

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

April 26, 2026

Rev. Melinda Quellhorst, Senior Pastor

An Open & Affirming Congregation

A Just Peace Congregation

4th Sunday of Easter

Witness and Stories

**Please Stand if able*

Black New Century Hymnal

Announcements

Prelude

"Morning Has Broken"

arr. Edward Broughton

Centering

***Acclamation #236**

Halleluja

Caribbean

Halle, halle, halleluja. Halle, halle, halleluja.

Halle, halle, halleluja. Halleluja, halleluja.

***Call to Worship**

One: What a joy it is to be together in this place!

All: Encouragement and renewal as we gather in Christ's presence

One: Look around you. See your brothers and sisters; recognize their place in your life. Let us celebrate God's beauty, majesty and power.

Let us worship with one voice, one heart and one spirit.

All: We are the people of God. Let our worship today bring glory to God.

***Hymn #314**

"Community of Christ"

***Opening prayer**

All: O God of the morning, afternoon and evening, let your Spirit come on us this day. This is a holy place, a place of hope where your people call on you in faith. We join heart and voice in thanksgiving and praise. Amen

***Gloria #756**

"Gloria, Gloria"

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

Scripture

John 10:1-10

Children's time (10:00 AM)

Offering of music (10:00 AM) "Glory to His Name" arr. Mary McDonald

Scripture Acts 2:42-47

***Hymn #586** "Come to Tend God's Garden"

Sermon Stories from Back Bay Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" R. Robinson
Gary Burkey, piano / Nichole Fehrman, organ

***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 #391** "In the Midst of New Dimensions"

***Benediction**

Postlude "Festive Song of Praise" Lani Smith

Serving You in Church Today

Pastor: Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

Liturgist: John McDougald

Organist: Nichole Fehrman

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman

Media: Dave MacKeigan

The flowers on the communion table are given in celebration of National Autism Awareness Month, and in honor of those who went on the Mission trip.

Please join us for coffee hour immediately following the 10:00 AM worship—your hosts are Gary & Sandy Burkey.

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.

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

JUST PEACE OPPORTUNITY

Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Saturday, May 23rd, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Help deliver beds to kids who don't have them. Registration and info at: <https://shpbds.org/chapter/oh-cuyahoga-w/> or contact Amy Storms.

~ **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