

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

August 24, 2025

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

***11th Sunday after Pentecost
Sabbath***

**Prelude
Centering
Song #742**

"Pilgrims' Song"

Norman Warren

"Gathered Here"

NCH

***Gathered here in the mystery of this hour, gathered here in
one strong body,
gathered here in the struggle and the power, Spirit draw
near.***

***Call to Worship**

One: Spirit of Love guide us today as we worship and praise you.

All: **Help us grow in faith and love. Your presence is
everywhere.**

One: May your Spirit come upon us, in this place as we worship
and praise you.

Hymn #319

"Sing Them Over Again to Me"

NCH

***Prayer (Please remain standing)**

All: **Spirit of God, as we gather in worship, we build
relationship and hope. If you are a dreamer, come in. If
you are a wisher, a hope-er, a pray-er, a magic bean
buyer, come in. Come in! For all are welcome. We are
invited into worship, to praise, and listen. Hope and
pray. Give and receive. Come in! For we are God's
beloved children, named and claimed. In Jesus' name.
Amen**

***Gloria #759**

NCH

***Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen***

Scripture

Isaiah 58:9b-14

⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Special offering of music (10:00 AM)

"Joy in My Heart"

arr. James D. Kimball

Kia Frank, Judy Kean, Jamie Kunselman, Ben Malkevitch

Children's time (10:00 AM)

***Hymn#179**

"We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness"

NCH

Scripture

Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that

had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

Song of preparation

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Ken Medema

***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.***

Sermon

Rev. Amanda Nagy

Pastoral Prayer/ Silent Prayer

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

"Luinneach"

David Terry

***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***

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn #503**

"O Savior, Let Me Walk with You"

NCH

***Benediction**

Postlude

"Allemanda"

Arcangelo Corelli

Serving You in Church Today

Sermon: Rev. Amanda Nagy

Liturgist: Judy Brizzolara

Organist: Ben Malkevitch

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman

Media: Dave MacKeigan

Rev. Amanda Nagy is the Chief of Chaplain Services at VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System, where she has served veterans and their families for the last seven years in a variety of ministry settings, including marriage and family, mental health, and suicide prevention. She received her undergraduate degree from Elmhurst University and a master's degree in community counseling from Oklahoma State University, before completing her Masters of Divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary. She lives in Lakewood with her wife, their son Dietrich, daughter Elizabeth, and cat, Bingley. Together they enjoy finding new playgrounds and coffee shops.

The flowers on the Communion table are given in gratitude to our substitute organist, Jan Jones, for so beautifully filling in during Ben's absence.

Please join us after 10:00 AM worship for Coffee Hour in Thomas Hall—refreshments will be served, and you can learn more about the Daniel Plan and our Just Peace project.

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 revmq1@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 too.

~ Our newsletter, *Dover Voices*, an informational flyer about Dover UCC, a church directory and devotionals are available in the Narthex and at The Hub.

~ Large print bulletins and hearing amplification devices are available. An Usher can assist you.

WHILE PASTOR MINDY IS OUT...

Pastor Mindy will be out of the office until **TOMORROW**, August 25th—if you have need for pastoral assistance today, please contact Ivy Beckwith, ivybeckwith@gmail.com. You can also find her contact info in the church directory.

2026 MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Dover will be selling \$20 Mitchell's gift cards to raise money for the 2026 Back Bay Mission Trip. If you are interested, please see Georgann Yonkers or Loreen Flesher.

ANNUAL CAROLYN L. FARRELL FOUNDATION GALA

The annual Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation Gala to raise money for dementia support is being held September 6th at LaCentre Banquet Hall in Westlake. A \$50 donation for every ticket sold to a church member or friend will be aid to Dover UCC—last year we raised \$1,350!! Call Scott Thompson at 216-978-6843 with questions. Ticket sales are open—call 440-414-0434 for reservations.

FLOWERS FOR COMMUNION TABLE

Donating flowers for the Communion table each Sunday is a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one, or someone who has gone above and beyond. If you would like to donate flowers one Sunday, sign up on the board outside the office. You can provide the flowers yourself, or the church office will order for you. Be sure to let us know how you would like your donation noted in the bulletin.

