

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

July 26, 2026

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

***9th Sunday after Pentecost
Planting Seeds!***

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

Announcements

Prelude

More Precious Than Silver

arr. Phillip Keveren

Centering

Acclamation #283** ***Spirit of the Living God

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

***Call to Worship**

One: Run or walk, shout for joy,

All: **Dance or sway 'til the break of day,**

One: Make up a happy song,

All: **Give thanks,**

One: Bake a cake, or cookies, or share some fruit,

All: **Surprise someone with a hug,**

One: Smile from ear to ear,

All: **Joy fills us, God loves us.**

Hymn #30** ***Colorful Creator

***Opening prayer**

All: **God of all wisdom, and of profound mystery:**

**We are grateful for the signs and intimations you scatter in our world like
so many seeds. By your grace, may they take root in our hearts and grow:
that, one day, in the fullness of time, we may not only be welcomed into
your eternal realm, but may recognize it as home. Amen**

Gloria #756** ***Gloria, Gloria

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

Children's time (10:00 AM)

Offering of music (10:00 AM)

Sicilienne

Maria Theresia von Paradis

Martha Vivona, cello

Scripture

Romans 8:26-39

***Hymn** *We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed. Hymn tune: Brother James' Air*
We plant a grain of mustard seed, and in our faith we find
the proof of God is love, indeed, which blossoms from its kind;
the proof of God is love, indeed, which blossoms from its kind

Our actions, more than words, define how love's example feeds
a greater love, for love divine bursts forth from smallest seeds;
a greater love, for love divine bursts forth from smallest seeds.

Our lives will be fulfilled and blessed if through the seeds we've sown
and by the love that we profess the love of Christ is known;
and by the love that we profess the love of Christ is known.

Scripture

Matthew 13:31-33; 44-52

Song

Thy Word

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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Sermon

Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

Call to Prayer

Hymn tune: Children praying

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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

Christ, der ist mein Leben

Johann Pachelbel

*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 #312

We Love Your Realm, O God

*Benediction

Postlude

O God Beyond All Praising

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Arr. Anna Laura Page

Serving You in Church Today

Pastor: Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

Organist: Nichole Fehrman

Media: Dave MacKeigan

Liturgist: Jan Jones

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman

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

Your hosts are the "4th Row."

**Linda Brugh, Kay Cilimburg, Mary Ann Culbertson,
Millie Harley & Sharron Wilkins**

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