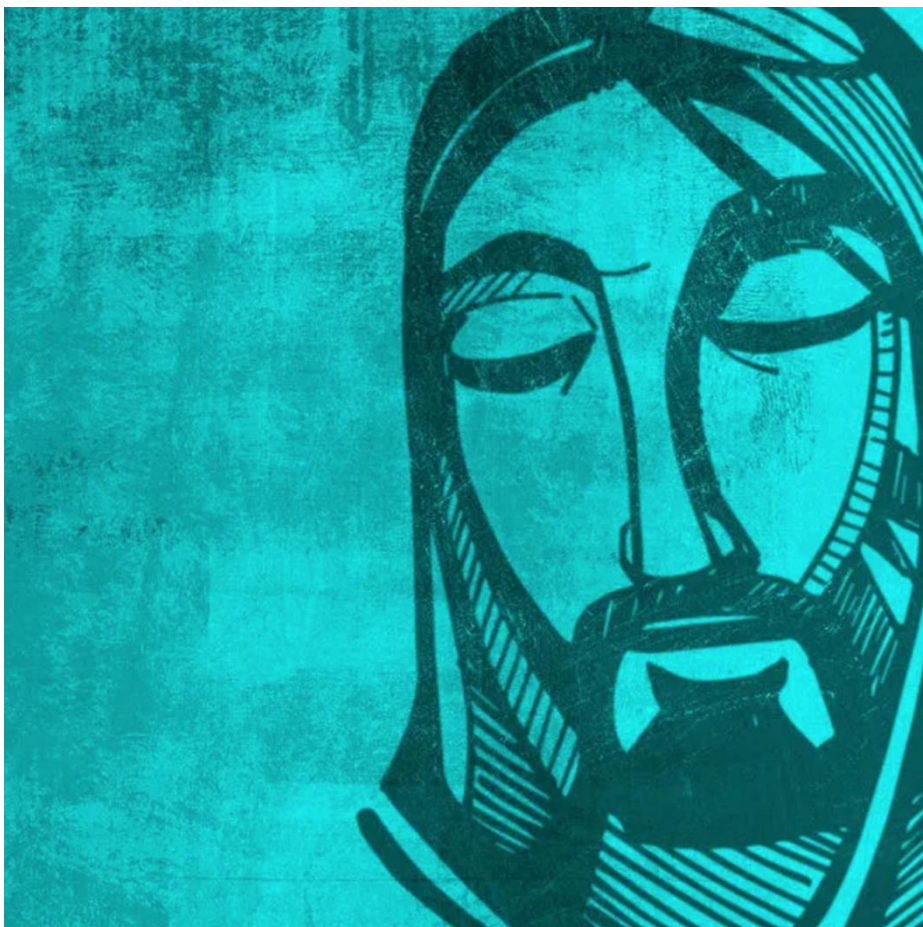




DANVILLE

Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

OUR PURPOSE

Love God • Love Each Other • Be God's Love in the World

Danville Congregational Church acknowledges that the land this house of worship sits upon is the traditional, unceded land of the Ohlone and Bay Miwok people. We offer this land acknowledgment as a sign of respect, with the knowledge that this land was sacred before we ever arrived.

At Danville Congregational Church, we welcome you to a progressive spiritual community that is open and affirming, celebrates differences, and encourages alternate views. We explore the Bible with curiosity and enthusiasm, taking it seriously but not literally. Taking Christ's call passionately to love our neighbor, we extend our faith into action for the betterment of all. Wherever you are on life's journey, we offer you a place of peace and hope.

Danville Congregational Church is an Open and Affirming church, welcoming all of God's people—of diverse race, gender, sexual orientation, family status, economic condition, and physical, mental, and emotional ability.

A NOTE TO WORSHIPERS

Please take note of the emergency exits around you and locate the nearest one to you.

At DCC, wearing a mask during worship or inside the building is optional; please do whatever is comfortable for you. Please be aware of others' personal space and space yourselves out in the sanctuary accordingly. Please invite consent before shaking hands and hugging. The left-hand section of pews as you enter the sanctuary has been designated for those who are free of scents and perfumes.

Please silence your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary.

If you would like to use one of our listening assistance devices, please see the sound technician in the back of the sanctuary.

