

THE DOVER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
45 West Canal Street, Dover, PA 17315
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Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

WELCOME FRIENDS!

*"Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way."
Mark 10:52*

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

PRELUDE

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways"

Sue Storm
Wilson

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us praise God in every moment, and through every situation.

All: Through our words and actions, our lives will pay tribute to God.

One: Whenever we hear of God's greatness, we will be humbled and we will celebrate!

All: Let us come and lift up God's name; Let us praise God's name together!

+ UNISON INVOCATION

Ever-calling God, we give thanks that you have gathered us into your church and graced us with your faithful presence. We ponder our history, ancient and still developing, and marvel at the many expressions of your church. Grant us the vision to be a part of this new moment in your Church that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world. Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus' vision and dream that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen

+ HYMN (See below)

"There is a Name I Love to Hear"

TIME WITH THE YOUNG OF HEART

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

All: Jesus Christ, Son of David, have mercy upon us!

One: So many days, we are like the blind beggar in Mark's gospel, sitting on the side of the road hoping to hear the sounds of your coming. We are like the Canaanite woman begging for the crumbs that fall from your table. We are like the woman who was sick for so many years who reached out to touch the hem of your garment.

All: Jesus Christ, Son of David, have mercy upon us! Have mercy upon us when we cannot see how we will make it, Have mercy upon us when we are sick and cannot get well, have mercy upon us when life hardens our hearts and makes it difficult for us to love, to heal or to forgive, have mercy upon us when persecution comes and when we are misunderstood.

One: Jesus Christ, Son of David, we come this morning asking for strength to get to the other side, and grace to represent you well.

(a time of silence)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Jesus Christ, Son of David, have mercy upon us. We come, confident that your promise to be with us always is true, confident that you are greater than the trials we face, confident that we are secure in the palm of your hands.

All: We come to you today, like blind Bartimaeus who sat on the side of the road to Jericho, knowing that you love us and have not forgotten our needs. Thanks be to God!

HYMN (See below)

“The Power of Your Love”

COLLECT

One: Let us pray. Amazing God, whose claims on us are as old as creation and as new as this very moment, help us to hear you calling us, not alone that we may be healed, but that we might become instruments of healing in a hurting world. Restore to us that sight that is beyond seeing, so your church may respond with joy to the great high priest, in whose name we pray and carry out our ministry. And all God’s people say,

All: Amen.

One: God is still speaking.

All: Are we listening?

SCRIPTURE

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (The Message)

¹ Job answered God: “I’m convinced: You can do anything and everything.

Nothing and no one can upset your plans.

You asked, ‘Who is this muddying the water,

ignorantly confusing the issue, second-guessing my purposes?’

I admit it. I was the one. I babbled on about things far beyond me,

made small talk about wonders way over my head.

You told me, ‘Listen, and let me do the talking.

Let me ask the questions. *You* give the answers.’

I admit I once lived by rumors of you;

now I have it all firsthand—from my own eyes and ears!

I’m sorry—forgive me. I’ll never do that again, I promise!

I’ll never again live on crusts of hearsay, crumbs of rumor.”

God Restores Job. I Will Accept His Prayer

¹⁰⁻¹¹ After Job had interceded for his friends, God restored his fortune—and then doubled it! All his brothers and sisters and friends came to his house and celebrated. They told him how sorry they were, and consoled him for all the trouble God had brought him. Each of them brought generous housewarming gifts.

¹²⁻¹⁵ God blessed Job’s later life even more than his earlier life. He ended up with fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand teams of oxen, and one thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first daughter Dove, the second, Cinnamon, and the third, Darkeyes. There was not a woman in that country as beautiful as Job’s daughters. Their father treated them as equals with their brothers, providing the same inheritance.

¹⁶⁻¹⁷ Job lived on another 140 years, living to see his children and grandchildren—four generations of them! Then he died—an old man, a full life.

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, ^[a] let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

One: The Word of our Still-Speaking God!

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

MEDITATION

"Walking the Walk"

Pastor Eva

ANTHEM

"The Summons"

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)

"My Life Flows On"

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

The Altar Flowers are placed by Carol and Ken Crone in loving memory of our parents.

(+All Who Are Able Are Invited to Stand)

Today's Greeters: Jim & Deb Markle

Elevator Operators: Jim & Deb Markle

Reader: Pam Rutledge

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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"There is a Name I Love to Hear"

1 There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
2 It tells my Sav - ior's love for all; Christ died to set us free;
3 It bids me serve a - mid the wrath God's peo - ple face each day,

It sounds like mu - sic to my ear, the sweet - est name on earth.
What - ev - er prob - lems may be - fall, we'll live in dig - ni - ty.
And sheds a - long life's trou - bled path bright sun - shine on my way.

Refrain

O how I love Je - sus, O how I love Je - sus,

O how I love Je - sus, whose love has first found me.

