



**Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Join us for worship, online or in-person!  
Sunday morning traditional service @ 1020am  
Thursday evening contemporary service @ 7pm  
(No worship services are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month)



**A Message  
From  
Pastor Dave**

The Bible tells us to trust in God at all times; to pour out our hearts to Him, to tell Him all our troubles, for He is our refuge. We know we are *supposed* to trust, but what do we do during those times in our lives when we just don't *feel* like trusting? Those times when we are just too tired, or worried, or overwhelmed? How do we trust God when we don't feel like it?

Here is what God's Word teaches us. First, remember that trust is not an emotion. I don't have to *feel* like trusting God in *order* to trust God. Trust is not an emotion, it's an action. Jesus shared this with His disciples the night before He was crucified. He knew that His closest followers were going to feel confused, so He talked to them about the difference between trusting and feeling: *let not your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me* (John 14:1).

Jesus was saying to them, 'you are going to experience an intense emotion of feeling troubled, but don't let that overwhelm you. Don't let that feeling keep you from trusting Me.

These are the same words that Jesus speaks to us today. We are going to have feelings of being lost or confused. We are going to have feelings of fear, anxiety, stress, and doubt. But Jesus says, don't let them overwhelm you. Trust in Me.

Second, we need to recognize that God calls us to focus our hearts on His love for us. That means whatever the situation is, whatever the circumstances are, whatever challenges are that lay before us, we need to remember that God is with us, and that God is for us, and that God loves us.

Paul writes in Ephesians 3:17-18; *I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in Him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. And may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, and how wide, how deep, and how high, God's love for you really is.* Whatever you are going through, however you might feel, the truth is, God loves you. God loves you with a love that is so great that we can't measure it, nor will we ever fully understand it.

Sometimes we feel like we have gotten ourselves into a big mess, and before we can trust God again we have to get ourselves out of that mess. Maybe it's a financial mess, maybe a relational mess; maybe something that we did that someone told us not to do, and we did it anyhow, and now we are in trouble. And we feel ashamed and we think, I've got to get myself out of this mess first. *Then* I can trust God again.

God loves you, even in your messes. God is not out to blame you, He is out to *love* you. That's His heart. Whatever the circumstance is, whether you feel like trusting Him or don't feel like trusting Him, God still loves you. We need to remember that.

Third, we need to set our minds on the things that will last. Colossians 3:1 tells us; *since you have been raised to a new life with Christ, set your sights on the eternal things where Christ sits at the right hand of God.* When you don't feel like trusting, don't focus on the circumstances around you. Don't set your mind on the situation. Set your mind on what is going to last. Like what? Like the character of Jesus Christ that God is building up within you. Like the plans that God has for you. Like the eternity that God has waiting for you.

Fourth, don't try to face your circumstance alone. There are many times when we try to make it through the difficult circumstances of life all by ourselves, and what usually happens is, we end up falling flat on our face. And we wonder, what's wrong with me? Why can't I get through this on my own? The truth is, God never intended for us to face life alone. God calls us into community. He calls us to help one another and support one another and love one another. God calls us to find strength in one another. Ecclesiastes 4:12 says; *though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*

Maybe all you have left is just a single thread of faith. Maybe all you have left is just a single thread of trust in God, and you wonder, how am I going to make it through this? A single thread is not very strong. But if you take your thread of faith and trust and add it to somebody else's thread of faith and trust, and then, wrap that around someone else's thread of faith and trust, even if you don't feel like trusting God, you will be amazed at the strength that God will give you through the strands of trust of others.

Psalm 62:8 tells us to *trust in Him at all times. Pour out your heart to Him, for God is our refuge.* Talk to Christ about whatever difficulty you are needing to trust Him with. God is with you, God is for you, and God loves you. Trust in Him.

As we continue our journey towards transition in June, I pray that whatever the circumstances are that you are facing, or the feelings that you are wrestling with, or the anxieties that you are struggling with, that you turn to the One who overcame all things for us, and who loves us with an incredible, everlasting, unfathomable love, and trust in Him to provide for us all in all that we need.

Let not your heart be troubled. Trust in God. He has a plan for us all, and it is a good plan. A plan to bring us hope and a future.

In His Name,

- *Pastor Dave*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



# **Sign up to serve 4th Thursday each month**

As part of our Discover, Develop, Deploy Mission,  
our Recharge Worship Service will break on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month  
as we gather to help serve at the Dover-New Philadelphia Food Pantry.

Serving times run between 4:45pm - 8:00pm and will be indoors.