First-time visitor? Welcome to Danville Congregational Church! We are glad you are here with us today. Please register your attendance in the Blue Pew Book located in the pew and share whatever information you would like us to have about you. If you are interested in learning more about DCC, please see one of the pastors after worship in the narthex (lobby) or contact Joyce Klassen (joyce.klassen@comcast.net) our Community Life Commissioner. We look forward to meeting you!

***The DCC sanctuary is available for meditation and quiet prayer
during the week during normal business hours.***

Please feel free to come by any time—enter through the office.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Jason W. Krug

WELCOME

Alene Riley

Please sign the sheet in the blue pad, pass it to another, and place it in the offering plate.

To offer a special prayer, please fill out a Prayer Card, which will be collected during Prayer Time.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Leich

**All are invited to rise in body, mind, or spirit.*

One: Come and worship Christ,

**All: the visible image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of creation,
the eternal God:
the one through whom all things were created,
and in whom all things are held together.**

One: This is our God!

All: Let's worship together.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Doug

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another and pass the peace of Christ

*OPENING HYMN

Alleluia, Gracious Jesus

See pages 4–5.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Blessing of the Backpacks

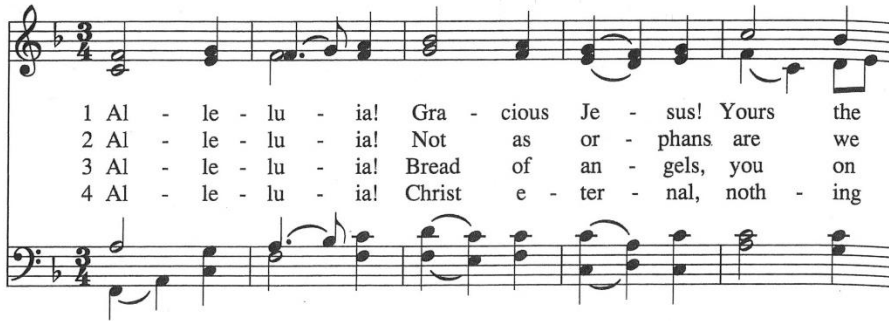
Rev. Lauren Jewett

*Following the Blessing of the Backpacks,
children are invited to meet their teachers in the back of the sanctuary for Godly Play.*

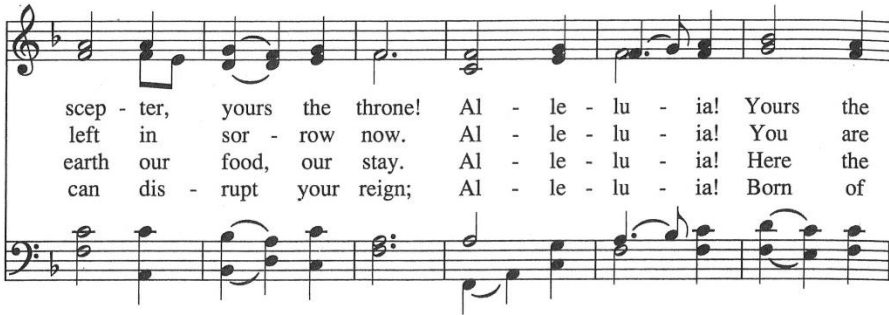
Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!

Eph. 1:15-23; Heb. 9:11-14

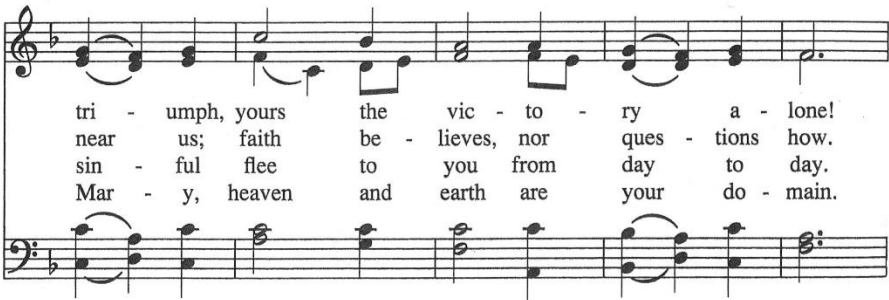
William C. Dix, 1867; alt.



