

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

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Outdoor Worship

July 3, 2022

**WELCOME FRIENDS!**

*On this Sunday before Independence Day, we welcome everyone to this service of worship. May we all express our gratitude to God for our homeland where we can worship as we choose.*

**Masks are optional. Please respect those who choose to wear one.**

PRELUDE

"My Country 'Tis of Thee"

Arr. Turner

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Make a joyful sound to the Holy One. Let the earth rejoice.

**All: How awesome are your works, O Sovereign!**

One: Creation groans under the pressure of war, environmental abuse, and communal disconnection.

**All: We cry out to you, Present God, and you hear and respond.**

One: You turn our mourning into movement and stir our souls to action and to rest.

**All: Everlasting God, we will give thanks and praise you for you clothe us in joy and peace.**

UNISON INVOCATION

God with us, you send us into the world as your agents of restoration and change. You speak to us in the stillness of our rest and the chaos of a frenzied world. You guide us in troubling times, and you move us to dance in celebration. We give thanks for your presence among us. Open all points of receptivity within us as we worship you, Holy and Living God. Amen.

+ HYMN (See below)

"This Is My Song"

TIME WITH THE YOUNG OF HEART

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Spirit of the Living God, temptation surrounds us. Self-preservation lures us to indifference. Fear of confrontation coaxes us to keep silent about things that matter. The desire to be right entices us to ignore the cries of our neighbors. Too often we ignore the call to go and to be in favor of staying stuck in our attitudes and behaviors. Too often, we are the ones who refuse to welcome you into our intimate space, who resist the work of transformation, and who remain unresponsive to the burdens of our siblings in creation. Spirit of Gentleness, redirect us back to the path of life, the way of justice, and the hope of peace. Amen.**

*(We offer our own personal confessions in a time of silence)*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Our Companion and Advocate takes this journey with us. Our invitation to make the kingdom of God our dwelling place continually renews.

**All: The Righteous One opens the door and eases our entry into new life, new mercy, and new grace.**

God bless America, land that I love  
 Stand beside her and guide her  
 Through the night with the light from above  
 From the mountains to the prairies  
 To the oceans white with foam  
 God bless America, my home sweet home  
 God bless America, my home sweet home

## COLLECT

One: Let us pray. God of peace, whose challenges to us are not too great for us to fulfill with your help, speak your transforming Word to us now, that we may be empowered for the mission on which you send us. May the hospitality and compassion of Jesus be so much a part of our nature that others will be drawn to worship you and to keep your commands. And all God's people say,

**All: Amen.**

One: God is still speaking.

**All: Are we listening?**

## SCRIPTURE

**2 Kings 5:1-14**

Naaman, a general for the king of Aram, was a great man and highly regarded by his master, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. This man was a mighty warrior, but he had a skin disease.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>2</sup> Now Aramean raiding parties had gone out and captured a young girl from the land of Israel. She served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "I wish that my master could come before the prophet who lives in Samaria. He would cure him of his skin disease." <sup>4</sup> So Naaman went and told his master what the young girl from the land of Israel had said. <sup>5</sup> Then Aram's king said, "Go ahead. I will send a letter to Israel's king." So Naaman left. He took along ten kikkars of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. <sup>6</sup> He brought the letter to Israel's king. It read, "Along with this letter I'm sending you my servant Naaman so you can cure him of his skin disease." <sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he ripped his clothes. He said, "What? Am I God to hand out death and life? But this king writes me, asking me to cure someone of his skin disease! You must realize that he wants to start a fight with me." <sup>8</sup> When Elisha the man of God heard that Israel's king had ripped his clothes, he sent word to the king: "Why did you rip your clothes? Let the man come to me. Then he'll know that there's a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup> Naaman arrived with his horses and chariots. He stopped at the door of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent out a messenger who said, "Go and wash seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored and become clean." <sup>11</sup> But Naaman went away in anger. He said, "I thought for sure that he'd come out, stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the bad spot, and cure the skin disease. <sup>12</sup> Aren't the rivers in Damascus, the Abana<sup>[b]</sup> and the Pharpar, better than all Israel's waters? Couldn't I wash in them and get clean?" So he turned away and proceeded to leave in anger. <sup>13</sup> Naaman's servants came up to him and spoke to him: "Our father, if the prophet had told you to do something difficult, wouldn't you have done it? All he said to you was, 'Wash and become clean.'" <sup>14</sup> So Naaman went down and bathed in the Jordan seven times, just as the man of God had said. His skin was restored like that of a young boy, and he became clean.

**Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

After these things, the Lord commissioned seventy-two others and sent them on ahead in pairs to every city and place he was about to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "The harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go! Be warned, though, that I'm sending you out as lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no wallet, no bag, and no sandals. Don't even greet anyone along the way. <sup>5</sup> Whenever you enter a house, first say, 'May peace be on this house.' <sup>6</sup> If anyone there shares God's peace, then your peace will rest on that person. If not, your blessing will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in this house, eating and drinking whatever they set before you, for workers deserve their pay. Don't move from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a city and its people welcome you, eat what they set before you. <sup>9</sup> Heal the sick who are there, and say to them, 'God's kingdom has come upon you.' <sup>10</sup> Whenever you enter a city and the people don't welcome you, go out into the streets and say, <sup>11</sup> 'As a complaint against you, we brush off the dust of your city that has collected on our feet. But know this: God's kingdom has come to you.' <sup>12</sup> I assure you that Sodom will be better off on Judgment Day than that city. <sup>16</sup> Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." <sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned joyously, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit themselves to us in your name." <sup>18</sup> Jesus replied, "I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning. <sup>19</sup> Look, I have given you authority to crush snakes and scorpions underfoot. I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, don't rejoice because the spirits submit to you. Rejoice instead that your names are written in heaven."

