



Friday April 15th, 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 4th 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 4th 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

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.



The spring flowers are placed on the alter to the Glory of God by the Warden family who honors Mitch and remembers Brock in April, their birthday month.

GOOD NEIGHBOR



Good Neighbor
Weekend
April 2nd and 3rd

We received several success story cards regarding our Good Neighbor Weekend and wanted to share them with everyone!

Here is just some of what our church family was able to do:

- *“‘Friends In Fellowship’ filled Easter Eggs with candy and an invitation to attend Easter Services.”*
- *“I visited new neighbors on our street, baked goods and an egg to invite them to Easter Sunday worship. I visited an elderly couple with a nice meal and invited them to Easter Sunday. I even took some invited Easter Eggs to work and passed them out.” - Carmela Roush*
- *“My neighbors have been helping me more than I have helped them, so I took pies to them to show my appreciation and had a short visit with each one. Also went with my sister to visit a mutual friend who is in the nursing home.”*
- *“I threw a 95th birthday party for my 95 year old neighbor and her 97 year old sister at Park Villate (she went there reluctantly after some bad falls at home). I put a Happy Birthday banner up so everyone came in to wish her Happy Birthday. Such an awesome experience! - Betsy Humphrey*

- *"I have been helping a friend who is moving, sorting through dressers and closets. I have done this on my own. In my small group, we handed out eggs with our church services listed and took them to 3 people on my block I hadn't met, along with the egg! I had a good time meeting new neighbors."*
- *"I did some outdoor work at my next-door neighbor's house, by clearing away leaves and other lawn debris away from her front porch. I pulled weeds and raked the soil there and straightened up the decorative items. Raked the bank in front and raked in the area under the evergreens. My neighbor said it looked 'beautiful!'"*
- *"I served the police and fire department with 3 dozen cookies. They were very thankful and grateful. They serve us all."*
- *"Some of our youth 'egged' 300 homes with plastic Easter eggs which were filled with candy and an invitation to worship."*
- *"I really enjoyed taking fresh baked goods to new neighbors on our street. We have an elderly couple both having health issues and I made them dinner. They were so appreciative. I had an unexpected delivery of warm chocolate chip cookies. I noticed our neighbor across the street working in her yard all day. Her husband has a food truck and he must have been away. I arranged some warm cookies on a pretty glass plate and took them over. I told her I noticed her working in the yard all day and thought she would enjoy some warm cookies with a cup of tea or coffee. I said relax and enjoy. She was so happy and thanked me over and over. I also gave each of these neighbors a large plastic Easter egg with candy and a note inviting them to our Easter Sunday service. The small group I'm in did this as our Goodwill Sunday event. This all made my heart happy! - Carmela Roush*
- *"Our group went out to breakfast at Bob Evan's and anonymously paid for breakfast for 5 tables chosen at random. We asked the servers to share a note which we put together that invited each table to come and worship with us, and let them know that God loved them."*
- *"I baked 6 dozen cookies and took them to a foster family in my neighborhood."
- Nancy Eddy*

- *“Fostering Love hosted a pizza party at the church for approximately 50 foster children and their parents.”*
- *“We went into New Dawn Rehab Center and visited aunt Marguerite. Hung some birthday cards and her wall and enjoyed quality time with her.”*
- *“We took ham and cheese to our kids. We took trail and cheese and crackers to a neighbor that had been sick. Took cookies to an elderly neighbor.”*
- *“Steve ran errands for a disabled neighbor, Mitch and Steve move, rearranged and stored items in his garage. Jan made him a meal.” - Warden family*
- *“Sam and I participated by helping a neighbor cleanup seven bags of leaves from her yard. She appreciated the help. It was a great.” - Terrie Krantz*
- *“I baked cookies to share with a neighbor.”*
- *“I helped a neighbor load her lawn mower to take in for repair.”*
- *“I worked for several hours, part of that time with a neighbor, to clean moss, mold, algae, stains and mildew from another neighbor’s chimney. This included treating the moss, etc. letting it sit and then blowing it off. I finished by treating the entire roof again. My wife baked six dozen cookies, along with some Easter Candy for the kids, and delivered them to three generations of neighboring families.”*
- *We took an older lady shopping for yarn and then out to lunch. We delivered chocolate chip cookies that said, ‘Welcome neighbors!’ to three neighbors who recently moved to our neighborhood, and introduced ourselves. We also invited them to church. We took flowers and dish towels to a friend and invited her to Easter Breakfast. We took two other friends to a pizza ship in Akron and invited them to church.*
- *We prayer walked through Tappan Lake campgrounds, praying for the thousands of campers who will visit this summer. We prayed for safe travels, that they will feel God’s presence and peace, enjoy the beauty of nature and be refreshed.” - Scott and Debbie Benish*

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate. Keep Reaching Out!

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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.umcmmission.org
or call 888-252-6174.



Following a continued decrease in the number of Covid cases in our community, we have removed all of our pew cordons.

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

We appreciate everyone's 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 for your continued support!



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

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 19th.