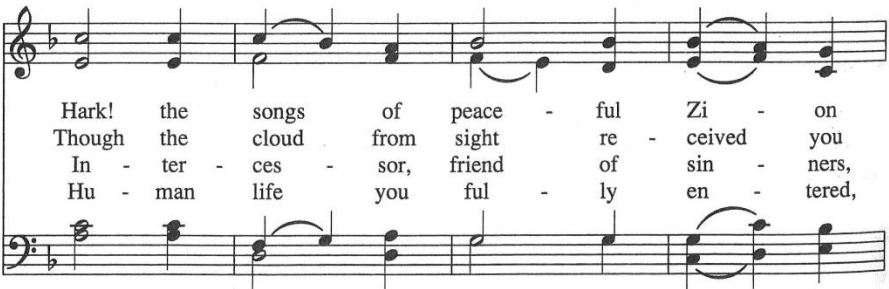
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Gra - cious Je - sus! Yours the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, you on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ e - ter - nal, noth - ing



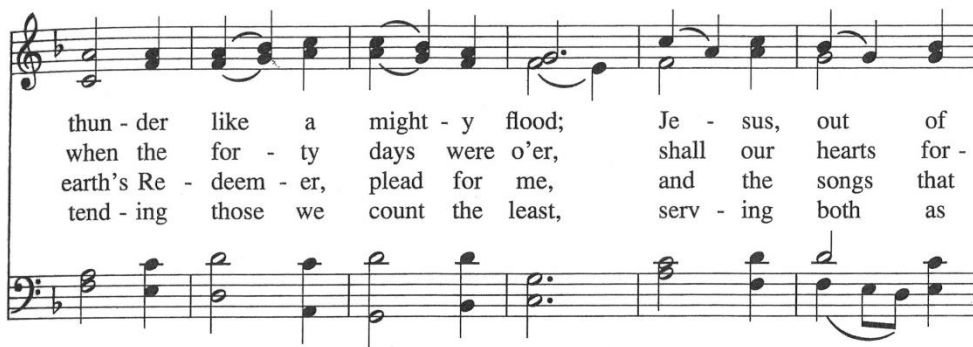
scep - ter, yours the throne! Al - le - lu - ia! Yours the
 left in sor - row now. Al - le - lu - ia! You are
 earth our food, our stay. Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
 can dis - rupt your reign; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of



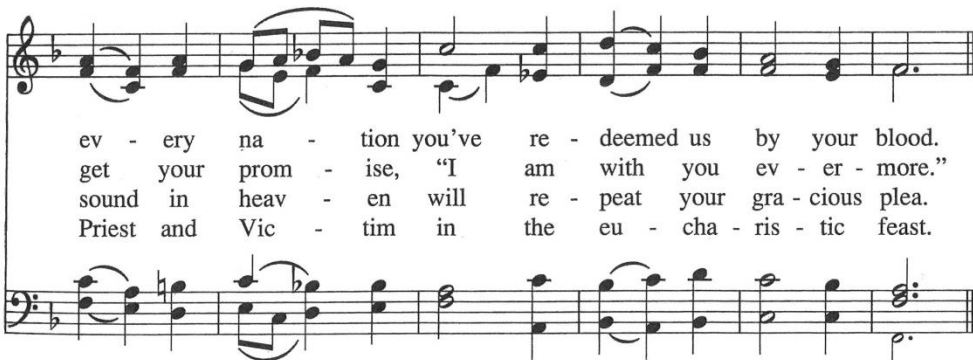
tri - umph, yours the vic - to - ry a - lone!
 near us; faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 sin - ful flee to you from day to day.
 Mar - y, heaven and earth are your do - main.



Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived you
 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
 Hu - man life you ful - ly en - tered,



thun - der like a might - y flood; Je - sus, out of
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -
 earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me, and the songs that
 tend - ing those we count the least, serv - ing both as



ev - ery na - tion you've re - deemed us by your blood.
 get your prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more."
 sound in heav - en will re - peat your gra - cious plea.
 Priest and Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

William C. Dix, manager of a marine insurance company, was also a gifted writer who made a significant contribution to hymnody. This hymn was written to fill a need for communion hymns in Church of England hymnals.

