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*Dover Congregational United Church of Christ*

May 10, 2020



*Rev. Keith Stuart, Minister*  
*Martha Vivona, Lay Leader*

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

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*Rev. Scott Patterson, Pastor Emeritus*

*Rev. John Rinehart, Minister of Justice*

*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

### ***Worship & Celebration of Life***

#### ***Worship Theme...***

One: The one who called the world into being now makes a second call...addressed to aged Abraham and Sarah. The purpose is to fashion an alternative community in a creation gone awry, to embody in human history the power of the blessing.

*-Walter Bruggemann*

Gracious God, you have always mapped out tomorrow's road: and, although it is hidden, today I believe.

#### **Music of Reflection**

#### ***Liturgy of Movement...***

One: Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery:

**All: yours is the inspiration**

One: that has altered and changed our lives; yours is the power that has brought us to new dangers and opportunities.

**All: Set us, your new creation,**

One: to walk through this new world, watching and learning, loving and trusting,

**All: until your kingdom comes. Amen.**

from - *A New Zealand Prayer Book*

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**Hymn****The Church's One Foundation"**

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
we are Christ's new creation by water and the word;  
From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;  
with precious blood Christ bought us for all eternity.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
one charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth,  
One name together blessing, one holy food we share,  
to one hope we are pressing, at one in work and prayer.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,  
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore,  
Till with the vision glorious, our longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three-in-One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

**Reading From Our Sacred Tradition**

**Hebrew Tradition:** Genesis 12:1-4

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

<sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

**Special Music**

Michael Simile, guitar and Anthony Steward, tenor

**Sermon**

"What Is Required To Change"  
Rev. R. Keith Stuart

*To Pray...*

**Pastoral Prayer**

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**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 Leave...*

**Hymn** "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

Guide me, O my great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, ever be my strength and shield,  
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever sing to you,  
I will ever sing to you.

**Benediction**

**One:** Being together has been a re-birthing place on the long journey of faith.  
Move on from here with your spirits renewed and your heads held high.  
Exactly where this week will take us, each of us is uncertain.  
The one thing certain is that we shall never travel alone.

**All: Amen!**

**One:** The grace of our Savior, the love of our Creator and the fellowship of our Counselor,  
will lead us today. Amen.

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

**Reader:** Joe Healey  
**Guitarist:** Michael Simile  
**Soloist:** Anthony Steward

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~ 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), Dawn Stepic (friend of Georgann Yonkers), Cynthia Stuart, Robin Thomas, Pete Thompson, Linda Wiant (Kurt & Rita Wiant's sister-in-law), Penny Yagich and Debbie Zitello (Ruth Schneider's daughter).

Have a question or concern for Dover Church Council?  
Meet your council Members.

Moderator - Kathleen Poe,  
Vice Moderator - Barb White  
Clerk - Kurt Wiant, Treasurer - Larry Coil.

Members at Large:  
Emily Borocz-Johnson, Joe Healey,  
David Kaschak, Ruth Kroll, Kevin Kurth,  
John Rinehart, Keith Stuart, Ted Vance & Martha Vivona.

~ 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