



Friday March 4th, 2022

Join us for worship, online or in-person!

Sunday morning traditional service @ 1020am

Thursday evening contemporary service @ 7pm

Online Bible Studies offered Tuesdays @ 2p, Saturdays @ 3p, and Sundays @ 6p



**A Message
From
Pastor Dave**

How do we serve God? We serve God, by serving other people. Whenever we use our talents, our time, our energy, our resources, our gifts to help other people, we are serving them, and, we are ministering to them. In doing so, we are serving God. Every one of us is a minister. Every time you help somebody you are ministering to that person. But God says; I don't want you to do this by yourself. I don't want you to minister alone. I want you to do it in community.

Philippians 2:2 tells us to *agree with each other, love one another, and work together with one heart and one purpose*. How do we work together with one heart and one purpose? And why does God call us to serve with other people?

One reason is because we are family. 1 Corinthians 3:9 tells us to *work together as partners who belong to God*. God says to us, I want you to work together as partners. We are a family when we are working together.

Another reason God calls us to serve together is because we need each other. Nobody has all the talents. Nobody has all the gifts. Nobody has all the resources. Nobody has all the time. Nobody has all the energy. You need me, I need you, and we all need each other. Nobody can do it all by themselves. 1 Corinthians 12:27 tells us that we are all a part of the body of Christ, and each part of the body needs all the others. We have to be connected in order to do what God calls us to do.

A third reason God calls us to serve together is because we get more done together. Ecclesiastes 4:9 tells us that *two are better off than one because together they can work more effectively*. Teamwork multiplies effectiveness. You might be thinking; 'what can I do? I don't have any talents. I don't have any gifts. I'm too young. I'm too old. What do I have to offer?' You have something. We all have something. But on our own, we don't have everything. That's why we need each other.

Maybe you have fond memories of being on a team; playing a sport, singing in a choir, playing in a band. Maybe you were, or are, part of a bowling team, a golf league, a craft guild, or another team. Being on a team brings us closer together. We get more done, and, we have more fun!

What does it take to build up a team? First, we need trust. Trust is the emotional glue that draws us closer to our friends, our family, our neighbors, our church family, our co-workers - everyone. Without trust it is difficult to have the kinds of intimate relationships that God wants us to have. Trust is the glue that holds a team together. In 1 Timothy 6:20 Paul wrote to Timothy; *guard what has been entrusted to your care*. Serving together involves trust. In order to build trust we have to share responsibility.

Second we need empathy. 1 Peter 3:8 says; *live in harmony with one another and be sympathetic*. We can't have harmony without empathy. We can't have a team without being aware of what's going on in each other's lives. More than just serving together, we also have to be aware of each other.

Here's the question we all need to ask; how are we as Christ's Church going to make a difference in our communities? Hebrews 10:25 gives us the answer: *let us not give up the habit of meeting together, but let us encourage one another*. Don't stop doing what you're doing. Keep on serving. Keep on meeting together. Get connected with a LIFEGroup. Keep learning how to grow together. Fellowship together, reach out together, and to serve together. Why? Because we need each other.

If you look around at all the challenges and problems in our communities, it can soon feel pretty discouraging. It can feel pretty depressing. Poverty and illiteracy and disease and addiction and human trafficking and all the other problems we are facing can overwhelm us. And we soon think; how in the world can *I* make difference? Many times we look at the problems of the world and we are tempted to ask God; 'why don't You do something about it?' But friends, God is asking us the same question; 'why don't *you* do something about it?' There is enormous, incredible power in a team. We take more risks when we are together than when we are on our own. When you have a committed team, a compelling purpose, and a clear vision, God says, you will be unstoppable.

Agree with each other, love one another, and work together with one heart, and one purpose (Philippians 2:2). Friends, Good Neighbor Weekend is coming up quickly. Let us continue to seek ways to work together with one heart and one strong purpose in love. Let us continue to reach out together, grow together, and serve together. Let us continue to build up trust and show empathy with one another, and let us continue to journey together on one mission with one clear vision. Why? Because we are better together. And we are better together, when we serve together.

Be in prayer as you prepare for Good Neighbor Weekend. God is going to do a mighty thing through you, through us, through His Church.

In His Name,

- *Pastor Dave*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD NEIGHBOR



**Good Neighbor
Weekend
April 2nd and 3rd**

Good Neighbor weekend is fast approaching!
Saturday April 2nd and Sunday April 3rd

We will not be holding worship services on Sunday April 3rd.
Instead, we will be going out into our communities this weekend,
seeking opportunities to reach out, serve, and help our neighbors.

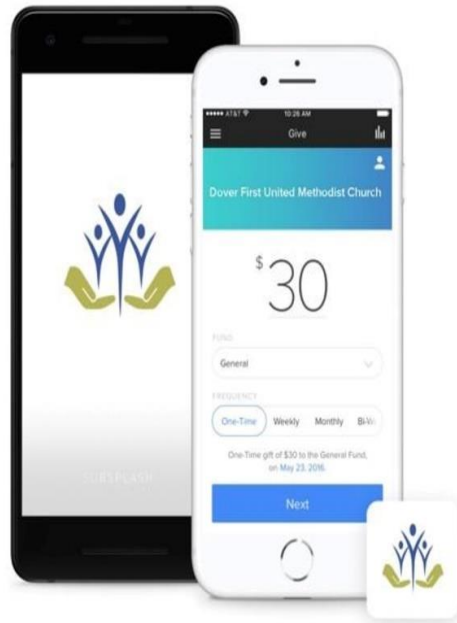
We will live stream a brief message Sunday morning,
but no online or in-person services will be held.

