

The Dover Church

A WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF FAITH AND SERVICE SINCE 1762



AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION
IN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, July 28, 2024 - 9:00 AM
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to The Dover Church. Sunday morning worship is perhaps the only occasion where people of all generations spend time together in the same public place. This is one of our great joys. Different people at different ages worship in different ways. Some are bouncy and some are silent. We ask that everyone welcome each other and embrace these differences.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Song H

Bruce Hornsby
arr. Hogan

WORDS OF WELCOME

All are invited to join in speaking or singing when bolded words appear.

If you have a prayer request card, the ushers will come by after the sermon to collect them.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Job 38

We gather in your praise,

Oh God who laid the foundations of the Earth.

We gather in your mercy,

Oh God who determined Earth's measurements and laid its cornerstone.

We gather in your presence,

Oh God who conducts the morning stars in their song.

We gather in your love,

Oh God for whom the heavens shout for joy.

HYMN OF ADORATION

How Firm a Foundation

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Miracles and Might, we pray to you:
 For the molding of our minds, prone to see scarcity where this is
 abundance,
 For the softening of our hearts, prone to shut out your wonder,
 For the stains of our pasts, the sins we have allowed to persist for too
 long,
 We pray for your wisdom, your grace, your mercy. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God loves you and there's nothing you can do about it.
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THE SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

GOD'S WORD FOR US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we
 may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover
 peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

from the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST

John 6:1-21

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Do You Believe in Miracles?"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

OFFERING OURSELVES TO THE SPIRIT & THE OFFERING

SONG

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God**443**

RECEPTION OF OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

THE 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF PARTING

How Great Thou Art

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COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Olympic Fanfare and Theme

John Williams
arr. Christine Hogan

LAY LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

DEACON ON DUTY: Lindie Wilson

USHER: Daniel Swayne-Gerrish

*Please join us for lemonade, cookies, and fellowship
following our service this morning.*

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Birthday and Anniversary Wishes for July 28, 2024 to August 3, 2024

We wish Happy Birthday to the following people: **Bob Graham, Sarah Rafter, Randa Tarazi, Margi Derian, Leah Hoover and Lucas Olmstead.**

Happy Anniversary to **John & Dawn Fattore.**

Please let us know if we have forgotten anyone!