

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

First Sunday after Epiphany

January 9, 2022

The Gospel According to Harry Potter

WELCOME FRIENDS!

*Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you believed because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."
- John 20:29*

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

PRELUDE

"Lord, Hear Us Pray"

Scott

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

SINGING TOGETHER

**You are welcome here, no matter who you are,
No matter where you are on life's journey.
You are welcome here, no matter who you are,
Come and join with us, we're united in the church of Christ.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come again to celebrate life!
God gives us new birth into a living hope.
All: Christ goes before us in the new life God offers.
One: Blessed be the God of Jesus Christ!
Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.
**All: Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice.
God shows us the path of life.**
One: Again, Jesus says to us: Peace be with you.
Come and receive life in Christ's name.
**All: We rejoice in God's amazing good news.
In God's presence, we find fullness of joy!**

UNISON INVOCATION

We gather to praise you, amazing God. Continue to make your ways known to us. Fill us with your presence. We cannot live apart from you. Help us to open ourselves to you. Inspire in us fullness of joy, we pray, as we respond in faith to you and embrace the tasks you set before us. Build up our sense of community that we may truly care for one another through all life's trials. Amen.

+ HYMN (See below)

"God Will Take Care of You"

TIME WITH THE YOUNG OF HEART

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, God for seeking to limit your truth to what we can understand. Forgive us for chasing after gods of our own making. We get so busy with them that we forget to open ourselves to your larger reality. We reduce the circles of connection and caring that Jesus demonstrated. Goodness is crucified by our prejudices, and our doubts plunge us into despair. Be to us a refuge, granting us courage to face the questions that haunt us until they lead to deeper understanding. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: God never abandons us, not matter how far we stray.

All: We have a good heritage which is ours to claim.

One: God show us the path of life and offers us fullness of joy.

All: Let our hearts be glad and our tongues rejoice.

We are granted new birth into a living hope!

HYMN (See below)

"We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness"

COLLECT

One: Let us pray. God of Peace, by whose breath the Holy Spirit enters our lives and transforms our community of faith, come to us now, whether we have opened or locked our doors. Lead us to faith beyond sight, trust beyond doubt, deeds beyond words, that we may live as your forgiven and forgiving children, leading the way for realization of your peace among us and in all the world. .And all God's people say,

All: Amen.

One: God is still speaking.

All: Are we listening?

SCRIPTURE

(Insert)

Contemporary Word

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

"Is that where--?" whispered Professor McGonagall.

"Yes," said Dumbledore. "He'll have that scar forever."

"Couldn't you do something about it, Dumbledore?"

"Even if I could, I wouldn't. Scars can come in handy."

John 20:26-29

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

One: The Word of our Still-Speaking God!

All: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

MEDITATION

"Scars Can Come in Handy"

Pastor Eva

SPECIAL MUSIC

INVITATION TO GIVE

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS PLACING THEM IN OUR BOWL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

+ HYMN (See below)

My Life Flows on In Endless Song”

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

One: May we dream of a world made new,

All: Where together we shout for justice, and as one we fight against oppression.

One: May we dream of a world made new,

All: Where together we seek God’s righteousness and as one we sing God’s praise.

One: May we dream of a world made new,

All: Where together we climb God’s mountain, and as one we enter the promised land.

One: May we dream of a world made new,

All: Where together we proclaim the good news of God’s kingdom, and as one we enjoy its peace, and abundance and love.

+ CHORAL AMENS

+ POSTLUDE

The Altar Flowers are placed by Bill and Karen Plappert,
in loving memory of Mary Plappert, Bill’s mother.

