

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

August 16, 2026

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

***12th Sunday after Pentecost
The Grace of God***

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

Announcements

Prelude *Hymn Voluntary on "Blest Be the Tie" Emma Louise Ashford*

Centering

***Acclamation #292 verse 1** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Breathe on me breath of God, fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.*

***Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 100)*

One: Rise up in body or spirit - Bring a gift of joy. Come, worship...
Sing yourselves into God's presence.

**All: The creator is our God. God is the source of life.
We are all God's people!**

One: Enter with the password: "Thank you!" Make yourselves at home.
Offer praise. Thank God. Worship God.

All: For God is sheer grace. God's unconditional love is ever present.

***Hymn: #7** *All People That on Earth do Dwell*

***Opening Prayer**

**All: God source of life and love...
When I doubt your love for me... forgive me.
When I think that I am more worthy of your love and grace
than others... forgive me.
When I believe you hate the people I hate... forgive me.
When I fail to see others as people you created and love...
forgive me.
When I allow myself to see others who are different from me
as people to fear, to avoid, to disrespect, to dismiss...
forgive me.**

When I choose not to forgive others... forgive me.

When I believe there are people you do not love,

you will not forgive, forgive me. Amen.

One: By the grace of God, you/we are forgiven. Give thanks and forgive yourself and forgive those whom God in unconditional love also forgives.

***Gloria #756**

Gloria, Gloria

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

Children's Time (10:00 AM)

Scripture

Psalm 95:1-7 - The Message Bible

Offering of Music (10:00 AM)

Shout to the North

Martin Smith

Kia Frank, voice & piano / Jamie Kunselman, percussion

Scripture

Matthew 14:13-21

***Hymn #32**

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

Sermon

"If Grace is True, Why are We Here?"

Rev. Jim Cunningham

Call to Prayer

"Lord Listen to your 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 are 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 (10AM)

Offering our Gifts

Offering Music

In dich hab ich gehoffet, Herr

Johann Christoph Bach

***Doxology (Sung to the tune of #780)**

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 #419**

Now Thank We All our God

Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare on "Lauda Anima"

Robert J. Hughes

"How do we treat others? There are no others."

Ramana Maharshi

Serving You in Church Today

Pastor: Rev. Jim Cunningham

Liturgist: Don Nichols

Organist: Nichole Fehrman

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman

Media: Dave MacKeigan

**Please join us for coffee hour immediately following 10:00 AM worship.
Your hosts are Eileen Schultz and Scott Thompson.**

*******PASTOR MINDY OUT OF OFFICE*******

Pastor Mindy will be on vacation, and in her absence Rev. Jim Cunningham will be leading worship on August 9th and 16th. During her absence, if you have an emergency arise and need clergy assistance, please contact the following:

Aug. 3-7 & Aug. 14-17: Rev. Mark Pettis (310)343-1556

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