
Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

May 2, 2020



Rev. Keith Stuart, Minister
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An Open & Affirming Congregation

The vision of Dover UCC is to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with Our God.

Worship & Celebration of Life

Worship Theme...

One: In the name of God, in the name of Jesus, in the name of Spirit, the perfect Three of power.
The little drop of the Father on thy little forehead, beloved one.
The little drop of the Son on thy little head, beloved one.
The little drop of the Spirit on thy little forehead, beloved one.
To aid thee, to guard you, to shield you, to surround you.

The little drop of the Three, to fill you with Their pleasantness.
The little drop of Three to fill you with Their virtue.

O the little drop of the Three to fill you with Their virtue.

-Esther deWaal

Music of Reflection

Michael Simile, guitar

Liturgy of Living Water...

One: You are like a mountain spring, O fountain of living water.

All: I sip from the deep down freshness of Your never-failing love.

One: You are like a summer rain, O sudden benediction,

All: drench my soul and quench my thirsting spirit with your peace.

One: You are like a raging sea, O storm upon my ocean,

All: breaking into bits my fragile bark as I learn to lean on You.

One: You are like a waterfall, oasis in my desert:

All: source of my heart's survival in the press and stress of life.

One: You are like a cleansing flood, river of reconciliation:
All: **washing away the selfish self-serving signs of my sinfulness.**

One: You are like a bottomless well, O cup of lifegiving water:
All: **full up to overflowing. Praise be to You, loving God.**

-Miriam T. Winter

Hymn

“God Is My Shepherd”

God is my shepherd, I'll not want, I feed in pastures green.
God grants me rest and bids me drink from waters calm and clean.
Through daily tasks, I'm blessed and led by one I have not one seen.

Restored to life each morning new, I rise up from the dust
to follow God whose presence gives me confidence and trust.
I praise the name of God today; in God I put my trust.

When I must pass through shadowed vale, where loss and death await,
I will not fear for God is there, my shepherd strong and great,
whose rod and staff will comfort me and all my fears abate.

No enemy can overcome, no power on earth defeat
the one anointed by God's grace and fed with manna sweet.
My cup is filled and overflows as I my Savior greet.

Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me;
and where God reigns in heaven and earth, my dwelling place will be.
My shepherd blesses, cares, and leads through all eternity.

Reading From Our Sacred Tradition

Hebrew Tradition: Jeremiah 2:13

¹³for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Gospel Lesson: John 4:7-15

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”

⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?”

¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”

¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,

¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

Special Music

“Fill My Cup, Lord”
Michael Simile, guitar & Anthony Steward, tenor

R. Blaanchard

Sermon

“Broken Cisterns and Living Water”
Rev. R. Keith Stuart

To Pray...

Pastoral Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

To Remember...

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Story

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music

To Leave...

Hymn

“God Be With You”

God be with you till we meet again, by good counsel guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd’s care enfold you, God be with you till we meet again.
[Refrain] Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus’ feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again, Wings of shelter safely hide you,
Daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.
[Refrain]

God be with you till we meet again, when life’s perils thick confound you,
Put an unfailing arms around you, God be with you till we meet again.
[Refrain]

God be with you till we meet again, Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you, God be with you till we meet again.
[Refrain] Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Benediction

One: My Lord is the source of love; we are the river's course. Let God's love flow through us.

All: **We will not obstruct it.**

One: Irrigation ditches can water but a portion of the field; the great Yangtze River can water a thousand acres. Expand our hearts, O Lord, that we may love yet more people. The waters of love can water vast tracks

All: **nothing will be lost to us.**

One: The greater the outward flow, the greater the returning tide. If we are not linked to Love's source, we will dry up. If we dam the waters of Love, they will stagnate. Can we compare our hearts to the boundless seas? Abandon not the measure of my heart, O Lord.

All: **Let the waves of your love still billow there!**

Sermon: Rev. R. Keith Stuart
Organist: Jan Jones
Media: Dave MacKeigan

Reader: Joe Healey
Guitarist: Michael Simile
Soloist Anthony Steward

~ The service will be live streamed on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on the Dover Congregational UCC Facebook page and on the Website on Monday morning.

~ Weekdays, the office will be open from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. If you have a care or concern you need to discuss, please communicate by phone (440-871-1050) or email to either the office at (doverucc@doverucc.org) or to Rev. Stuart at (kstuart@doverucc.org).

~ Prayer Requests, please pray for God to be with these individuals, and for them to feel God's presence in the midst of their concerns:

Marie Black, Emily Borocz-Johnson, Susan Coldsnow, Loreen Flesher, Gerrard (friend of Kevin Kurth), Robb & Jennifer Gaskins (friends of Bonnie & Parker Reynolds), Mary Gerdel, Sofia Greer (friend of Jeff & Amanda Hughes), Nanci Keller (Amy Keller's mother-in-law), Jason (David Wakelee's partner), Jeff Matos (friend of Jan Jones), Lois McCreight, Patty Porter (friend of Jane & Larry Coil), Karen Pittak (Lindsey Kaschak Pittak's mother-in-law),

Parker Reynolds, Susan Reynolds (sister of Denece Praeger). Ernie Rickard, Donna Shiley, & Pat Daily (friends of the Koehlers), Haley Schultz, Helen Sima (neighbor of Kevin Kurth), Cynthia Stuart, Robin Thomas, Pete Thompson, Linda Wiant (Kurt & Rita Wiant's sister-in-law), Penny Yagich and Debbie Zitello (Ruth Schneider's daughter).

~ Tomorrow is the 40th anniversary of the Kent State Shooting. The tragedy affected so many people. One of the young people killed was William Schroeder, a member of St. John's UCC.