

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

September 13, 2026

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

16th Sunday after Pentecost

God's Rodeo: dancing and singing on the road to freedom

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

Announcements

Prelude

Come, Let Us Sing

David Paxton

Centering

***Acclamation #85**

I Woke Up This Morning

(I) woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus, (3 times)

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah.

Singing and praying with my mind stayed on Jesus, (3 times)

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 149 adapted

One: Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

All: Sing to God a brand-new song. Praise God!!

One: Let us praise God in dance, make great music, with wiggles and laughter

All: Shout to God with praises! Hallelujah!!!

***Hymn #230**

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

***Opening prayer**

**All: We praise you, extraordinary God, for the holiness of ordinary things
the gathering of our community of faith, a song of praise, a prayer of
thanksgiving, a word, a loaf of bread, a cup, a fountain of water.
Time to laugh and giggle, imagine and hope, a Rodeo picnic. Send
your spirit to rush, cool and clear, through our dry and brittle places.
May the spirit seep into the cracks and crevices of our hearts, that
we might know you more fully and worship you more deeply. 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)

The Potter's Hand
Chancel Choir

Darlene Zschech

Scripture Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

***Hymn #326** *Crashing Waters at Creation*

Scripture Exodus 14:19-31

Song #793 *Santo, Santo, Santo*
iSanto, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.
Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, Lord!

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.

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

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 *Rigaudon* *Robert Lau*

***Doxology #760 (hymn tune)**

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 #391** *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

***Benediction**

Postlude *When in Our Music, God is Glorified* *Anna Laura Page*

Serving You in Church Today

Pastor: Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

Organist: Nichole Fehrman

Media: Dave MacKeigan

Liturgist: Joan Brickley

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman

The flowers on the communion table are in honor of Pastor Mindy's birthday. Happy birthday, Pastor Mindy!

Please join us for a Rodeo Roundup! picnic following 10:00 AM worship.

*****CHURCH MEMBERSHIP*****

If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a member at Dover, please let Pastor Mindy know.

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 revmq@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