CHURCH PEACE PICNIC

Join us on Sunday, September 7th, immediately following our 10:00 AM worship service for our annual church picnic—this year the theme is "Peace." Please bring a dish to share and a chair. Pulled pork, drinks and dishes/silverware will be provided. Please let Martha know if you have a tent we can borrow for the picnic. We will be making tie dyed t-shirts, so if you would like one, please bring a white t-shirt. Shirts will be provided for our youth.



~Prayer Requests, please pray for God to be with these individuals, and for them to feel God's presence in the

Meri Armour

Karen Bellebuono (Friend of Mary Ann & Joe Brizzolara and
Judy Brizzolara)

Katrina Burton (Maria Vélez-Colon's daughter)

Mark Chomoa (Rae-Rita Chomoa's son)

Gail Cordy

Betty Correll (Sandy Burkey's mother)

Eli (Friend of Judy Brizzolara)

Bobbie English (Friend of Lois McCreight)

Jim & Linda (Friends of Judy Brizzolara)

Jim & Kaye Mesaros

People of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Gaza, Myanmar, Middle East

Bob Pozwick (Patricia Houser's brother)

Rachel (Friend of Judy Brizzolara)

Joann Sarvay

DAVID EDSALL MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for David Edsall will be held at Dover on Saturday, August 30th, at 10:00 AM, with a reception immediately following.

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

***BRING YOUR FAVORITE HEIRLOOM,
OR "OLDER" BOOKS TO SHARE WITH
THE GROUP***

Monday, Sept. 8, 12:30 PM
Parlor

EVENING BOOK CLUB WISH YOU WERE HERE

BY

Jodi Picoult

Monday, Sept. 15, 7:00 PM

Heather Harris' house

Contact Dody Chadwick

DGCC629@aol.com for more
information

THIS WEEK AT DOVER

Sunday, August 24, 2025

8:15 AM Early worship service
10:00 AM Nursery & Sunday school
11:00 AM Coffee Hour – Thomas Hall

Monday, August 25, 2025

6:00 PM Ice Cream at Mitchell's
7:00 PM Worship Committee meeting - Office

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

7:00 PM Scouts – Thomas Hall

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

7:00 PM AA – Thomas Hall

Thursday, August 28, 2025

5:30 PM Al-Anon – Thomas Hall
7:00 PM Al-Anon – Thomas Hall

Friday, August 29, 2025

10:30 AM Set up for memorial service – Thomas Hall

Saturday, August 30, 2025

10:00 AM Memorial service for David Edsall -

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/7: Church Peace picnic/Sunday school kick-off
9/14: Just Peace Church congregation vote after worship
10/7: Bunco night – more info coming
11/8: Karaoke night
12/7: Poetry night
12/14: Cookie walk

!!NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES!!

Please delete the OLD addresses in your contacts and your address books and add these new email addresses:

Pastor Mindy:	revmql@gmail.com
Liz Emmer, treasurer:	dovertreasurer3@gmail.com
Ben Malkevitch:	ben@malkevitch.com
Jamie Kunselman:	jkunselman1@gmail.com
Jane/Dover general:	doverucc44145@gmail.com

You can also find these email addresses in a handout at The Hub—pick one up and take it home!

~To Our Guests:



Thanks for Popping In!

Are you looking for a church home? Our Welcoming Team at The Hub has a gift for you and information about Dover Congregational UCC and the United Church of Christ. Visit our website at <https://www.doverucc.org>.

~ Play It Again ~

Want to hear a terrific sermon again? At the home page, click on "Sermons" and select the service you would like to view.

~ Contributions~ At the home page click on the **"Give"** button and follow the directions



OR you can easily connect to our online donation page by scanning this QR code with the camera on your phone or a QR app--will take you directly to our online donation page! Any questions--see Jane Coil (doverucc44145@gmail.com)

Open and Affirming Statement

*No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

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