



The Dover Church  
 Sunday, April 5, 2026 - 9:00 and 11:00 AM  
 Easter Sunday

*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 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

Prelude and Fugue in B Flat

J.S. Bach

GREETING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

This is the Good News: God brings life out of death and hope out of despair.

**Alleluia!**

This is the Good News: God has raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

**Alleluia**

This is the Good News: God gathers up the fragments left by our human destruction and creates new possibilities.

**Alleluia!**

Christ has risen!

**Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Leader: O Christ, in your resurrection,

**People: the heavens and earth rejoice. Alleluia!**

By your resurrection, you broke open the gates of hell and destroyed sin and death.

**Keep us victorious over sin and death!**

By your resurrection, you raised the dead and brought us from death to life.

**Guide us in the way of eternal life.**

By your resurrection, you confounded your guards and executioners and filled the disciples with joy.

**Fill us with that joy today and always.**

By your resurrection, you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles and brought salvation to the whole world.

**Direct our lives as your new creation.**

**God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the grips of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us.**

**Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord, who lives in love with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Alleluia, Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## EXCHANGING SIGNS OF PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also, with you.**

GOD'S WORD FOR US

THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

Mark 16: 1-8

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ACT OF PRAISE

**Three Days***See insert*

AN EASTER SERMON

ANTHEM

Worthy Is the Lamb

George Frederick Handel

*Please remain seated during the Anthem*OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

THE OFFERING

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

AN EASTER PRAYER

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.**

## HYMN OF PARTING

**Thine is the Glory****214**

## COMMISSIONING &amp; BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Amen

George Fredrick Handel

*The **Teddy Bear Room** will open at 8:30 AM  
and be available during our 9:00 AM service for our littlest worshipers.*

*Following the 9 AM service, there will be  
a children's **Easter egg hunt** in Taylor garden  
and an **Easter brunch** for all in Kraft Hall.*

**LAY LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE****9:00AM**

DEACON ON DUTY: Connie Sweeney

USHER: Liesl Schultze

LITURGIST: Ham Hackney

SCRIPTURE READER: Kevin Hedrick

**11:00AM**

DEACON ON DUTY : Linda Pettit

USHERS: Mitsy Lopez-Baranello & Kathy Thompson

SCRIPTURE READER: Linda Means

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THE DOVER CHURCH IS AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING  
CONGREGATION IN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST.

*the Rev. Noah Brewer-Wallin, Bridge Pastor  
the Rev. Dr. C. Maxwell Olmstead, Senior Pastor  
the Rev. Kayla Edstrom, Associate Pastor  
Ana Sanchez, Director of Congregational Life  
Daniel Reid, Music Director*

*The Easter Flowers placed throughout the Meeting House today  
have been given to the glory of God and:*

In Loving Memory of  
**My Parents and Sister**  
given by Toni

In Loving Memory of  
**Our Loved Ones**  
given by David & Carol Patey

In Honor of  
**Penelope 5yrs. & Henry 3yrs.,**  
given by Grandma Toni

In Loving Memory of  
**Alan Williams**  
given by Shirley, Wendy & Tina

In Loving Appreciation of  
**Kayla and Max**  
given by Toni

In Loving Memory of  
**Lloyd & Adrienne Hain**  
given by Bruce & Linda Hain

In Loving Appreciation of  
**The Wonder Wednesday Crew**  
given by Toni

In Loving Memory of  
**Rose Hain**  
given by Bruce & Linda Hain

In Honor of  
Our Children: **Kristina & Frans and  
Philip & Emily**  
given by Newton & Kathy Thompson

In Loving Memory of  
**Evelyn Norman**  
given by Bruce & Linda Hain

In Loving Appreciation of  
**Our Daughters**  
given by Tom and Carolyn Develin

In Honor of  
**Westell Norman**  
given by Bruce & Linda Hain

In Loving Appreciation of  
**My Growing Family**  
given by Nancy Mackay

In Appreciation of  
**Our Family & Friends**  
given by Bruce & Linda Hain

In Loving Memory of  
**Joy Long**  
given by Charlie Long

In Loving Memory of  
**Linda Foehl**  
given by Charlie Long

In Loving Memory of  
**Elizabeth Boles Gutterson**  
given by The Lynch Family

In Loving Memory of  
our sisters; **Laura Nelson Dorsey &  
Jane Pettit Schurz**  
given by Linda & Bo Pettit

In Loving Appreciation of  
our kids; **Bryan, Jeffrey, Marlena and  
Carla**  
given by Linda & Bo Pettit