(+All Who Are Able Are Invited to Stand)

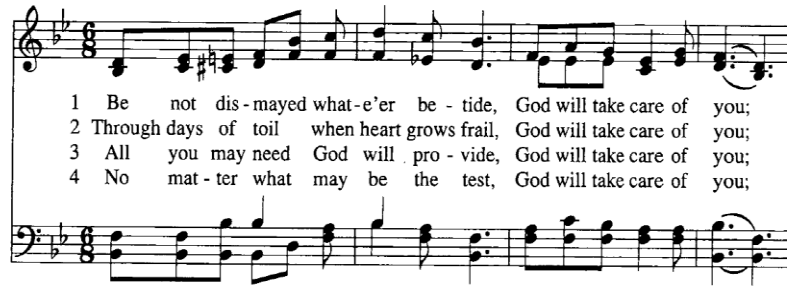
Today’s Greeter: Kathy Fearnbaugh

Reader: Pam Rutledge

PLEASE NOTE: Because of the increase of Covid-19 cases, 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.**

"God Will Take Care of You"

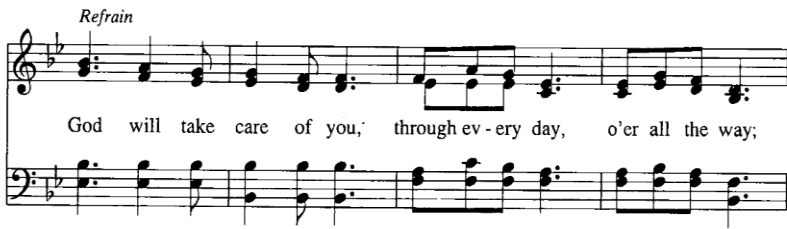


1 Be not dis-mayed what-e'er be-tide, God will take care of you;
 2 Through days of toil when heart grows frail, God will take care of you;
 3 All you may need God will pro-vide, God will take care of you;
 4 No mat-ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;



Be-neath God's wings of love a-bide, God will take care of you.
 When dan-gers fierce your path as-sail, God will take care of you.
 Noth-ing you ask will be de-nied, God will take care of you.
 Lean, wea-ry one, up-on God's breast, God will take care of you.

Refrain

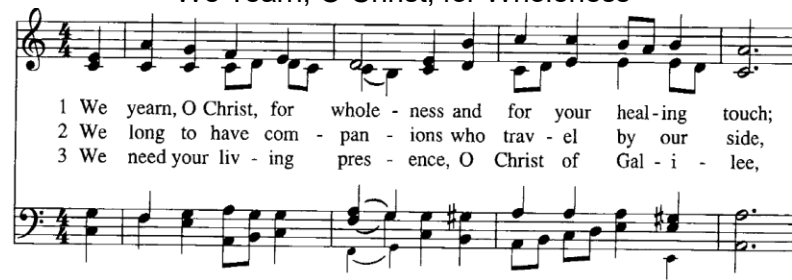


God will take care of you, through ev-ery day, o'er all the way;

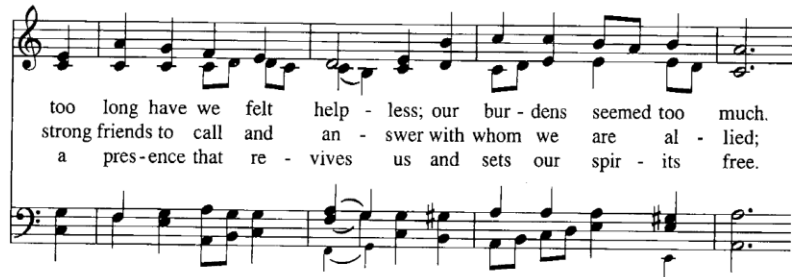


God will take care of you, God will take care of you.
 take care of you

"We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness"



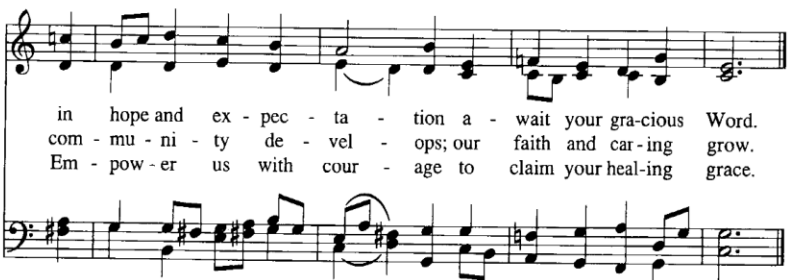
1 We yearn, O Christ, for whole - ness and for your heal - ing touch;
 2 We long to have com - pan - ions who trav - el by our side,
 3 We need your liv - ing pres - ence, O Christ of Gal - i - lee,



too long have we felt help - less; our bur - dens seemed too much.
 strong friends to call and an - swer with whom we are al - lied;
 a pres - ence that re - vives us and sets our spir - its free.