Tune: HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D.
 Rowland H. Prichard, 1844
 Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Luke 10:38-42](#)

Doug

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

SERMON

Indeed Only One

Rev. Toni Dunbar

ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus

African-American Spiritual

Davóne Tines, bass-baritone
Adam Nielsen, piano

arr. Moses Hogan

*In the morning when I rise... Give me Jesus.**Refrain:**Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.**You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.**Dark midnight was my cry... Give me Jesus. [Refrain]**Oh, when I come to die... Give me Jesus. [Refrain]*

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Lauren

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

All: Hear our prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Loving God, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

TIME OF GIVING

Doug

Invitation to Giving

For those of you who have already made a gift by check or automated giving, we are grateful. If you would like to make a gift today, please place it in the offering plate or [give using our web site](#) or donate using your mobile device, text the word give to 855-940-3756.

Offertory

Jesus Is The One

*Doxology **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*Offertory Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alene

*CLOSING HYMN

Beautiful Jesus

See next page.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Toni

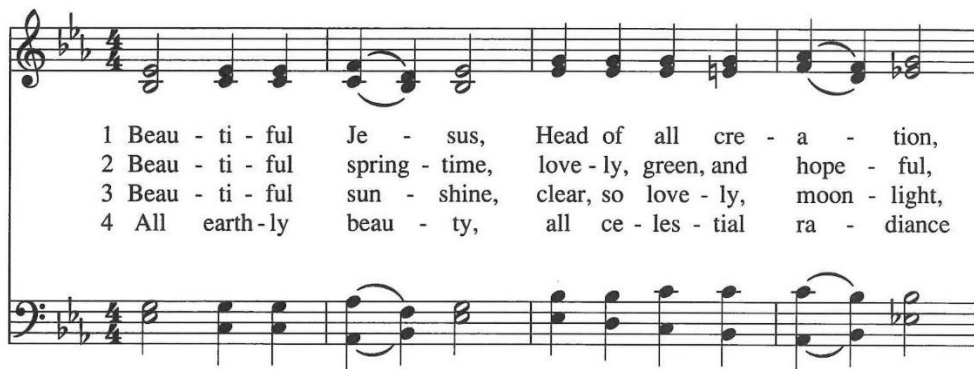
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Beautiful Jesus

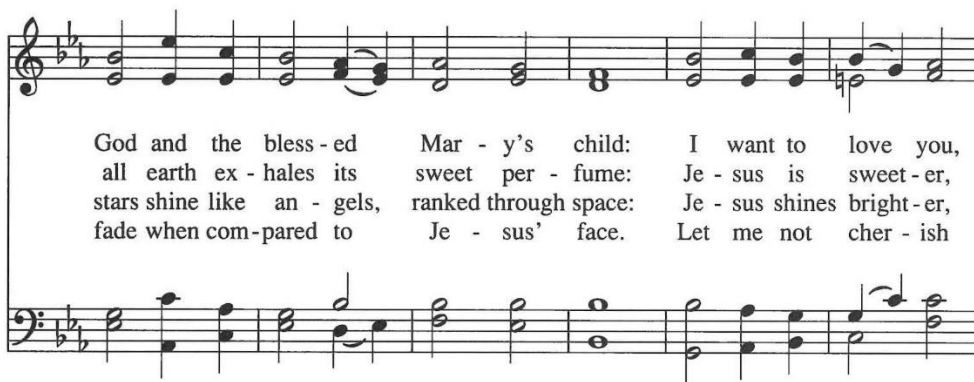
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Münster Gesangbuch, 1677

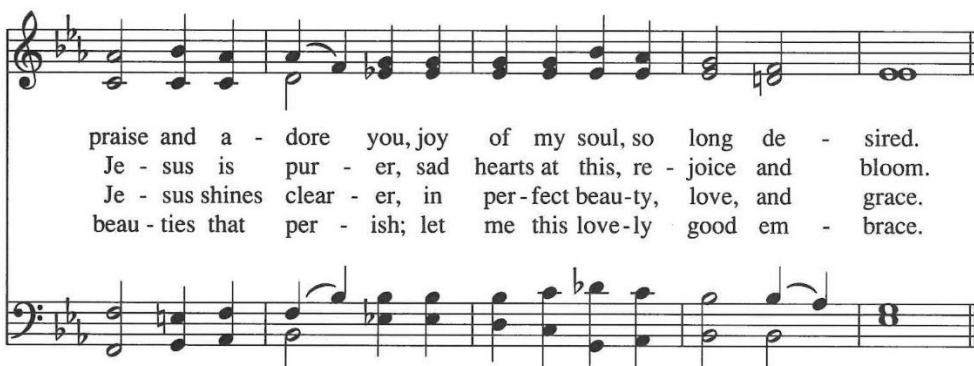
Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993



