

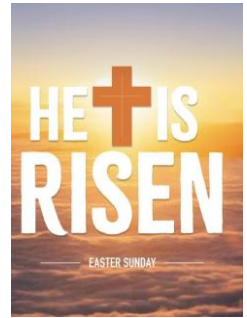
*The vision of Dover UCC is to seek justice, love kindness
and walk humbly with our God.*



**Dover Congregational
United Church of Christ**

April 20, 2025

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



***Easter
Joy abounds!***

Prelude

"That Easter Morn"

arr. James Kasen

Centering

***Acclamation**

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

***Song**

"Halle-Halle-Halleluja"

Hymn tune: Caribbean

#236

Black hymnal

**Hal-le,-Hal-le,-Hal-le-lu-ja. Hal-le,-Hal-le,-Hal-le-lu-ja.
Hal-le,-Hal-le,-Hal-le-lu-ja. Hal-le-lu-ja. Hal-le-lu-ja.**

***Call to Worship**

One: At the break of dawn, a bird sings.

All: The long night of darkness is over.

One: The stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty.

All: The sun begins to shine. The Son has risen!

One: Women spread Good News, it's a morning of joy,

All: Easter has come again.

One: Love is stronger than death.

***Hymn**

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

#233

Black hymnal

**Please stand if you are able*

***Litany** (Please remain standing)

One: Shadows and worry follow us, yet something has changed.

All: Christ is risen!

One: Darkness and grief surround us, but something is bright and new.

All: Christ is risen!

One: Denials and betrayals weaken our confidence, forgiveness is real.

All: Christ is risen!

One: Confusion and doubt perplex us, someone is on the road with us.

All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

***Gloria**

#759
Black hymnal

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen**

Scripture

Acts 10:34-43

An offering of music

"Christ is Risen, Alleluia!"
Chancel Choir

*Sally K. Albrecht &
Jay Althouse*

Children's time

Hymn

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"
Verses 1 - 3

#230

Scripture

John 20:1-18

Song of preparation

"Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"
Verses 1-2

#241
Black hymnal

**Joy dawned again on Easter Day, the sun shone out in bright array;
For when the Apostles hid in fear, the Risen Christ to them appeared.**

**O Jesus, Savior, Gentle One, come take our hearts to be your own,
That we may give you all our days the willing tribute of our praise.**

**Please stand if you are able*

Sermon

Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God—

**Who brings sunshine after rain and works healing in the midst of pain;
Who touches each memory with blessing and loves us unconditionally;
Who splashes the world with color and the air with sounds of hope;
Who meets us at the tomb of our fears and send us out with joy.**

We believe in Jesus, the risen Christ—

**Who loves us without judgment, yet persuades us to change;
Who joins us in our walk and work with the oppressed and poor;
Who helps us to stand up, speak out with love;
Who loves all children, dances with us and offers us joy.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit—

**Who weaves us into communities of faith and compassion;
Who is the stillness in every silence;
Who is the breath in every deep sigh;
Who is the love of every tender embrace.**

We believe in the church—

**The handholding, hugging, heartily singing and passionate,
caring community of the Risen Christ.
This we believe.**

Joys and Concerns/ Prayer/ Silent Prayer

(In this season of Easter, be reminded that partisan words divide, and we need to be uniting in love as we build community and relationships.)

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

**Please stand if you are able*

Offering our Gifts

Offering Music

"God So Loved Us"

Alexander Schreiner

***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**

***Hymn**

"Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!"

#253

Black hymnal

***Benediction**

Postlude

Postlude on "Easter Hymn"

James Kasen

Serving You in Church Today

Sermon: Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

Organist: Ben Malkevitch

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman

Liturgist: Julie Rinehart

Media: Dave MacKeigan

All children are invited to join in an Easter egg hunt immediately following worship—please bring your children to the Sunday school room on the lower level.

**Please stand if you are able*

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 mquellhorst@doverucc.org or call her at the church office, 440-871-1050.

~During the 10:00 AM service, child care is available for children five years and younger in room 104, on the lower level.

~ Our newsletter, *Dover Voices*, an informational flyer about Dover UCC, a church directory and devotionals are available in the Narthex and at The Hub.

~ Large print bulletins and hearing amplification devices are available. An Usher can assist you.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Road Trip VBS

June 16-20; 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at Prince of Peach Lutheran Church

More info in newsletter. Sign up at: <https://forms.gle/XNpeXykTp7sMaBW89>



Or scan QR code

LEARN TO PADDLE A DRAGON BOAT!

If you missed this outing last year, you missed a lot of fun! Another outing is being scheduled – date to be determined. If interested, please sign up at The Hub. More info forthcoming in the May 2025 ***Dover Voices***.



~Prayer Requests, please pray for God to be with these individuals, and for them to feel God's presence in the midst of their concerns:

Meri Armour
Mark Chomoa (Rae-Rita Chomoa's son)
Gail Cordy
Family of Linda Dobbins (Inge Moorman's daughter &
Roberta Moorman's sister)
David Edsall
Bobbie English (Friend of Lois McCreight)
Jim & Kaye Mesaros
Cathy Montgomery
People of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Gaza, Myanmar
Bob Pozwick (Patricia Houser's brother)

Meri Armour would like to express her deep appreciation for "the continuing support Call and Caring provides. It's been over 28 months and they keep me in their prayers and support efforts. It is really very much appreciated."

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

The Spectacular

BY

Fiona Davis

Monday, May 5, 12:30 PM
Parlor

EVENING BOOK CLUB

OLIVE DAYS

BY

Jessica Elisheva Emerson

Monday, April 28, 7:00 PM
Ann Lew's house

THIS WEEK AT DOVER

Sunday, April 20, 2025

6:40 AM Sunrise service – Evergreen Cemetery
10:00 AM Worship service
10:00 AM Nursery & Sunday school
11:00 AM Easter egg hunt

Monday, April 21, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 PM Ice Cream at Mitchell's
6:00 PM PEO – Thomas Hall

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

12:30 PM Watercolor Artists' group – Thomas Hall
7:00 PM Scouts – Thomas Hall

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

7:00 PM AA – Thomas Hall

Thursday, April 24, 2025

5:30 PM Al-Anon – Thomas Hall
7:00 PM Al-Anon – Thomas Hall

Friday, April 25, 2025

Saturday, April 26, 2025

1:00 PM Roberta Moorman - Parlor
7:00 PM AA - parlor

CAN YOU HELP???

I am looking for someone who is willing to take over the weekly watering of plants inside the church building. This is a simple task requiring about 20 minutes to complete (unless, of course, you stop to chat then we can be talking all the time you have in the world!) and can be done on your schedule whenever convenient for you. If this sounds like something you could take on please contact Janice Mattingly at jjbrmatt@hotmail.com or 440 570-9509. Thank You.

~To Our Guests:



Thanks for Popping In!

Are you looking for a church home? Our Welcoming Team at The Hub has a gift for you and information about Dover Congregational UCC and the United Church of Christ. Visit our website at <https://www.doverucc.org>.

~ Play It Again ~

Want to hear a terrific sermon again? At the home page, click on "Sermons" and select the service you would like to view.

~ 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! Any questions--see Jane Coil (jcoil@doverucc.org)

Open and Affirming Statement

*No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

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