Face coverings are required

Sign up in the lobby, or contact the church office at (330) 343-1322

or [doverfirst@gmail.com](mailto:doverfirst@gmail.com)

This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals, families, small groups, and our church family to reach out and help those in need in our communities.

<https://umcmission.org/advance-project/982450>

Call 888-252-6174

Or give through our church

Write "Advance #982450-Ukraine"  
on the memo line of your check



**UNITED WITH UKRAINE  
IN PRAYERS FOR PEACE**

The United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR)  
is engaged in assisting the people of Ukraine.

If you would like to contribute a financial donation to UMCOR,  
use Advance Number 982450.

This is the UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery Fund.

This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine  
as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.  
One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

While The United Methodist community in Ukraine is small,  
it is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need.

Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership  
as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those  
who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

For more information visit: [www.umcormission.org](http://www.umcormission.org)  
or call 888-252-6174.



Following a continued decrease in the number of Covid cases in our community,  
We will be removing all of our pew cordons following worship on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

We will continue to monitor Covid cases in our community,  
and should the need arise will use them again.

We appreciate everyones continued patience and cooperation  
as we continue to come out of a difficult time together.

This is another step forward, and we continue to pray for  
Decreased Covid cases around the world.

Thank you!



Are you interested in being part of our team?  
Dover First UMC is now hiring!

We are now accepting resumes and applications for full time custodian.  
Responsibilities include (but not limited to):

- Vacuum, clean, mop and wax floors as assigned, required, or needed.
- Remove and dump trash, as assigned, required, or needed.
- Maintain clean restrooms and replenish supplies.
- Dust furniture and equipment weekly.
- Maintain the exterior of the facility
- Responsible for all mowing, edging, shrubbery trimming and removing leaves.
- Other maintenance responsibilities as outlined in the job description.

This is a full time hourly position (40 hours per week) with wages established by the Dover First UMC Leadership Board. If you or someone you know are interested in this position, please drop off your resume at the church office during business hours, or email it to [doverfirstpastor@gmail.com](mailto:doverfirstpastor@gmail.com)

Copies of the job description can be picked up in the church office

# { Introducing }



## **Paul Wesley (Wes) George** ***Full-time Local Pastor (FL)***

As we prepare for our time of pastoral transition in June, we wanted to share that our incoming pastor, Pastor Wes George, will be visiting Dover First UMC on Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Wes will be meeting with Pastor Dave throughout the morning, and will be spending some time getting to know our staff.

He will then be at the church in the afternoon and will be available to meet with anyone who would like to come in and meet him, ask questions, or just to share a welcoming hello!

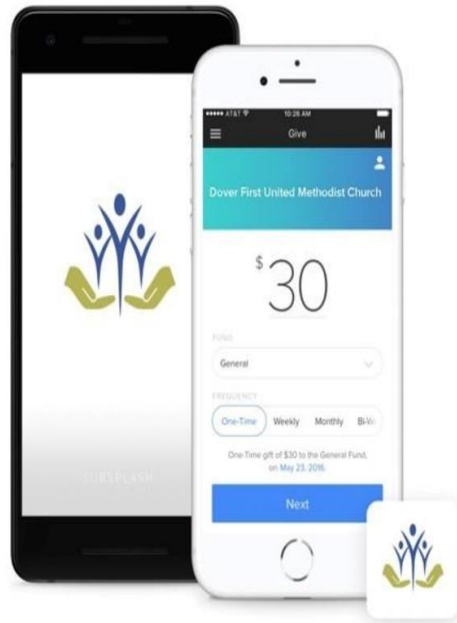
If you would like to stop by, mark your calendar for Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> from 1p-4p  
(times subject to change)





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!

## Fast and Easy Giving

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.

Please consider online giving. It is quick, safe, and easy to use.

Simply visit

<https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/BWVG6F/#/>

Enter the amount of your gift along with the frequency, click next, continue as a guest, complete your information, and submit. It's that easy!

Our ministries, facilities, and administration rely 100% on the offerings of our church family.

