

THE DOVER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
45 West Canal Street, Dover, PA 17315  
Eva O'Diam, Pastor

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

**WELCOME FRIENDS!**

*"For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."*

*Mark 10:27*

**Masks are required to be worn during the service and to social distance.**

PRELUDE

*"Worship"*

Sue Storm  
Southbridge

***Our time of worship begins as the prelude is played.  
Please maintain a meditative silence.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The word of God is alive and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it can judge our thoughts and intentions of our hearts.

**All: We cannot hide for we are naked and laid bare to the one whom we must render an account.**

One: Let us hold fast to our confession before Jesus who was tested as you and I and yet was without sin.

**All: We approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in our time of need.**

+ INVOCATION

+ HYMN (See below)

"I Greet You, Sure Redeemer"

TIME WITH THE YOUNG OF HEART

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: All Loving and Holy One, we cannot begin to count all our possessions.

**All: We have things in our closets, our attics, and our basements. We have things tucked away in boxes we haven't opened in years, and still we acquire more.**

One: We have so much stuff and yet, there are those in our communities who can fit all their worldly possessions in a shopping cart.

**All: We know that you, O God, will defend the poor and come to them in their need. But we, O God, need your forgiveness for we are more attached to our things than we willingly acknowledge.**

*(All are in silent reflection)*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: We draw false and fleeting comfort from our material things. True comfort comes from God's love for us and by responding with that same love to family, friend, neighbor, and stranger. By God's love we are forgiven. Let us do likewise.

**All: Amen**

HYMN (See below)

"Lord I Want to Be a Christian"

## COLLECT

One: Let us pray. God of wisdom, whose word searches the intentions of our hearts: let worldly treasure not keep us from Jesus, who looks on us with love. Free us to leave all things and follow him, who live and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. And all God's people say,

**All: Amen.**

One: God is still speaking.

**All: Are we listening?**

## SCRIPTURE

### Psalm 90:12-17

<sup>12</sup> So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

<sup>13</sup> Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

<sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. <sup>15</sup> Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. <sup>16</sup> Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. <sup>17</sup> Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!

### Hebrews 4:12-16

<sup>12</sup> Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

#### **Jesus the Great High Priest**

<sup>14</sup> Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested<sup>[a]</sup> as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### Mark 10:17-31

<sup>17</sup> As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup> He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup> Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money<sup>[a]</sup> to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. <sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is<sup>[b]</sup> to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> They were greatly astounded and said to one another,<sup>[c]</sup> "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." <sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

One: The Word of our Still-Speaking God!

**All: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!**

MEDITATION

*"Healing Affluenza"*

Spring Davidson

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

*"Give Thanks"*

Sue Storm

arr. Kingsmore

INVITATION TO GIVE

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS PLACING THEM IN OUR BOWLS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

+ HYMN (See below)

*"Come O Fount of Every Blessing"*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SONG

Weave, weave, weave us together,  
Weave us together in unity and love.  
Weave, weave, weave us together,  
Weave us together, together in love.

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL AMENS

+ POSTLUDE

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*The Altar Flowers are placed by Deloris Crone in loving memory of Ralph Crone.*

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(+All Who Are Able Are Invited to Stand)

Today's Greeter: Bill, Karen and Michael Plappert

Elevator Operator: Anna Gladfelter



*The special arrangement is placed in honor Phyllis  
Mummer's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by her children, grandchildren  
and great-grandchildren!*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Dover UCC is again updating their mask wearing requirement. Even if you are fully vaccinated, with the rise of the Delta variant of Covid-19, we are requiring masks to be worn during the service and to once again social distance. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**4 Helpers are needed during worship service  
on Sunday mornings!**  
**We need 2 greeters (masked and gloved) to hand out bulletins and offer hand  
sanitizer.**  
**An elevator operator - A reader.**

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"I Greet You, Sure Redeemer"

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in five systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The lyrics are as follows:

