

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

May 10, 2026

Rev. Melinda Quellhorst, Senior Pastor

An Open & Affirming Congregation

A Just Peace Congregation

6th Sunday of Easter

Witness of Love

**Please Stand if able*

Black New Century Hymnal

Announcements

Prelude

"Spirit of the Living God"

arr. Jamie Kunselman

Centering

***Acclamation #236**

"Halleluja"

Caribbean

Halle, halle, Halleluja. Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halleluja, hallelujah.

***Call to Worship**

One: We are gathered to worship the God who has called us to love.

All: We worship God who has asked us to follow God's direction.

One: We are invited to worship God in the Spirit of truth.

All: We do so, because we know the Spirit and the Spirit knows us.

One: We are reminded that we are not alone.

All: Because the Holy Spirit is among us.

***Hymn #12**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

***Opening prayer**

All: With a mother's love, compassionate God, you care for us. You nourish us with an embrace of holy love that surrounds us, forgives us, and encourages us. Yet you set us in families, some we make and some that are blood, where guidance, wisdom and acceptance may abound. You call us into families of faith where our spiritual roots grow deep and strong. As we live in relationships, may we feel the deep presence of companionship and belonging. Help us, Lord God, to realize that we also belong to one great human family and that you have set before us the day when we all will be in peace together; in Jesus. Amen.

***Gloria #756**

"Gloria, Gloria"

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

Scripture

I Peter 3:13-22

Children's time (10:00 AM)**Celebrating (10:00 AM)**

Claire Chase-6/12/1931

Bruce Hamilton-6/25/1930

Inge Moorman- 11/27/1928

Lois McCreight - 7/6/1928

Offering of music (10:00 AM) "Draw Me Nearer" *arr. Jack Schrader***Scripture**

John 14:15-21

***Hymn #284** "Joys Are Flowing like a River"**Sermon**

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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** "Spirit of God, Descent upon My Heart" *arr. M. Gaspard****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 #43** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"***Benediction****Postlude***"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"**arr. Hal Hopson*

Serving You in Church Today

Pastor: Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

Liturgist: Sharon Nichols

Organist: Nichole Fehrman

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman

Media: Dave MacKeigan

Please join us for coffee hour immediately following 10:00 AM worship.

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