

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

May 17, 2026

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

*7th Sunday of Easter
Spirit of Witness*

**Please Stand if able
Black New Century Hymnal*

Announcements

Prelude

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation" Johann Gottfried Walther

Centering

***Acclamation #236**

"Halleluja"

Caribbean

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

***Call to Worship**

One: There's a story to be told, a love to be taught; witness of things to share.

All: O God, tell me the story; teach me the love; open my eyes.

One: There are words too long unspoken; a story that needs to be told.

All: O Spirit, give me the words; send me to speak; teach me your story.

One: There is a world hungry to know the story of the love of God.

All: Risen Christ, I am here, send me.

***Hymn #4**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

***Opening prayer**

**All: O God, we have gathered as God's people, inspired by the Spirit ... to witness more effectively, to listen more deeply, to speak more truthfully, to live more peacefully, to love more energetically, to teach more eloquently, to pray more seriously, to worship more enthusiastically, to celebrate more joyfully, to sing more faithfully, to give more generously, to serve more compassionately. May it be so!
Amen**

***Gloria #756**

"Gloria, Gloria"

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

Scripture

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Children's time (10:00 AM)**Offering of music (10:00 AM)** "Cherubim Song No. 7" arr. P.I. Tchaikovsky**Scripture**

John 17:1-11

Hymn #531"God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"***Sermon**

Mr. Kevin Gehres

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***Variations on "The Gift of Love," Var. II*

Janet Linker

DoxologyPraise God from whom all blessings flow;**Praise Christ all creatures here below;**Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter**One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen****Hymn #530***"God Our Author and Creator"****Benediction****Postlude***"Trumpet Tune and Air"*

Henry Purcell

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

Thank you to Kevin Gehres for sharing this morning. Kevin is the Disaster Response Coordinator for the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ. Kevin is married to Carol and they have 5 adult children and 7 grandchildren.

**The flowers in the chancel are from the wedding of Rev. Brooke Baker and Colleen Cusick, celebrated in our church on Saturday, May 16th.
Congratulations to Brooke and Colleen!**

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