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

One: The Word of our Still-Speaking God!

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

MEDITATION

*"Ambassadors of the Way"*

Pastor Eva

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

One: The generous life responds to the call to mutuality and burden sharing. The generous life recognizes the abundance of creation and trusts the generosity of the Giver of every good and perfect gift. The generous life follows the steps of Jesus in meeting needs, spreading hope, and sharing love.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 Eyes Have Seen the Glory"*

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 presented to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Frank loved ones by Sonia Dittenhafer.

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(+All Who Are Able Are Invited to Stand)

Today's Greeter: Bill, Karen and Michael Plappert

Reader: Barb Kimpel

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**PLEASE NOTE: Masks are now optional. Remember, this does *not* mean we are beyond Covid. It means that the case count is low in York County. Please respect those who continue to wear masks. Please stay home if you are sick and if you need to go out wear a mask to protect others. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.**

**4 Helpers are needed during worship service  
on Sunday mornings!  
We need 2 greeters to hand out bulletins  
An elevator operator - A reader.**

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# "This Is My Song"

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of  
2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun-light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the  
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my  
sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are  
where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in two columns per system. The score includes various musical notations such as chords, beams, and rests. A double bar line with repeat dots is used at the end of the fifth system. An asterisk (\*) is placed above the first measure of the fifth system's vocal line.

# "My Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

1 My eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord,  
 2 God has been there in the watch - fires of a hun - dred cir - cling camps,  
 3 God has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;  
 4 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,

who is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored,  
 where they built a sa - cred al - tar in the eve - ning dews and damps;  
 and is sift - ing out the hearts of all be - fore the judg - ment seat;  
 with a glo - ry in whose bo - som that trans - fig - ures you and me;

And has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of a ter - ri - ble swift sword;  
 I can read the righ - teous sen - tence by the dim and flar - ing lamps;  
 O be swift, my soul, to an - swer and be ju - bi - lant, my feet!  
 As Christ died to make us ho - ly, let us die to make all free;

*Refrain*

God's truth is march - ing on.  
 God's day is march - ing on.      Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!  
 Our God is march - ing on.  
 While God is march - ing on.

Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!      Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le -

lu - jah! God's truth is march - ing on.

**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**      ***Brunch and discussion following worship: What is Dover UCC going to be post-Covid?***

Monday      ***Independence Day***  
Petals – 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.  
"TNT" – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday      ***Bible Study – 10:00 p.m. – In-person or zoom***  
Kids Club – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Suicide Survivor Support Group – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday      Petals – 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.  
Bible Study – 6:00 p.m.in person or zoom

Saturday      WORK DAY at Dover UCC from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donuts and coffee provided!  
Jobs for all!

Next Sunday      **WORSHIP – 9:00 a.m.** - In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference at 717-297-0750.

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. <b>E-Mail: <a href="mailto:pastor@doverducc.org">pastor@doverducc.org</a>.</b>
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<b>Do you have a prayer concern? Call Nancy Schubert at 717-292-2113.</b>
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**Heritage Sunday**

July 31 – Salem UCC Picnic Grove

10:30 a.m. (Picnic following)

Dover UCC is responsible for meats & condiments.

If you wish to help with this, please give monetary donations to Sue Storm.

Sign-up sheet is posted.

Please bring your own lawn chair.

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

Tuesday Bible Study returns to our study of Second Corinthians. You do not need to read ahead of time, but simply join us as we read and stop to raise questions and insights along the way.

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

Our evening Bible Study by zoom continues on Wednesday evening 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 continue to meet through the Gospel of Thomas and then decide whether to continue for the summer.

### UPCOMING DATES:

- **Saturday, July 9** – Work day at the church from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.! We have lots of little projects that need our attention! Come and join in the fellowship and spruce up our building!
- **Saturday, July 9** – Ukrainian Festival at Bethel UCC. No admission charge! There will be a concert beginning at 3 p.m. (opens at 2 p.m.) Cash for Food and Drinks and Basket Raffle! All proceeds will go to Ukrainian Relief Fund.
- **On Sunday, July 17**, the congregation is invited to worship at Bethel UCC (2112 Yingling Drive, Spring Grove, PA 17362), where Zoe D'heedene is pastoring. The service is at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Eva will lead service at Dover UCC for those not visiting Bethel UCC. Zoe will preach at Dover UCC on Sunday, August 21.
- **Sunday, July 31** – Heritage Sunday! Worship with our UCC and Lutheran brothers and sisters at 10:30 at the Salem UCC Picnic Grove, then join the fun of a picnic! Our own Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Carrie Call will preach! Games and prizes for children. Play GUESS WHAT CHURCH! Enjoy the fellowship! Rain or shine! The sanctuary is large enough for us all if it rains!

**PLEASE NOTE: The cost of Altar Flowers is \$45.00 and special arrangements are \$30.00. My apologies for printing the former donation amount in the July Digest.**

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REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS AND ON SUNDAY MORNING.

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