"The Power of Your Love"

Unison

A $\frac{E}{G\#}$ F#m C#m

1 Lord, I come to you; let my heart be changed, re-newed,
 2 Lord, un-veil my eyes; let me see you face to face,

F#m D E

flow - ing from the grace that I've found in
 the knowl-edge of your love as you live in

F#m Bm7 Esus E A $\frac{E}{G\#}$

you. And Lord, I've come to know
 me. Lord, re - new my mind,

F#m C#m F#m

the weak-ness-es I see in me will be stripped a -
 as your will un - folds in my life, in liv-ing ev - ery

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D Esus E7 A $\frac{D}{A}$ $\frac{E}{A}$ A A7

way day by the power of your love.
by the power of your love.

Refrain
D E $\frac{D}{A}$

Hold me close, let your love sur - round

A D E E7

me. Bring me near, draw me to your

A $\frac{E7sus}{B}$ $\frac{A}{C\#}$ A7 D

side. And as I wait,

"My Life Flows On "

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -
 2 What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is
 3 When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells
 4 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a -

ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that
 liv - ing. What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A
 ring - ing; When friends re - joice both far and near, how
 bove it; And day by day this path - way smooths, since

hails a new cre - a - tion. Through all the tu - mult
 new song Christ is giv - ing. No storm can shake my
 can I keep from sing - ing? In pris - on cell and
 first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes

and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It
 in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since
 dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When
 fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing; All

finds an ech - o in my soul— how can I keep from sing - ing?
 Love com - mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?
 friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing - ing?
 things are mine since I am Christ's— how can I keep from sing - ing?

**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:

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| TODAY | <i>Offering received for Neighbors in Need</i> |
| Monday | Petals – 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. TNT – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Zumba – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | MORNING CHATTERS – 9:00 A.M. – COUSLER PARK – PAVILLION E (unless the temperature is 55 degrees or colder, then we will meet at the church) Kids Club – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | Petals – 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir – 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) |
| Thursday | ONA – 5:30 p.m. Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) |
| Next Sunday | ADULT FAITH FORMATION – 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. - In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference. at 717-297-0740. |

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.**

MORNING CHATTERS... meets the last Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at Cousler Park, Pavilion E; use the Greenbriar Road entrance. (If the temperature is below 55 degrees, we will meet at the church.) The next meeting will be Tuesday, OCTOBER 26. Our November meeting will be Tuesday, NOVEMBER 30. (place to be announced) **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

Mark YOUR Calendars! Sign up for YOUR TICKET!

On Sunday afternoon, November 7, at 3:00 p.m. Dover UCC will carpool to DreamWrights at 100 Carlisle Avenue in York to see the play *Next Fall*. This play is about faith and spirituality, identity and beliefs, relationships and family and end of life. The play takes place primarily in the emergency waiting room of a hospital where a gay couple is faced with reliving their relationship—how it has grown, how they have worked through differences and how they deal with family. You will laugh and cry and will have plenty to talk about after the play is finished. Pastor Eva was part of what they call “Community Conversations” and can be accessed through their website at www.dreamwrights.org when it is released on Saturday, October 23. Pastor Eva will also be part of the talk back on Saturday evening after the play on November 6. (You will probably catch much of what will be said then by watching the Community Conversation) If you sign up, we will know how many tickets to purchase. They are only \$15. We will carpool down and back to the play. Show your support of the LGBTQ community by attending this play and supporting DreamWrights for producing this conversation. If you cannot go on Sunday afternoon, the play will also be on Thursday the 4, Friday the 5, and Saturday the 6 at 7:00 p.m.

The Grace M. Trimmer scholarship to which our church contributed \$15,000 - a portion of Grace's generous gift to us is now standing at \$22,127. We thank the Markle family for their contribution to the fund of \$5,000 from Martha's estate in memory of Martha and Sandy. The fund continues to grow as others are making their own contributions in memory of Grace or in honor of Pastor Eva's anniversary of 40 years in ordained ministry.

Initially, we had decided the fund raising would end in October and the check presented in November. However, as is often the case, plans changed and now we are presenting the check on December 5 during the worship service. So if you still want to contribute there is time. Just put your gift in the offering plate and mark the envelope “Scholarship Fund.”

Thank you to all those who have given or who plan to give. Some deserving Dover graduate is going to be blessed.

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.

**HELPERS NEEDED! November 6, December 3 and 11
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ASKED THE GUILD TO PROVIDE
MEALS FOR THEIR UPCOMING EVENTS.
SIGN-UPS ARE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.**

. 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.**

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.

POINSETTIAS

Christmas is around the corner, so it's time to order your Poinsettia Plants to decorate the church for the Christmas Season. Plants will be on display in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, December 19** and will remain for the Christmas Eve service. Please complete the order form and return it with your order by **Sunday, November 14. Payment is due with your order.** Make checks payable to Dover UCC. You may give your order to Sue Storm or mail your order to Phyllis at 1700 Normandie Drive #114, York, PA 17408. Any questions, call Phyllis at 717-718-7661. Poinsettias may be picked up following the Christmas Eve service or on Sunday, December 26.

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.

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 all 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.

The filling of backpacks for school children is baaaaack!

Dover UCC's has been assigned one week each month (usually the first 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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