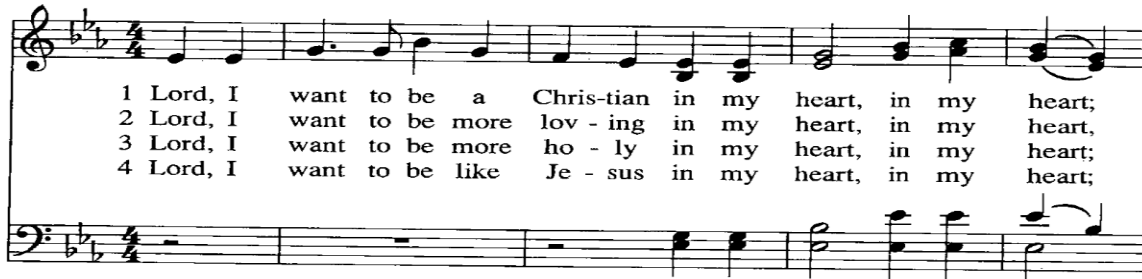
1 I greet you, sure Re - deem - er, with my heart,  
2 You are the source of mer - cy and of grace,  
3 You are the life, by which a - lone we live,  
4 You have the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness,  
5 Our hope is all in you and you a - lone;

glad for the sav - ing love that you im - part,  
reign - ing om - ni - po - tent in ev - ery place;  
and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive.  
no harsh - ness have you and no bit - ter - ness;  
we trust the prom - ise that your word makes known.

Who pain did un - der - go for my poor sake;  
So rule in us and our whole be - ing sway.  
Sus - tain us by your faith and by your power,  
Grant us the grace that flows in you so free  
O dear Re - deem - er, make us calm and sure,

I pray you from our hearts all cares to take.  
Shine on us with the light of your pure day.  
and give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.  
that we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.  
that in your strength we ev - er - more en - dure.

"Lord I Want to Be a Christian"



1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;  
2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;  
3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;  
4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

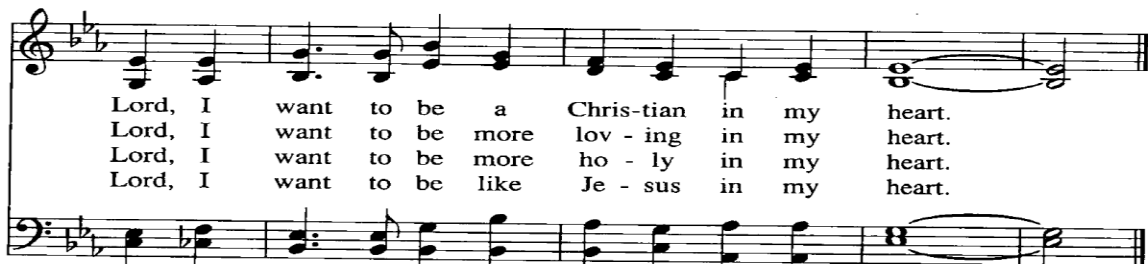


Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

*Refrain*

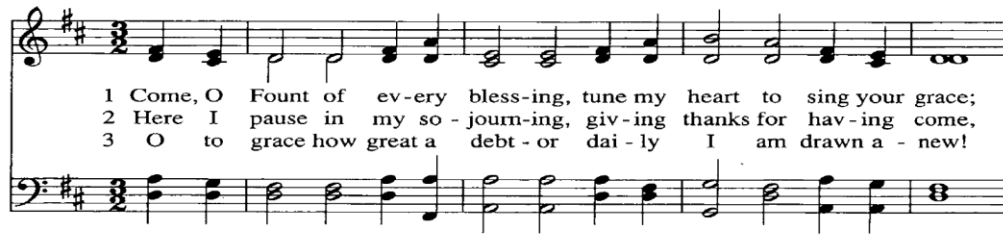


In my heart, In my heart, in my heart, in my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

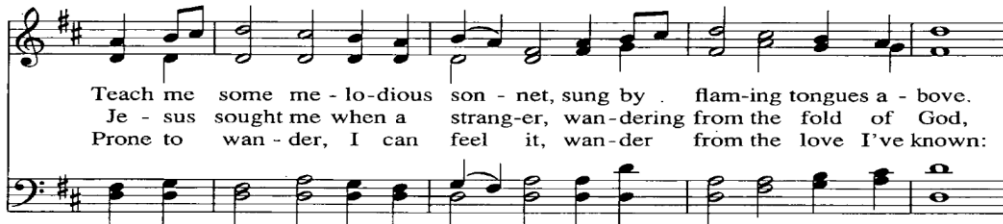
# "Come O Fount of Every Blessing"