For - get - ting all pre - tens - es we make our plead - ings heard,
 As we lift up each oth - er when strug - gles lay us low,
 No long - er are we fear - ful, your love per - vades each place.



in hope and ex - pec - ta - tion a - wait your gra - cious Word.
 com - mu - ni - ty de - vel - ops; our faith and car - ing grow.
 Em - pow - er us with cour - age to claim your heal - ing grace.

"My Life Flows on In Endless Song"

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

**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)*

**Large print worship materials are available.
Please see an usher.**

This Week at Dover UCC:

TODAY *DUCC DIGEST DEADLINE*

Monday	Petals – 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. "TNT" – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Zumba – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Dover UCC Council meeting – 6:30 p.m. – in person or by zoom. The congregation is welcome to attend, if you would like the zoom connection, please contact Pastor Eva.
Tuesday	Bible Study – 1:00 p.m. Kids Club – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Yoga – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m./6:45 – 7:45 p.m. (Sanctuary or Youth Room) Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 67 Committee – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Petals – 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Yoga – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m./6:45 – 7:45 p.m. (Youth Room) Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	DINNER AND A MOVIE HAS BEEN CANCELLED
Saturday	Yoga - 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary or Youth Room)
Next Sunday	ADULT FAITH FORMATION – 9:00 A.M. in person or contact the Pastor if you would like the zoom connection. Studying <i>How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America</i> by Clint Smith. WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. - In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference. at 717-297-0750. MISSION MOMENT: Heritage Senior Center

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.
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Do you have a prayer concern? Call Nancy Schubert at 717-292-2113.

ALL STAR BREAKFAST

Help support our students in Dover and participate in the **NEST** breakfast we will be providing the students of the high school once a month. NEST stands for Nurturing Educational Success and Transformation. The students will earn the privilege to join us for a breakfast and conversation. This month's will be held on **FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 with those helping to fix breakfast at the church by 7:00 a.m.** Check the bulletin board and sign up if you would be willing to helpout.

The Pastor is ordering books for January's Faith Formation Class ***How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*** by Clint Smith. Let her know if you would like her to order you a copy!

ATTENTION all you who love to work puzzles... Jeannie Sindlinger has put puzzles in the library room downstairs... perhaps members would like to exchange puzzles over the winter. Shelves are marked for donating and some for lending. If you bring puzzles you want returned to you, please put your name on the box.

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! 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. This study will be both in-person in the conference room AND by zoom. Please contact Pastor Eva for Zoom link. We will study ***Lost Scriptures*** by **Bart D. Ehrman**. We will begin with the Gospel of the Nazareans. It is available on amazon.com in paperback, hardback, audio and kindle. Check with Pastor Eva if you need her to order you a copy

MORNING CHATTERS... meets the last Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.! The next meeting will be Tuesday, JANUARY 25, 2022. During the winter months, we are going to try meeting at the 74 Restaurant, 4980 Carlisle Rd, Dover. Our February meeting will be Tuesday FEBRUARY 22, 2022! **SEE YOU THERE!**

NEWS-FLASH!!!!!!

On January 22, the Capital Area Polar Plunge will be held at the Conewago Day Use Area of Pinchot Park off of Alpine Road. Registration begins at 9:30 A.M. and teams will begin to plunge around noon. Teams and Individuals raising money for York County Special Olympics will be there, including your very own "The Beach Boys and Friends". Our team is already registered and anyone wishing to plunge with us and/or donate online can go to [2022 Capital Area Polar Plunge - Campaign \(specialolympicspa.org\)](https://specialolympicspa.org) Please support Michael and his friends!



COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - 8:30 - 10:30 AM
CAN YOU HELP? INVITE YOUR NEIGHBOR!
SIGN-UP POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARD.
THANK YOU!

And for those who like to plan ahead, sign-ups for the balance of 2022 are also posted. The dates are April 16, June 18, August 20, October 22 (please note this is the fourth Saturday for this month only), and October 17.

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

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