Good Neighbor suggestion booklets are available for pickup in the church office
during the week or during any of our worship services.
Information is also available on our webpage (www.doverfirst.org/goodneighbor)



In addition to our app, webpage, Faithlife page, and 3D Connections Digital Bulletin, we have a QR code that allows for instant access to our weekly service outline, sermon notes, study guides, and more!

Simply scan this QR code with your mobile device!



**We Need Your Help To
Support Our Vision!**

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Dover First United Methodist Church



**BETTER TOGETHER!
STRONGER TOGETHER!**

2020 and 2021 have been challenging years for us all. We have missed out on many times of fellowship, worship, and serving together.

But the mission and ministries of our church have never stopped!

In order to continue our outreach into 2022 and beyond, we need your help.

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on the offerings of our church family.

Please consider how you can faithfully give to Christ's Church today!

Sunday March 6th, 2022

Worship Service

10 Minute Countdown Begins At 10:10am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

First Scripture Psalm 51:10-12 (KJV)

*Hymn #2152 TFWS “Change My Heart, O God”

*Call To Worship

In the midst of our failures, we stand in God’s grace. In the midst of our struggles, we boast in our hope through Christ. In the midst of our suffering, we claim the endurance given by the Holy Spirit. In every part of our lives, the love of our Divine Creator has been poured into our hearts. Let us be open to this love as we join together in worship.

*Prayer

*Hymn #504 “Old Rugged Cross”

Second Scripture Revelation 2:8-11 (NIV)

Special Music

Offering Introduction/Prayer

Offertory Music

Message Dear Church: “*What Jesus Writes To A Suffering Church*”
- Pastor Dave St.Aubin

Prayer

Sacrament Of Holy Communion

*Hymn #2146 TFWS “His Eye Is On The Sparrow” (verses 1 and 2)

*Benediction

*Hymn #2146 TFWS “His Eye Is On The Sparrow” (verse 3)

Postlude

* denotes to please stand as you are able when worshipping in person



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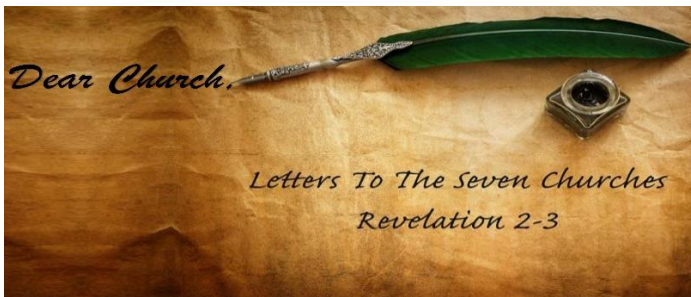
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Worship Service Outline
March 6th, 2022
Dear Church:
“What Jesus Writes
To A Suffering Church”
(Message 2 of 7)

When We Experience Times Of Suffering, Jesus Says;

1) I Know

To the angel of the church at Smyrna write, ‘These are the words of Him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. I know your afflictions and your poverty - yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan - Revelation 2:9 (NIV)

When you are suffering, remember:

- **Jesus *knows* what you are going through**
- **Jesus *understands* what you are going through**

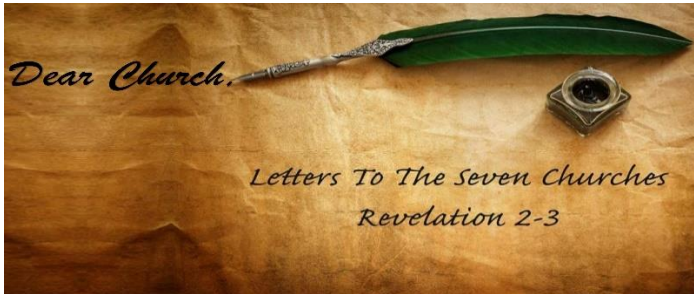
2) Don’t Be Afraid

Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown. whoever has ears, let them hear what The Spirit says to the churches. The One who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death - Revelation 2:10-11 (NIV)

I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because The Lord sustains me. I will not fear the tens of thousands drawn up against me on every side - Psalm 3:5-6 (NIV)

The Truth About Jesus:

- He is eternal
- He is victorious
- He is all knowing
- He is wise
- He is sovereign
- He is purposeful
- He is generous



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3) I Tell You

I know your afflictions and your poverty - yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown

- Revelation

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There are 4 different kinds of persecution in these verses:

1. Poverty
2. Slander
3. Prison
4. Death

Where does persecution come from? The Church in Smyrna experienced four sources, and we experience these same sources today:

1. The powerful
2. The culture
3. The jealous
4. The evil one

4) Be Faithful (as The Lord is faithful)

Be faithful, even to the point of death... - Revelation 2:10 (NIV)

God, who has called you to share everything with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful
- 1 Corinthians 1:9 (NCV)

But The Lord is faithful and will give you strength and will protect you from the Evil One
- 2 Thessalonians 3:3 (NCV)

5) I Will Give You

...and I will give you life as your victor's crown - Revelation 2:10 (NIV)

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial, because when they have stood the test, they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him - James 1:12 (NIV)