In Honor of  
**Our Hardworking Staff this Spring!**  
given by Gina & Steve White

In Loving Memory of  
**David & Henrietta Nass**  
given by Beth & Mike Benjamin

In Loving Memory of  
**Bob Benjamin**  
given by Beth & Mike Benjamin

In Loving Memory of  
**Henrietta C. Nass**  
given by Mike & Beth Benjamin

In Loving Appreciation of  
**The Dover Church Staff**  
given by Beth & Mike Benjamin

In Loving Memory of  
**Robert S. Abernethy III**  
given by Abernethy-Armstrong Family

In Loving Memory of  
**Mackey Abernethy**  
given by Abernethy-Armstrong Family

In Loving Memory of  
**Irma Frances Armstrong**  
given by Abernethy-Armstrong Family

In Loving Appreciation of  
**Max Olmstead**  
given by the Abernethy-Armstrong  
Family

In Loving Memory of  
**Mary Louise and Dick Leeds**  
given by Wendy & Tom Leeds

In Loving Memory of  
**Shirley Buck**  
given by Wendy & Tom Leeds

In Loving Memory of  
**Herb Wood**  
given by Beth and Steve Karlson

In Loving Memory of  
**Alan Rother**  
given by Dottie Rother

In Loving Memory of  
**Our Parents & Grandparents**  
given by Dottie Rother

In Loving Memory of  
**Phil Meeks and Glenda Atkinson**  
given by Dottie Rother

In Loving Memory of  
**Cassandra Williams**  
given by Mikayla Williams

In Honor of  
**Our Daughters; Georgia & Emery**  
given by Whitney and Gerald Loehr

In Appreciation of  
our Grandchildren: **Riley, John, Natalie, Sophie & McKenzie**  
given by Anne and Jeff Carter

In Loving Memory of  
**Dot and Ed Carter**  
given by Anne and Jeff Carter

In Loving Memory of  
**Jane and Phil Jones**  
given by Anne and Jeff Carter

In Appreciation of  
Our Children: **Sarah & Tim Coates and Chris & Phoebe Carter**  
given by Anne and Jeff Carter

In Loving Memory of  
**Ruby Phillips**  
given by Anne and Jeff Carter

In Loving Memory of  
**Po Kwei Tsen**  
given by Lawrence Tsen

In Loving Memory of  
**Cho Ching Tsen**  
given by Lawrence Tsen

In Appreciation of  
**James**  
given by The McOsker Family

In Appreciation of  
**Oliver**  
given by The McOsker Family

In Loving Memory of  
**Dorothy Worth**  
given by Jean Travis

In Loving Appreciation of  
**The Dover Church for helping our  
family through the 1st few months of  
Emryn's life**  
given by Daniel L Reid

In Loving Memory of  
**Lorraine & Samuel Dixon**  
given by Kristen & Bob Dixon

In Loving Appreciation of  
**Our Family Near and Far**  
given by Scott & Leslie Decker

In Honor of  
**the Stellar Dover Church Staff**  
given by Scott & Leslie Decker

In Loving Memory of  
**my husband, Edward and my sister,  
Margaret Hudson**  
given by Emily Rosenberg

In Honor of  
**Our Children**  
given by Monica & Dickson Smith

In Loving Memory of  
**New F. Wong**  
given by Eileen Wong

In Loving Memory of  
**S. C. Lin**  
given by Sam & Val Lin

In Loving Memory of  
**Kevin Eric Thomson**  
given by Sophie Thomson

In Loving Memory of  
**Dicky Hodgson**  
given by Jennifer Brady

In Loving Memory of  
**Merry Zaldastsni**  
given by Jennifer Brady

In Loving Memory of  
**Brian Brady**  
given by Jennifer Brady

In Loving Memory of  
**John Cross**  
given by Peggy Cross

In Loving Appreciation of  
**Teddy, Charlie, Olivia & William  
Cross**  
given by Peggy Cross

In Honor of  
**The Amazing Staff of The Dover  
Church**  
given by Peggy Cross

In Honor of  
**Max Olmstead & Family**  
given by Peggy Cross

In Honor of  
**Kayla Edstrom and her Blooming  
Family**  
given by Peggy Cross

In Loving Memory of  
**Drew Dougherty and Caroline Grape**  
given by The Dougherty Family

In Loving Memory and  
in Appreciation of  
**my Loving Family**  
given by June Wright

In Loving Memory of  
**George F Whiting Senior**  
given by Dougherty, Whiting and Bur-  
gess Families