

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

June 14, 2026

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

*3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Laughter!*

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

Announcements

Prelude

"God Will Take Care of You"

arr. Phillip Keveren

Centering

***Acclamation #73 verse 1** *"Enter, Rejoice and Come In"*
Enter, rejoice and come in. Enter, rejoice and come in.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

***Call to Worship**

One: Let's laugh and celebrate today!

All: Life is a celebration, an affirmation of God's love.

One: Bring your balloons, and butterflies, your joy and your laughter!

All: Worship is about joy and celebrating, good news and love.

One: Today we laugh with joy!

***Hymn #8**

"Praise to the Living God"

***Opening prayer**

**All: God of surprises, today you toast us. You move mountains, and
flowers grow in barren places. Sunlight shines amidst the darkness.
We worship today, knowing that we are affirmed, and celebrated, that
we are enough and loved. Today, O God, we smile with a song of love
that never ends. We dance together in joy. Here's to us, O God. In
Jesus' name. Amen**

***Gloria #756**

"Gloria, Gloria"

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

Children's time (10:00 AM)

Scripture

Romans 5:1-8

Offering of music (10:00 AM)

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"
Jeff Davis, tenor

*Traditional Spiritual***Scripture**

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

Hymn #501*"We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle"***Sermon**

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***"Let There Be Joy"**Beatrice A. Miller****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 #402***"Sing of Colors"****Benediction****Postlude***"Variations on St. Anne"**Christa Rakich***Serving You in Church Today****Pastor:** Rev. Melinda Quellhorst**Liturgist:** Judy Brizzolara**Organist:** Nichole Fehrman**Music Director:** Jamie Kunselman**Media:** Dave MacKeigan

The flowers in the chancel area are given by Kevin Kurth in memory of David Edsall on the one year anniversary of his passing.

Please join us for coffee hour immediately following 10:00 AM worship. Your hosts are members of Council.

COMPOSER SPOTLIGHT

Concert and recording artist **Christa Rakich** (1952-) is an American organist who performs widely throughout North America, Europe, and Japan. A prize winner in numerous international organ competitions, Rakich has received particular acclaim for her interpretations of the music of J.S. Bach. She currently lives in Oberlin, OH with her wife Janis, and serves as Visiting Professor of Organ for Oberlin College & Conservatory.

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.

~ **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