

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

September 27, 2026

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

***18th Sunday after Pentecost
What does God want?***

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

Announcements

Prelude

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Bell Choir*

arr. Alinda B. Couper

Centering

***Acclamation #522 vs1**

I Love to Tell the Story

***Call to Worship**

One: Stop for a minute. Close your eyes. Take a deep breath. Let go of the worries of your heart. Give them to Jesus. Prepare yourself to worship God. Let nothing hold you back. Open your eyes. Lift up your voice and sing. Bring the Spirit your gratitude and praise. Let all that is within you praise God's great and holy name!

All: Come, let us worship!

***Hymn #8**

Praise to the Living God

***Opening prayer**

One: **We are welcomed into your presence this day by your gracious hospitality, O God. Grant that we will lay aside our cares and anxieties to concentrate our thoughts on you alone. Open us to the teaching and guidance for living which we receive, that we will be strengthened to walk with you and follow wherever you lead us. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. 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) *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah arr. Mark Hayes
Robert "Scott" Purdum, trumpet*

Scripture

Philippians 2:1-13

***Hymn #160**

Jesus, the Light of the World

Scripture

Matthew 21:23-32

Song #793

Santo, Santo, Santo

¡Santo, 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.

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**

Autumn Reverie

David Paxton

***Doxology #780 (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 #423**

Great Is Your Faithfulness

Benediction*Postlude**

Allen zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (In Thee Along, O Christ, My Lord)

Johann Pachelbel

Serving You in Church Today

Pastor: Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

Organist: Nichole Fehrman

Media: Dave MacKeigan

Liturgist: Gary Burkey

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman

Please join us for coffee hour following 10:00 AM worship. Your hosts are Karin Shaughnessy, Bette English and Holly Schroth.

*****NEW MEMBER CLASS*****

A class will be held for those interested in becoming a member of Dover on Sunday, October 25th, immediately following 10:00 AM worship. Plan on meeting in Pastor Mindy's office.

TABLE FOR 8

Table for 8 will be starting up again soon. If you are interested in participating, please contact Loreen Flesher, loreen6300@gmail.com. Watch for more information in the October *Dover Voices* coming out next week.

MITCHELL'S GIFT CARDS

Mitchell's Ice Cream gift cards are available through Loreen Flesher—please contact her if you are interested in purchasing any. Profit from the sales goes to the Back Bay Mission trip.

PARLOR RENOVATION

Work on the parlor renovation will begin on October 1st, and the parlor will out of commission for the month. Hopes are to have everything back in place the first week of November.

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