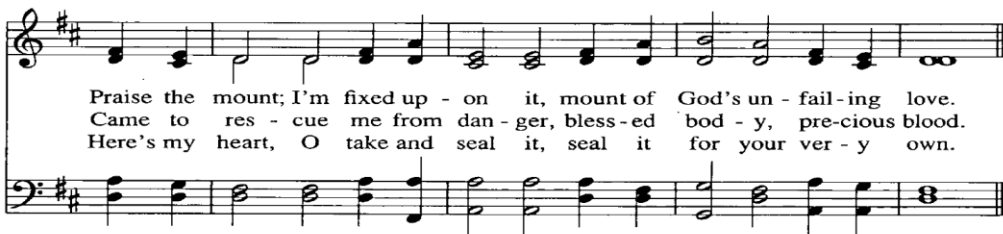
1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;  
2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come.  
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of end-less praise.  
come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.  
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,  
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail-ing love.  
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

**Welcome to Dover United Church of Christ,  
an Open and Affirming Church.**

*The congregation of Dover United Church of Christ, in the spirit of Christ's invitation, "Look, I have set before you an open door," welcomes all who seek to know and share God's love. We affirm the dignity and worth of every person and celebrate the diversity in which God created us, each in God's image and loved by God. We declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation, welcoming persons of every race, language, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ability, and economic status into full membership and participation in the life, worship, rites and sacraments of this church. We commit to model a community of faith that works toward openness and understanding, offering justice, reconciliation, healing and wholeness of life for all people.*

*Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.  
(Romans 15:7)*

**This Week at Dover UCC:**

Monday	Petals – 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. TNT – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Zumba – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	<b>Secretary's Vacation: Tuesday – Thursday</b> Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. Kids Club – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m. Troop 67 Committee
Wednesday	Petals – 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. <b>No Evening Bible Study</b> Bell Choir – 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) <b>Pastor's vacation ends</b>
Thursday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday	Pancake Breakfast - 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Next Sunday	<b>DUCC Digest deadline</b> <b>DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS</b> <b>ADULT FAITH FORMATION – 9:00 A.M.</b> WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. - In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference. at 717-297-0740. <b>MISSION MOMENT: Neighbors in Need</b> Sue Schmidt's installation – 2:00 p.m. Carpool from church. Sign-up sheet is posted.

**NOTE:** Pastor Eva will be taking her vacation through Thursday, October 13. Call the office during office hours, **Spring Davidson at 302-932-1656 or Mary Duttera at 717-870-4952 for emergencies.** Following her vacation time: Pastor Eva's cell phone number is 717-418-9627. Please call any time for pastoral emergencies. Her office hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **E-Mail: [pastor@doverducc.org](mailto:pastor@doverducc.org).**

**MORNING CHATTERS...** meets the last Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at Cousler Park, Pavilion E; use the Greenbriar Road entrance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, OCTOBER 26. Our November meeting will be Tuesday, NOVEMBER 30. **SEE YOU THERE!**



CAN YOU HELP? SIGN-UPS ARE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR: Greeters... Chair life operators... Readers... PowerPoint presenters... monthly visitors... help with setting up for outside worship services... transport people to church... help with recycling project... bell ringers... choir members... church bell ringers... people to do special music... Pancake breakfast volunteers

**PLEASE NOTE: Altar Flower Sponsor is needed for Sundays, December 26. If you're interested in sponsoring, please contact the church office at 717-292-3743. Thank you.**

As has been announced, the church funded the **Grace M. Trimmer** scholarship for \$15,000 using some of the money from Grace's generous gift to us. The scholarship, managed by Dover Area Dollars for Scholars, is offered for a graduating senior who is accepted into a non-4-year, accredited program designed to advance specific work skills. The student will have graduated from Dover Area High School with a grade point average of 2.5 or higher. He/she will have proven to be an asset to the community through participation in volunteer activities during high school and will have demonstrated good character through his/her actions and conduct.

