

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

August 23, 2026

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

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Be transformed

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

Announcements

Prelude

Be Still, My Soul with It is well With My Soul

Cindy Berry

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**

after reading Exodus 1:8-2:10

One: God, we are groaning in hurt and need, fear and violence, anger and poverty.

All: God, you hear our groaning, because you listen, you pay attention.

One: God, you moved and acted and cared and intervened and rescued.

**All: God, we have no choice but to dance and sing, in surprise, in delight,
in hope, in shalom. We worship you O God.**

Hymn # 25** ***O God, Our Help in Ages Past

***Opening prayer**

after reading Matthew 16:13-20

**All: O God, we gather in our communities, like Jesus did in Caesarea
Philippi. We ask questions about who people say we are. We also
ask ourselves who we are. What do we say? What does the
community say? God built God's church within us. Are we following?
Are we living as God has called us? May we praise you today, O God,
knowing that we are challenged to live as you taught, through Jesus,
in love. O God hear our prayer. 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)

Some Glad Morning (I'll Fly Away)
Dover Singers

Albert E. Brumley

Scripture Exodus 1:8-2:10

***Hymn #574** *In Egypt under Pharaoh*

Scripture Romans 12:1-8

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 *Air* *Ludwig van Beethoven*

***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 #607** *We Would Be Building*

***Benediction**

Postlude *Postlude after Bach on "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* *Gordon Young*

Serving You in Church Today

Pastor: Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

Liturgist: Sharon Nichols

Organist: Nichole Fehrman

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman

Media: Dave MacKeigan

The flowers on the communion table are given by Judy Kean in honor of her mother Beverly Kean's 98th birthday.

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

The first chancel choir rehearsal is Wednesday, September 2nd at 7pm in the choir room! All are welcome. If you are interested in participating in bell choir, please email Jamie Kunselman at jkunselman1@gmail.com.

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