



# DANVILLE

Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



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**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Service as Worship Sunday**

*August 31, 2025*

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

# WELCOME

Rev. Lauren Jewett

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lily Sonnemann

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

One: Holy one, there are times when you call us to put things in order and clear out the cobwebs so that your vision for us is clearer to see.

**All:** Help us to have eyes to see the path you have laid out for us.

One: God, there are times when you call us to quiet our overstimulating surroundings so we can listen better.

**All: Help us discern your voice amidst our closet clutter.**

One: God, There are times when we must pause our work in the wider community and attend to the work that needs doing in our own.

**All: Help us to enjoy this time serving our own church community.**

One: God, there are times when you call us to make space for new things!

**All: Help us to honor what is past, let go of what no longer serves us, and imagine what we can do together!**

\* OPENING HYMN

## Awake, Awake to Love and Work

## #89

1 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the sky;  
2 Come, let your voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;  
3 To give and give, and give a - gain, as God's own grace is free;

the fields are wet with dia - mond dew; The worlds a - wake to cry  
See how the gi - ant sun soars up, God's gift for all your days!  
To spend your-self nor count the cost; To serve most glo - rious - ly

their prais-es to the Fount of Life; Christ Je - sus pass-es by.  
So let the love of Je - sus come and set your soul a - blaze,  
the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

\*CLOSING HYMN

*We Are One in the Spirit*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Chorus:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
And we'll guard each person's dignity and save each person's pride.  
(Chorus)

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
(Chorus)

\*CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor Lauren

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30am–10:30am	Worship (In-person and Zoom)
10:30am–11:00am	Time of Fellowship in Koinonia / breakout room
11:15am–12:15pm	Outreach Commission Meeting in Spirit Room

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!

There is no **Godly Play** today.

THIS WEEK AT DCC

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## With Deepest Sympathy to the Family of Eleanor Dent

With deep sympathy, we announce that **Eleanor Dent** transitioned peacefully from this life on Wednesday, August 20th. Please keep **Syd, Leslie, Rande, Liam,** and their family in your prayers during this time.

Eleanor moved up here from her home and friends of over 57 years in the Pasadena area in 2022. Syd and Leslie brought her to DCC and became a fixture in the first two rows. Our church provided its usual extravagant welcome. She enjoyed the Time With Children and was sometimes known to be a gallery participant. She sang the old tunes with gusto (if not good harmony) and made valiant attempts at newer material. She enjoyed the music so much, she would sometimes sing along with the choir and their anthem. She also appreciated the interesting and well thought out sermons of Eric and Todd. After sermons, she would frequently say, in a voice loud enough for Eric or Todd or one of our fine guest preachers to hear, "That was good!" But her favorite part was the passing of the peace. Everyone greeted her with such enthusiasm from young kiddos to well-seasoned folk. She truly felt a part of the church and loved by it. Leslie, Rande and I are truly grateful DCC gave her such a community. Sundays were her favorite day of the week. And DCC helped her feel like she had found a new home.

A Celebration of Life will be planned for later in the year. Donations can be made to Hope Hospice, The Alzheimer's Association or the DCC Endowment Fund. Thank you again for showing someone who we are.

## Condolences to the Prickett family

DCC member **Mary Ann Prickett** passed away on August 2nd at the age of 91. She worshipped regularly at DCC until her move to a local care facility eight years ago.

A native of Kansas, Mary Ann grew up in a rural area near Chico where her father was a veterinarian. She graduated from Stanford University, where her life-long fandom of collegiate basketball, especially for the Stanford women's team, flourished. She moved to San Francisco where she worked for American Airlines and met her husband, Ward.

Following their move to Connecticut Mary Ann was employed by Pratt Whitney, where she eventually became branch manager of their credit union. In later years Mary Ann and Ward moved to Pacific Grove where she continued her life-long involvement in the life of the church, including serving as moderator of council and a delegate to regional conferences. In 1997 Mary Ann, now widowed, moved to San Ramon to be closer to family.

She is survived by her son Kevin, daughter-in-law Angela, and granddaughters Audrey and Ashley. A graveside service in Kansas was held earlier this month.

Our deepest condolences to **Kevin, Angela, Audrey, Ashley** and their family.



