening prayer**

**All: Let us come together in joy, for each Lord's Day is a celebration of Easter, a festival of hope, an expression of new life filled with hope! We pray that during this time, miracles will take place: that the discouraged will gain confidence, that the despairing will receive hope, and the disillusioned will regain faith. For Jesus lives and is present. Amen**

**\*Gloria #756**

***"Gloria, Gloria"***

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

**Scripture**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

**Children's time (10:00 AM)****Offering of music (10:00 AM)**

*"I Will Rise" arr. Jamie Kunselman  
Kia Frank, voice & piano / Jamie Kunselman, voice & percussion*

**Scripture**

John 20:19-31

**\*Hymn #254***"These Things Did Thomas Count"***Sermon****Call to Prayer***"Ubi caritas"*

Taize

*Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.**Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.***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***"Andante grazioso"*

W.A. Mozart

**\*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 #253***"Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!"***\*Benediction****Postlude***"Joyful Day"*

Mark Hayes

**Serving You in Church Today****Pastor:** Rev. Melinda Quellhorst**Liturgist:** Jan Jones**Organist:** Nichole Fehrman**Music Director:** Jamie Kunselman**Media:** Dave MacKeigan

**The flowers on the communion table are in honor of Jacquie DelMonte's birthday. Happy birthday, Jacquie!**

**Please join us for coffee hour immediately following the 10:00 AM worship—your hosts are Mike & Bette English and Karin Shaughnessy.**

### **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 [revmq1@gmail.com](mailto:revmq1@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.**

### **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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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