1 Beau - ti - ful Je - sus, Head of all cre - a - tion,
 2 Beau - ti - ful spring - time, love - ly, green, and hope - ful,
 3 Beau - ti - ful sun - shine, clear, so love - ly, moon - light,
 4 All earth - ly beau - ty, all ce - les - tial ra - diance



God and the bless - ed Mar - y's child: I want to love you,
 all earth ex - hailes its sweet per - fume: Je - sus is sweet - er,
 stars shine like an - gels, ranked through space: Je - sus shines bright - er,
 fade when com - pared to Je - sus' face. Let me not cher - ish



praise and a - dore you, joy of my soul, so long de - sired.
 Je - sus is pur - er, sad hearts at this, re - joice and bloom.
 Je - sus shines clear - er, in per - fect beau - ty, love, and grace.
 beau - ties that per - ish; let me this love - ly good em - brace.

Tune: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU 5.6.8.5.5.8.
 Silesian folk melody
 Harm. Richard S. Willis, 1850

This text, which has also been translated as "Fairest Lord Jesus" and "Beautiful Savior," was included in a German Catholic hymnal published in Münster. The melody, known by various names, is thought to be a Silesian folk tune.

WORSHIP NOTES



The **Rev. Dr. Toni Dunbar** is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and a long-time resident of the San Francisco Bay Area. She is a founding elder and pastor of education at City of Refuge United Church of Christ in Oakland, California.

Rev. Toni earned her Master of Divinity degree, and her Doctor of Ministry in Clergy & Community Education, from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California. She is an impassioned social advocate and educator, promoting the role of communities – especially faith communities—in the reclamation of society’s most marginalized and highly at-risk members.

Her projects include Refuge Institute, offering practical leadership development for clergy and community; post-secondary instruction in progressive social ministry, and on several fronts, battles for justice and against stigma persons with mental health challenges and the urban poor.

She is also the principal of Imara Heritage LLC, a community education, grant writing and consulting entity with deep nonprofit roots. Imara Heritage’s motto *“And the people could fly”* suggests it is possible to escape stigma and poverty, to gain freedom, independence and opportunity. Her sense is urgent and directed toward a future powered by progressive – even radical – theology and social engagement. “Clergy,” Rev. Toni says, “are the conscience of community.”

“Give Me Jesus” (also known as “And I Heard the Mourner Say”) is a traditional American Christian spiritual song. Possibly the earliest known version of “Give Me Jesus” was published in the United States in 1845 by the Rev. Jacob Knapp, a Baptist minister from New York. By 1849 the Methodists published a version, and the song was popularized in the mid-nineteenth century through various camp meetings and hymnals. “Give Me Jesus” was popular among African American congregations, and *Slave Songs of the United States* (1867) mentions that former slaves in Port Royal, South Carolina, sang it, although the song may not have originated solely with slaves, as it was published previously by the Methodists. However, African American congregations likely influenced its modern form. In 1873 the Fisk Jubilee Singers published a version of the song that remains popular today. The transformation of this song into the theology and experience of enslaved Africans reveals that the focus migrated from millennial concerns for salvation and Jesus’ thousand-year reign on earth to themes of deliverance from this earth, the reunion with family in heaven, and ultimate safety in the presence of Jesus.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30am–10:30am	Worship (In-person and Zoom)
10:30am-11:00am	Time of Fellowship in Koinonia / breakout rooms
11:15am–12:15pm	Journeys in Faith Second Hour

Our unattended nursery is open for anyone who would like to make use of it during worship. For safety reasons, we request that no child be left on the playground without appropriate supervision. Thank you!

Godly Play (for children ages preschool through 5th grade) is offered immediately following the Opening Hymn. All children are invited to participate in Godly Play.

