

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

September 7, 2025

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

***13th Sunday after Pentecost
Peace and Love***

Prelude

"Rock of Ages"

John Turner

Centering

Song #575 verses 1, 5 *"O For a World"

NCH

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways.

Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,

Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

***Call to Worship**

One: Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God.

All: We are peacemakers.

One: How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of the messenger
who announces peace.

All: We are messengers.

One: And now faith, hope, love abide, these three, and the greatest of these is
love.

All: We are lovers.

One: We worship this God of love and peace!

Hymn #584

"I Am the Light of the World"

NCH

***Prayer** (Please remain standing)

**All: Peaceful and loving God, guide us this day to hear your word, open
our hearts to feel your presence, surprise us with grace, call us to
listen with hope. May we worship together. Amen**

****Please Stand if able***

NCH= New Century Black Hymnal

***Gloria #759**

NCH

***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 14:25-33

Special offering of music (10:00 AM) "Pass It On"
Carol Sue Beck, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

Children's time (10:00 AM)

Hymn #525 verse 1 "This Little Light of Mine"

NCH

Scripture

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

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

"Just As I Am"

arr. Dale Wood

***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**

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

One: Friends, we have all been invited to eat supper in the Lord's house.

All: We come hungry and thirsty.

One: Jesus walked into the world inviting everyone to his feast--the rich and the poor, the faithful and the unfaithful, the strong and the weak.

All: We meet at the Lord's table.

One: Come then and sit down to life with our Lord Jesus Christ, for he will wash the dust from our feet, he will wipe the tears from our eyes, he will take the burden from our shoulders and the heaviness from our hearts.

All: We come to this table to celebrate life, faith, love and peace.

One: Bread, the warmth of the sun, the care of the farmer, the touch of the baker. This is the bread of heaven, broken to bring new life. Wine, the blessing of the rain, the attention of the vinedresser, the care of the maker. This is the cup of forgiveness, poured out for joy.

Sharing the elements

Communion Music

"Première Arabesque"

Claude Debussy

Prayer after Communion

All: We are so blessed. We are filled with grace. We belong to you. Thank you for the gift of love as we have shared at table together. In Jesus' name. Amen

***Hymn #313 "Like a Tree beside the Waters" Alt Hymn tune: Hyfrydol**

***Benediction**

Postlude

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

arr. Dale Wood

**Please Stand if able*

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Serving You in Church Today

Sermon: Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

Liturgist: Sandy Burkey

Organist: Ben Malkevitch

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman

Media: Dave MacKeigan

The flowers on the Communion table are given in honor and memory of John Rinehart by his family, and the flowers on the railing are given in honor of the Faith Formation committee for all their work.

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 revmq1@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.
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~ Our newsletter, <i>Dover Voices</i> , 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.

CHURCH PEACE PICNIC TODAY!

Join us **TODAY** 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.

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 FOR 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 (Loreen6300@gmail.com). 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)

Caroline (Friend of Judy Brizzolara)

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)

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, September 7, 2025

8:15 AM Early worship service
10:00 AM Nursery & Sunday school
11:00 AM Church Picnic and Justice Memorial dedication

Monday, September 8, 2025

12:30 PM Book club - Parlor
6:00 PM Ice Cream at Mitchell's

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

7:00 PM Scouts - Thomas Hall

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

7:00 PM AA - Thomas Hall

Thursday, September 11, 2025

12:00 PM Gray Shepherds - Thomas Hall
5:30 PM Al-Anon - Thomas Hall
7:00 PM Alzheimer's Assn. - Parlor
7:00 PM Al-Anon - Thomas Hall

Friday, September 12, 2025

Saturday, September 13, 2025

7:00 PM AA - parlor

PARKING LOT

Just a couple of things to keep in mind this week—Play & Learn's school year starts officially on Tuesday, September 9th, so in-and-out traffic will be affected every morning, Monday thru Friday. Also on Tuesday, September 9th, our parking lot will be used for overflow parking for a car show at Concord Reserve between 2:30 and 7:00 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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:	revmql@gmail.com
Liz Emmer, treasurer:	dovertreasurer3@gmail.com
Ben Malkevitch:	ben@malkevitch.com
Jamie Kunselman:	jkunselman1@gmail.com
Jane/Dover general:	doverucc44145@gmail.com

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)

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.

*No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

Approved by the congregation September 21, 2008
Additions approved by the congregation April 13, 2014