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

# Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Worship Service

20 Minute Countdown Begins At 10:00am  
Welcome and Announcements Begin At 10:20am

*Prepare yourself for worship by letting go of any distractions.  
Take several slow, deep breaths,  
and remember that you are in the loving presence of God.*

Prelude

First Scripture Matthew 21:1-3//6-11 (NIV)

\*Hymn #280 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (verses 1,3,4)

\*Call To Worship

*Blessed is He who comes in The Name of The Lord! We open our eyes to see His glory. We open our ears to hear His wisdom. We open our mouths to sing His praise. We open our hearts to offer Him our love. Blessed is The One who comes in The Name of The Lord, Hosanna in the highest!*

\*Prayer

\*Hymn #278 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Second Scripture Revelation 3:14-22 (NIV)

Special Music

Offering Introduction/Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Music

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

Prayer

\*Hymn #301 “Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross” (verses 1,2,3)

\*Benediction

\*Hymn #301 “Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross” (verse 4)

Postlude

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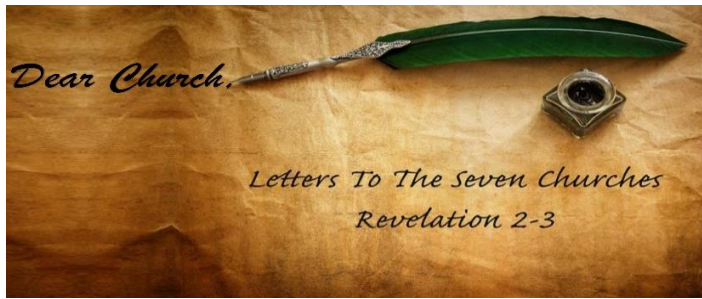
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**Worship Service Outline**  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Dear Church:**  
**“What Jesus Writes**  
**To A Complacent Church”**  
**(Message 7 of 7)**

**Ephesus** - What Jesus writes to a busy church:  
Keep first things first.

**Smyrna** - What Jesus writes to a suffering church:  
Look up and look ahead.

**Pergamum** - What Jesus writes to a confused church:  
Recognize that your doubts grow out of your relationships.

**Thyatira** - What Jesus writes to a tolerant church:  
Stay uncomfortable with all that violates scripture.

**Sardis** - What Jesus writes to a dying church:  
Wake up! Don't give up

**Philadelphia** - What Jesus writes to a growing church:  
Find your strength in Me

**Laodicea** - What Jesus writes to a complacent church:  
See your life as you have never seen it before.

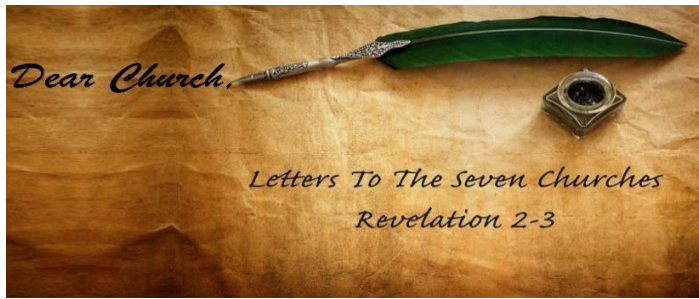
**How do I keep on fire for God And Not Become Complacent?**

**I. Discover The Truth About Jesus And Myself (Revelation 3:14-16)**

- Start by seeing the truth about Jesus:  
“I am the amen” (Jesus is worthy of my time)  
“I am the faithful and true witness” (Jesus is worthy of my trust)  
“I am the ruler of creation” (Jesus is worthy of my worship)
- Then, have the courage to listen to the truth about me:  
“You are neither cold nor hot. You are lukewarm” - Revelation 3:15

Cold means I don't think about the things of God

Lukewarm means I am neither hot nor cold for the things of God



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**II. Admit My Desperate Need For Jesus (Revelation 3:17)**

We think we can meet our own needs through:

Riches  
Rules  
Knowledge  
Relationships  
Achievement

But the more self-sufficient we think we are, the more we unknowingly become lukewarm or even cold in our faith, leading to complacency.

**III. Go to Jesus To Meet My Needs (Revelation 3:18)**

*“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest”*

- Matthew 11:28  
(NIV)

*“Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, ‘If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink’”*

- John 7:37 (NIV)

*“Jesus replied, ‘I am the bread of life. No one who comes to Me will ever be hungry again’”*

- John 6:35 (NLT)

*“I counsel you to buy from Me”...*

- ‘Gold refined by fire’ - so you can become rich
- ‘White clothes to wear’ - to cover your nakedness.
- ‘Salve to cover your eyes’ - so you can see

**IV. Respond As A Deeply Loved Child Of God (Revelation 3:19)**

God is not punishing us. Punishment is what we *avoid*  
God is disciplining us. Discipline is what we *need*

**V. Continually Open The Door To Jesus (Revelation 3:20)**

If you open the door, Jesus says; *“I will come in!”*