

# The Dover Church

A WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF FAITH AND SERVICE SINCE 1762



AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION  
IN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, June 22, 2025 - 9:00 AM  
Second 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

#### 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

In worship, we gather to celebrate your love:

**You listen to our questions.**

You walk alongside us.

**You share our journeys.**

You surprise us and bless us.

**You fill us with wonder.**

Open our eyes to see you amongst us.

**Burn in our hearts and fill us with joy.**

#### GATHERING HYMN

**God of Grace and God of Glory**

**477**

#### A TIME FOR REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God loves you and there's nothing you can do about it.

**People: God loves you and there's nothing you can do about it**

## EXCHANGING SIGNS OF PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

GOD'S WORD FOR US

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O Lord our God, you offer us in scripture words of life, which, through  
 faith, become our word of life. Help us to listen for that word in our  
 lessons this morning. Amen**

from the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST

Luke 24: 13-35

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

## ACT OF PRAISE

**O bless the Lord, my Soul!  
 God's grace to thee proclaim.  
 And all that is within me join  
 To bless God's holy name. Amen.**

## SERMON

## HYMN

**I Want Jesus to Walk with Me**

**471**

## LITURGY OF BLESSING OVER OUR PILGRIMS

### INTRODUCTION

#### COMMISSIONING OF THE PILGRIMS

One: Two disciples walked the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They did not notice the length of the journey because they were talking and discussing the events of the past days – seeing Jesus suffer and watching the community struggle.

**Pilgrims: On this journey, we promise attentiveness to the sacred space to raise our awareness of the complexities of the world’s suffering and struggles.**

One: A stranger joins the journey, listens to the stories and gives them a new way to perceive their lives, the world and faith.

**Pilgrims: On this journey, we promise attentiveness to others we meet and to their different perceptions, view points, and experiences.**

One: As the disciples offer hospitality to the stranger and they sit together for a meal, the stranger blesses the food and gives it back to them. In this act of blessed sharing – of receiving and giving – the disciples recognize the risen Christ in their midst.

**Pilgrims: On this journey, we promise attentiveness to God in our midst – God who makes all things new.**

#### COVENANTING OF THE CONGREGATION

One: By participating in the commissioning of this group, we commit ourselves to accompany our pilgrims in the unexpected twists of the journey, in the unexpected witnessing of faith, and in the unexpected things God would have us do in the world so the abundance of God’s resurrection life is reality for all. Let all of Christ’s disciples proclaim –

**All: The risen Christ is in our midst, making all things new!**

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**Holy God, we give you thanks for this group of pilgrims who have heard your call and said yes to this journey. We thank you for those who will receive them in their travels, and for your spirit, which will accompany them as they go. We pray for your blessing on their journey as we promise to go with them in prayer and to be ready to receive them, listen to them, and grow with them, on their return. Amen.**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

## OFFERING OURSELVES TO THE SPIRIT &amp; THE OFFERING

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

## 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                      **Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us**                      **212**

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**D. BARR CLAYSON**  
BY PAM CLAYSON

**LAY LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**  
DEACON ON DUTY: David Mahr  
USHER: Whitney Loehr

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

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