THIS WEEK AT DCC

Tuesday	9:00am	Men's Coffee and Donuts
Wednesday	10:00am	Wednesday Morning Prayer

TODAY'S EMMAUS TEAM

Today's Emmaus Team is **Team 1.**

Greeters: Barb DeBarger, Shii Stickler, and Chris Wang

Ushers: Chris Callison, Mariah Callison, and Sandy Leich

Candlelighter: Chris Wang

Liturgist: Doug Leich

Fellowship Hosts: Dee Brook and Nancy Dowell

Flowers: Sandy Leich

Sound Tech: Randy Jang

Tech Minister: Carol Bassett

Lock Up Duty: Tom Sonnemann

Children's Ministers

Godly Play: Jen Faught

Next week's Emmaus Team is **Team 2.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Todd is at [Camp Tam](#), returning to worship on July 27. During his absence, *he will be monitoring email but will have limited cell phone availability.* You can call Anne-Marie at the church office, and she will relay any messages as needed.

If you want to meet with him in his last week he leaves for sabbatical, contact him directly.

Pastor Lauren will be available next week, including at DCC on Thursday, before leaving for Camp Tam on Friday.



Plans for Pastor Todd's Sabbatical

Pastor Todd's letter of call provides for a paid three-month sabbatical leave every five years. After postponing it for a year, he will be taking this leave very soon! His last Sunday before sabbatical will be **August 3rd**, returning November 3rd and back in worship on November 9th.

We are looking forward to granting this well-deserved leave to Pastor Todd, and plans to cover his duties have been underway over these past several months. No one has been working harder at covering all the needed duties than Pastor Todd himself!



In addition to performing the duties of her call with us, **Pastor Lauren** will be present during worship most of the Sundays Pastor Todd is away, preaching at least twice and shepherding three other services. We have also engaged several guest preachers, including two DCC members!

Through Pastor Todd, the Moderator Team met with and has engaged the **Rev. Carol Barriger** to provide additional worship and pastoral support and cover the following duties in Pastor Todd's absence:

- preach three Sundays;
- maintain office hours at the church office each Tuesday, working with John and Anne-Marie to plan the bulletin, music, and provide other worship support, and following up with members;
- provide pastoral care as needed.



Pastor Carol brings to DCC a wealth of church leadership and pastoral care experience. She is ordained in the UCC and has served numerous churches in our Conference (DCC will be her seventh); she has also as a hospital chaplain. She was an Associate Conference Minister of our Conference and later served as a member and chair of various sections of the Committee on Ministry, mentoring candidates for ministry and, currently, reviewing ethical concerns. Pastor Carol is a graduate of Harvard University, received the M.Div. from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, and later an M.A. in Biblical Studies. She taught UCC history, theology and polity as an adjunct faculty member at PSR, and in various other settings.

Pastor Carol is eager to get to know DCC folks and is grateful to Pastor Todd and the Moderator Team for opening the door to serving and learning among us. She is dedicated to the justice and equality taught to us by Jesus, and loves all sorts of music. She will be with us in worship on August 3 and will stick around during Coffee Hour so you can get to know her.

[Click here to review the preaching schedule for this three-month period.](#)

As a part of this time of rest, Pastor Todd will not be checking email or responding to matters of the church. Members are asked to reach out to Pastor Lauren and Pastor Carol for pastoral support and to the moderators for all church-related issues. In consultation with Pastor Todd, they have agreed to contact him for urgent concerns.

The moderator team is thankful that DCC has planned and budgeted for this leave for Pastor Todd, and we are grateful to Pastor Todd for so thoughtfully working to ensure that our church's needs continue to be well supplied in his absence. If you have any questions about Pastor Todd's sabbatical and the plans for pastoral coverage, please reach out to your Co-Moderators Heidi Bridgeman or myself.

Alene Riley, Co-Moderator

Pastor Todd's PSC

Pastor Todd's Pastoral Support Committee will meet Sunday, July 27th after worship. Members are Dee Brook Jenn O'Neal, Jen Faight, John Klassen, and Dave Michaud.

