

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

September 6, 2026

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

*15th Sunday after Pentecost
Remember, Restore, Renew
Fill the Jar*

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

Announcements

Prelude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

arr. Phillip Keveren

Centering

***Acclamation #588 verse 1** *Let Justice Flow like Streams*
*Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure,
Enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.*

***Call to Worship**

One: Today is a day of hope and remembering.

All: We are called to worship.

One: Today is a day of singing and recalling.

All: May we find belonging.

One: Today is a day of praise and listening.

All: Open our ears, eyes, and hearts to hear.

One: We worship together!

***Hymn #563** *We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky*

***Opening prayer** written by Dr. Edie Russell, former Minister for Economic Justice with the UCC

One: On this Labor Day Sunday let us lift up all people who labor, either for pay or as volunteers, in jobs or at school, at home or in the workplace, here at home and all around the world.

All: Creator God, help us to be your people, working for a world where all workers are valued. A world where those who clean houses are also able to buy houses to live in. A world where those who grow food can also afford to eat their fill. And one where those who serve and care for others –in stores, schools, hotels, restaurants, nursing homes, and many other places –are, themselves, also served and cared for. A world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us.

***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) *Word of God Speak* *MercyMe*
Kia Frank, voice / Nichole Fehrman, flute / Gary Burkey, piano
Jamie Kunselman, percussion

Scripture Exodus 12:1-14

***Hymn #575** *O For a World*

Scripture Matthew 18:15-20

Song *Thy Word*
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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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 *Peaceful Rest* *Lani Smith*

***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

Communion

(Gluten free option is the wafer. As the tray is passed to you, please hold it for the person next to you as they take the bread/cup, then pass it to the next person. Please assist your neighbor, if they need help. When you receive the bread and then the juice, please hold it until the Minister indicates to eat and/or drink it, so that we commune together.)

Invitation, Sharing the story, Sharing the elements

***Prayer after Communion**

All: We thank you gracious God for this meal which you have given us. As we gather around our own tables in the days ahead, might we be reminded of this table, where all are welcome, and love always is the answer to hate. Amen

***Hymn #561** *When in Our Music God is Glorified*

***Benediction**

Postlude

Post Communió

Niccolo Valenti

Serving You in Church Today

Pastor: Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

Organist: Nichole Fehrman

Media: Dave MacKeigan

Liturgist: Eileen Schultz

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman

**Please join us for coffee hour immediately following 10:00 AM worship.
Your hosts are Jan and Michael DiLauro.**

*****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 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