

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

September 21, 2025

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

***15th Sunday after Pentecost
Prayerful living!***

Prelude

"Prelude from Suite no. 2 in F"

G.F. Handel

Centering

***Song**

"What Does the Lord Require of You"

Jim Stratthdee

***What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?
Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.
To seek justice, and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.***

***Call to Worship**

One: What does it mean to dream, God's dream?

**All: To help others, to treat others with kindness and respect.
To be good role models in actions and words.**

One: Dreaming God's dream is important, but why?

**All: Offering up and sharing our gifts, talents treasure.
Accepting all people, listening supporting, showing empathy
and compassion.**

One: As we worship and praise God, may we live into God's dream of love.

Hymn #73

"Enter, Rejoice and Come in"

NCH

***Prayer** (Please remain standing)

**All: Holy God, we enter worship with praise, singing and dancing, clapping,
and shouting -- we lift ourselves to you. Our song bursts forth. We
cannot be silent. Joy overflows. We dream your dream; O God. Your
praise rises. We join our voices to sing a new song. We enter your
presence with worship and praise! Help us to dream your dream, O God.
In Jesus' name. 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

Luke 16:1-13

Offering of music (10:00 AM) *"Give Me A Song"*

Pepper Choplin

Children's time (10:00 AM)

***Hymn #516**

"O Grant Us, God, a Little Space"

NCH

Scripture

I Timothy 2:1-7

Song of Preparation (Choir) *"Dream God's Dream"*

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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"

Jennifer Canfield

***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 #22**

"Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped"

NCH

***Benediction**

Postlude

"Sinfonia in D. BWV29"

J.S. Bach

**Please Stand if able*

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If you have a joy or concern you would like to share during worship, please write it down and hand to Pastor Mindy before worship.

Beginning today there will be ideas that members have shared about what it means to Dream God's Dream. This is our stewardship theme and will be incorporated throughout the services until Stewardship Sunday which is November 9. May you also think about what it means to Dream God's Dream for you.

Serving You in Church Today

Sermon: Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

Liturgist: John McDougald

Organist: Ben Malkevitch

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman

Media: Dave MacKeigan

The flowers on the Communion table are given by Maria Veléz in remembrance of her mother, Maria L. Ruiz's, birthday.

Please join us after 10:00 AM worship for Coffee Hour in Thomas Hall. Your host is Maria Veléz.

Pastor Mindy Quellhorst

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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.

Bunco Is How We Roll!

It is that time again—Bunco night at Dover! Join us Tuesday, October 7, at 7pm in Thomas Hall. Don't know how to play? It takes about a minute to learn. Come join the fun and refreshments. Sign up at the Hub.

~ **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