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

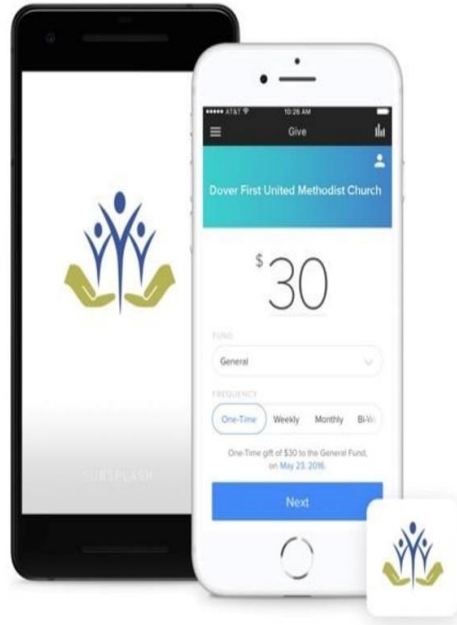
He will then be at the church in the afternoon and will be available to meet with anyone who would like to come in and meet him, ask questions, or just to share a welcoming hello!

If you would like to stop by, mark your calendar for Tuesday April 19th 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!

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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.

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 17th, 2022

Easter 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 John 20:1-8 (NLT)

*Hymn #304 "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" (verses 1 and 2)

*Call To Worship

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope: Christ is risen! We run to the tomb to see for ourselves, and it is true: Christ is risen! We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us, now and forever. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

*Prayer

*Hymn #302 "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" (verses 1,2,3,5)

Sacrament Of Baptism

Jasper Rowan Reynolds (Son of Sean and Maria Reynolds)

Special Music

Offering Introduction/Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Offertory Music

Message

"Out Of Prison...Into Freedom" - Pastor Dave St.Aubin

Prayer

*Hymn #327 "Crown Him With Many Crowns" (verses 1,2,3)

*Benediction

*Hymn #327 "Crown Him With Many Crowns" (verse 4)

Postlude

* *denotes to please stand as you are able*



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Worship Service Outline

April 17th, 2022

Easter Sunday

Out Of Prison...

Into Freedom

Jesus' Resurrection Frees Us From Our Prisons

'I Am the door! Everyone who enters through Me will be saved (and will live forever)

- John 10:9 (Amplified)

The Father has sent Me to announce freedom for prisoners - Luke 4:18 (NIV)

How Does The Resurrection Free Us From Our Prisons

1) **By Shaking Things Up**

Suddenly, there was a great earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the prison doors flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off and they were set free - Acts 16:26 (NLT)

2) **By Plugging Us Into Resurrection Power**

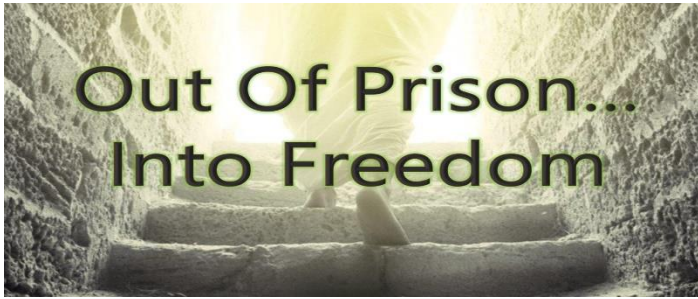
I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great His power is to help those who believe Him. It is that same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in heaven - Ephesians 1:19-20

The Spirit of The Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners... - Luke 4:18 (NIV)

If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free... So if the Son sets you free, you will truly be free indeed - John 8:31-32//36 (ESV)

Where the Spirit of The Lord is, there is freedom - 2 Corinthians 3:17 (NIV)

You, my brothers and sisters, are called to be free - Galatians 5:14 (NIV)



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Easter Sunday

Out Of Prison...

Into Freedom

What Prison(s) Does Jesus Want To Free Us From?

1) **The Prison Of Pretending**

The fear of human opinion disables; but trusting in God protects you from that - Proverbs 29:25 (MSG)

You are always making yourselves look good, but God sees what is in your heart. The things that most people think are important are worthless as far as God is concerned - Luke 16:15 (CEV)

I will live in freedom, because I only pay attention to what You say - Psalm 119:45

2) **The Prison Of Forgiveness**

There is now no condemnation awaiting those who belong to Christ Jesus. For the power of God's life-giving Spirit - and this power is mine through Christ Jesus - has freed me from the vicious circle of sin and death

- Romans 8:1-2

(TLB)

Some people stay happy till the day they die...others have no happiness at all; they live and die with bitter hearts

- Job 21:23-25 (GNT)

If you refuse to forgive others, your Father in heaven will not forgive your sins - Matthew 6:15 (NLT)

3) **The Prison Of Fear**

That evening, the disciples met behind locked doors out of fear of the religious leaders. Suddenly, Jesus stood among them! 'Peace be with you,' He said." - John 20:19 (NLT)

When I am afraid I put my trust in You - Psalm 56:3 (NLT)

It makes no difference who you are or where you're from - if you want God and are ready to do as He says, the door is open - Acts 10:35 (MSG)