Saturday, July 27th at 11:30am

Visitor Luncheon

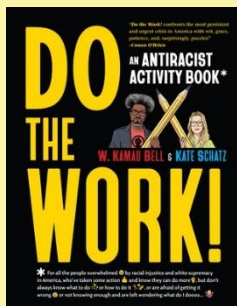
Curious about joining the DCC family? If so, a time of fellowship for potential new members is planned for Sunday, July 27th at 11:30am. We'll gather at the home of John & Joyce Klassen in San Ramon for lunch and the opportunity to get to know DCC and each other a little better. If you're interested in learning more, please contact Joyce Klassen at joyce.klassen@comcast.net.



Backpack & School Supplies Drive

We are wrapping up our **Summer Backpack and School Supplies Drive**, as we provide new backpacks stuffed with school supplies for children of homeless, formerly-homeless and at-risk families now living in **Shelter, Inc.** housing, who we want to help get a good start in school this year. Thank you to the DCC folks who supplied backpacks with school supplies for our ten **Shelter, Inc.** students and two more beyond our original commitment.

And thanks to those who provided \$50 gift cards for uniforms and shoes for the same twelve kids and a few extra. These donations will be delivered to Shelter, Inc. on Monday, July 21st.



Coming this August and September **Anti Racism Summer Workshops**

Join Barb DeBarger, Bette Felton and Doug Leich during second hours this summer on August 10th, 17th, and 24th and September 21st from 11:15am–12:30pm to learn more and practice anti-racism activities. We'll be studying and using the workbook **Do the Work!** by W. Kamau Bell and Kate Schatz, and will cover a variety of topics, including race, white supremacy, privilege, history, and what you can actually DO as a fellow anti-racist during these troubled times.

Come to some or all of the workshops! Invite a friend to “Do the Work” with you! We will have copies of the workbook to sell during coffee time in Koinonia Hall during the month of July or you can purchase one on your own, or buy it online at Marcus books:

<https://www.marcusbooks.com/book/9781523514281>. Sign up online

<https://forms.gle/1PHypSGDezdbNaC9A> or on the clipboard in Koinonia after church. Any questions? Ask Barb, Doug or Bette. We hope to see you there!

Get Connected with the DCC Instant Church Directory

Here's how to get started on your phone:

1. **Download the App**

Go to the **App Store (iPhone)** or **Google Play Store (Android)** and search for **Instant Church Directory**. Download the free app.

2. **Sign In Using Your Email**

Use the **email address you have listed with DCC**. This is how the app confirms you're part of our church community.

3. **Create a Password**

The first time you log in, you'll create a password. After that it just open us on your phone when you need it.

4. **Start Browsing**

Once logged in, you'll be able to view contact info and photos of fellow DCC members (who've chosen to share them). You can even update your own info if needed!

If you have a problem ask Amy, Joyce or Kyra for help.



Wednesday Morning Prayer

Pastor Todd facilitates morning prayer on Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Sanctuary with access for folx to join through Zoom. We will engage in centering prayer and then pray for those requests we have received. To join via Zoom, use this [link](#).

Pictures of the Week



Scenes from ONA and Synod

Top Left Collage: Pastor Lauren and Pastor Todd with a few of the many Bay Area UCC pastors at Synod—the Rev. Michael Cronin (Island United Church), the Rev. Jessica Vacketta (Congregational Church of San Mateo), and the Rev. Jen Chapman (Arlington Community Church); Pastor Todd with DCC friend the Rev. Carmarion D. Anderson-Harvey; Pastor Todd and Joy Davis repping DCC Pride; and Pastor Todd with the Rev. Casey Tinnin and the Rev. Carol Barriger.

Top Right Collage: Rev. Carmarion speaks out at the ONA's public witness; Pastors Michael, Jen, and T.

Bottom Left Collage: Pastor Todd and Pastor Lauren at the Banned Books Service Project; Pastors Michael, Jessica, Lauren, Jen, and Todd at the ONA Gala.



If you'd like to submit a picture to be considered for the pic of the week, send it to Anne-Marie at anne-marie@danvillechurch.org.

Ministers—The Entire Congregation

Church Staff

The Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Lauren Jewett, Minister of Youth & Community Engagement

John Kendall Bailey, Music Director

Anne-Marie Vanniasinkam, Office & Communications Manager

The **DCC Prayer Team** prays daily for those in need of prayers.
If you would like to submit a prayer request for yourself or someone else,
contact a pastor or send an email to **prayers@danvillechurch.org**.
All requests are kept confidential unless specified otherwise.

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