If you want to contribute to the scholarship fund in honor of Pastor Eva as we celebrate her 40 years of serving God and the Church in ordained ministry or as a means of remembering Grace, you may do so by placing your gift in the offering plate. We will collect these donations through the end of October. We plan to give the gift to Dover Area Dollars for Scholars at the beginning of November. **Please be sure to clearly mark your donation as "scholarship fund" and include your offering envelope number.**

### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study continues at the church – 10:00 AM!**

We are continuing the study in First Corinthians. In this study we read the scripture together and take the time to stop and reflect on what it is that God is teaching us in that passage. Join us! The more people, the more fun we have! On Tuesdays (like September 28) when we have Tuesday Morning Chatters, we will not have Bible Study. If you would like to join the group by zoom or by phoning in, let Pastor Eva know and that can be set up.

### **. Evening Bible Study in-person and by Zoom**

Our evening Bible Study by zoom continues on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. We will try an earlier time to see if we might interest others to join and making it possible for those who will be ringing bells to come to the church and have Bible study and then ring! This study will be both in-person in the conference room AND by zoom. If that time does not work and you are looking for something else, please let Pastor Eva know.

### **ALL SAINTS OBSERVANCE**

On Sunday, November 7, we will observe All Saints Day. If you've lost a loved one and would like to have them included in a special remembrance, please contact the church office and give us their name, date of death and picture. **Reminder: this is also the day Daylight Savings Ends.**



## COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 - 8:30 - 10:30 AM**

**CAN YOU HELP? INVITE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**

**SIGN-UP POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARD.**

**THANK YOU!**

**The Congregation is encouraged to attend...in person or by phone. Mark your calendars for the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 14 at 11:15 a.m. Meeting minutes and agenda will be available Sunday, October 31.**

**Reminder for Ministry Team Chairpersons:** Please have your Ministry Team annual reports to the Church Office by **OCT 17**. In addition to the "regular" committee reports, the annual report will include reports from the Endowment Committee, ONA Team, and The Guild.

### *A celebration of Harvest Home - October 31*



*We will be collecting all types of food during the Month of October for Harvest Home, but we would like boxed potatoes of any kind, stuffing, boxed desserts, such as cake mix, brownie mix, gingerbread etc. We would like to have desserts to add to their Thanksgiving baskets. Of course any food will be greatly appreciated. Harvest Home donations will be given to the New Hope Ministries. Only commercially prepared or fresh foods can be accepted. Help fill the display in the front of the Sanctuary through the month of October with any food items you wish to donate. Be generous with your donations and help others who are turning to New Hope for assistance. Donations can be brought to the church and will be blessed and taken to New Hope on October 31.*

### **Adult Faith Formation Discussions** **Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

***Freeing Jesus!*** We are studying *Freeing Jesus!* by Diana Butler Bass. This is a study that will look at all the different aspects of Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way and Presence. Jesus is so many different faces to many different people. Who is Jesus to you? Has the face of Jesus changed for you over the years? Is there one aspect that you struggle with accepting? Are there aspects that you find no meaning in? The book is available in many places. At amazon.com you can get the kindle version for \$11.99 or the book from \$17.99 to \$26.49. If you would like Pastor Eva to order you a copy, let her know soon so you can have it in time.

### **The filling of backpacks for school children is baaaaack!**

Remember when we began filling backpacks (plastic bags, actually) with food for children to have over the weekends? We began doing this at New Hope in Dillsburg (There wasn't enough space in Dover). We began by doing it in the summer, then we did it year round...one day a month...shared with other churches. Then Covid hit and we stopped doing a lot of things....Well, school is back in session and there are families that are in need of food for children over the weekends. (Did you know that according to 2019-20 data, 47% of students receive a free or reduced price lunch?) Often parents work on weekends and children are left to get their own lunches. So we, along with New Hope in Dover, other churches and the school social workers, Kirsten Johnson and Niccole Assi, will work to solve this issue.

Dover UCC's has been assigned one week each month (usually the last week) to go and fill backpacks (actually plastic bags) that are then transported to the elementary schools for students. NEEDED are 3 or 4 volunteers each month. Our next packing date is November 3. We will carpool from the church to New Hope in Dillsburg until construction is completed on the Dover facility. We will leave at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning on the days we are scheduled. Each time we do this, we will put together food for about 100 children who will have food for the time they are not in school.

**UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL MAGAZINES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP DURING  
REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS AND ON SUNDAY MORNING.**

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