

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



***Dover Congregational United Church of Christ***

***August 31, 2025***

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

***12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Extravagant Hospitality***

**Prelude**

***"Hymn of Praise"***

***Faye Lopez***

**Centering**

**\*Song #86 vs1**

***"When Morning Gilds the Skies"***

***NCH***

***When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries,  
may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer,  
one purpose I declare: may Jesus Christ be praised!***

**\*Call to Worship**

***(Psalm 81 adapted)***

**One:** Sing aloud to God. Shout for joy to God.  
Listen dear ones, get this straight.

**All: I'm God, the very God who rescued you, fed you, filled you.**

**One:** Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it with hope, grace, love, and joy.

**All: We open our very selves to you. We worship and praise you!**

**One:** Sing aloud to God! Shout for joy to God! Worship God!

**Hymn ##86 vs 2-4**

***"When Morning Gilds the Skies"***

***NCH***

**\*Prayer** (Please remain standing)

**All: Open me up to you, O God, so that I may know hope for my despair,  
peace for my soul, joy for my sorrow, health for my illness, strength  
for my weakness, wisdom for my confusion, forgiveness for my sin,  
love for my hate, praise for my doubt and insight for my troubles. In  
the name of Jesus. Amen.**

***\*Please Stand if able***

***NCH= New Century Black Hymnal***

**\*Gloria #759**

***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**

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

**Special offering of music (10:00 AM)**

*"I Can Only Imagine"*

*Bart Millard*

Kia Frank & Ted Vance, voice/Gary Burkey, piano/Jamie Kunselman, percussion

**Children's time (10:00 AM)**

**\*Hymn#531**

*"God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"*

*NCH*

**Scripture**

Luke 14:1, 7-14

**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. Melinda Quellhorst

**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**

*"Adagio"*

*Tomasso Albinoni  
arr. Anna Laura Pag*

**\*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 #543**

*"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"*

NCH

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*"When Morning Gilds the Skies"* arr. Anna Laura Page

*\*Please Stand if able*

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**Serving You in Church Today**

**Sermon:** Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

**Liturgist:** Julie Rinehart

**Organist:** Ben Malkevitch

**Music Director:** Jamie Kunselman

**Media:** Dave MacKeigan

**The flowers on the Communion table are given by Kevin Kurth in loving memory of David Edsall, and by Bette and Mike English, in honor of their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.**

**Please join us after 10:00 AM worship for Coffee Hour in Thomas Hall.**

**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](mailto: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 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.

### **ANNUAL CAROLYN L. FARRELL FOUNDATION GALA**

The annual Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation Gala to raise money for dementia support is being held September 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **CHURCH PEACE PICNIC**

Join us on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, immediately following our 10:00 AM worship service for our annual church picnic—this year the theme is “Peace.” During the picnic, there will be a dedication for the justice memorial in the name of our beloved Minister of Justice, the Rev. Dr. John Rinehart. 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.

### **JUST PEACE CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL VOTE**

At the request of Council, we will be having a Special Meeting immediately following the 10:00 worship service on September 14th, where the Just Peace Committee will be offering a motion to adopt a Just Peace statement — the next step in our journey to become a Just Peace Church. If you haven’t yet read the statement that the team has created, be sure to do so. You can find copies at the Hub and in the bulletin. Please see Amy Storms, Martha Vivona, Pam Compton, or Kathleen Poe if you have any questions.

### **TABLE OF 8**

It is time for the next round of Fun, Friends, Fellowship and FOOD. If you are new or returning, please join other members for once-a-month get togethers. If you are interested and haven’t already notified Loreen Flesher, please email ASAP. Groups will be notified during 2nd week of September. Thank you!



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

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

**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 31, 2025**

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

**Monday, September 1, 2025**

**OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

6:00 PM Ice Cream at Mitchell's

**Tuesday, September 2, 2025**

7:00 PM Scouts – Thomas Hall

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

1:30 PM Calling & Caring - Parlor  
7:00 PM AA – Thomas Hall

**Thursday, September 4, 2025**

5:30 PM Al-Anon – Thomas Hall  
6:00 PM Al-Anon book club - Parlor  
7:00 PM Al-Anon – Thomas Hall

**Friday, September 5, 2025**

**Saturday, September 6, 2025**

7:00 PM AA – parlor

**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  
**11/23:** Chili cookoff (after worship)  
**12/7:** Poetry night  
**12/14:** Cookie walk (after worship)

## **!!NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES!!**

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

Pastor Mindy:	<a href="mailto:revmql@gmail.com">revmql@gmail.com</a>
Liz Emmer, treasurer:	<a href="mailto:dovertreasurer3@gmail.com">dovertreasurer3@gmail.com</a>
Ben Malkevitch:	<a href="mailto:ben@malkevitch.com">ben@malkevitch.com</a>
Jamie Kunselman:	<a href="mailto:jkunselman1@gmail.com">jkunselman1@gmail.com</a>
Jane/Dover general:	<a href="mailto:doverucc44145@gmail.com">doverucc44145@gmail.com</a>

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

### **GAIL CORDY UPDATE**

Friends, Gail Cordy will be starting her next treatment very soon—please keep her in your thoughts. She loves receiving cards, texts, etc. – perhaps you would like to drop her a note at home, telling her you are thinking of her. Her address is: 41110 Butternut Park Court, Elyria, OH 44035

## ~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 ([jcoil@doverucc.org](mailto:jcoil@doverucc.org))

### **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