*Sunday, September 7th at noon*  
**Monthly Lunch Bunch - Please join us!**



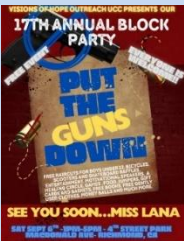
Would you like to get to know some of your DCC colleagues better? Come join us for lunch after church on September 7. We'll be gathering at noon (or whenever you get there) at Bridges in downtown Danville and would love for you to join us! If you have joined us before, please come again! If you haven't been able to make it before, please join us. Note: Please come prepared to pay for your meal with check, cash, Paypal or Venmo. Thanks! Please RSVP to Wilson Jackson at 925-819-0222, or email him at [wrjachev@netzero.com](mailto:wrjachev@netzero.com) to let him know you'll be attending.

**Long-Range Planning Task Force Selected**

At long last, our Long-Range Planning Task Force has been selected by the Moderator Team. This team will begin working on creating a draft long-range plan for DCC next month, with its purpose to help propel us into a fruitful and active future. The group will be looking at where DCC is now and where we would like to be in the future. The task for will then generate ideas and propose steps to help us get there. Along the way, the team will provide updates to our Church Council as well as the congregation. We are looking forward to the work! The members of this task force are:

Pastor Lauren  
Kyra Kennedy  
Anne Bremirez  
Jim Stickler  
Barb DeBarger

Nicole Noga  
Trish Moosbrugger  
Reuben Shank  
Sabrina Jackson-Kimball



**Put the Guns Down Event Needs Support**  
*Saturday, September 6th at 1:00pm*

DCC is co-sponsoring Visions of Hope with their annual "Put the Guns Down" event in Richmond on September 6th from 1:00pm–5:00pm. They are asking for volunteers from DCC to help run games and snack distribution, and for donations of bicycles, game prizes and snacks for participants! You can contribute actual items, or funds to purchase them. You can donate electronically via Vanco to our Visions of

Hope Sponsorship fund, by check written out to DCC and write VoH sponsorship fund on the memo line. Or Sign Up to purchase items using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0548ACA72D6-57760219-putthe>

For more information, please contact Doug Leich, Barb DeBarger, Chris Sonneman or Carrie Hrousis.

## *New Weekly Spotlight –Meet Our Deacons*

### **This Week – Carol Bassett**



DCC's deacons, aka the Diaconate, are appointed by the Church Council "to aid and advise the Minister(s) and the Council, to stand with and listen to persons in the congregation, and to provide special ministries of reconciliation, comfort, and inspiration. The Diaconate consists of nine persons plus those whom the congregation has elected deacon for life. This Week, we spotlight **Carol Bassett**.

My Husband, John and I joined DCC in early 1991. Not long after, our son Matthew was born. Due to birth complications, he would spend his first six months of life at Children's Hospital Oakland. I firmly believe that the many prayers from DCC are the reason he was able to come home early in 1992. Matthew and I spent his first year at home in isolation. We were visited by a wonderful Diaconate member, Ilo Maynard. She helped ease a difficult time. In April 2020 my husband passed away. DCC, its pastors and members have been and continue to be my rock. I am so blessed and grateful.

I served on the Diaconate twice before 2024-2025. I began helping set up Communion, even before becoming a member of the Diaconate. During my time as a Deacon, I have served as Clerk, Communion Coordinator and was the back-up for Acts of Kindness. I have served on the Building & Grounds Commission, on and off since 1997, and currently since 2021. I have served on the Worship Commission twice and am currently a member. I have been an Emmaus team Leader since 2021.

Thank you for asking me to be a Deacon. It is an important part of my life and the life of the Church.

### **Pastoral Availability**

**Pastor Carol** keeps regular office hours Tuesdays. If you would like to meet with Pastor Carol, please reach out to her via email at [pastorcaroldcc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcaroldcc@gmail.com)

**Pastor Lauren** is available by appointment. via email [lauren@danvillechurch.org](mailto:lauren@danvillechurch.org) or 510-684-9183.

### **Wednesday Morning Prayer**

Pastor Carol facilitates morning prayer on Wednesdays at 10:00am via Zoom. We will engage in centering prayer and then pray for those requests we have received. To join use this [link](#).

## Pictures of the Week



Clockwise from top: Peggy Gierke and Nan Karns catching up over the recycling can on Monday in Crow Canyon; Jazz guitarist Dave Schroeder performed at worship last Sunday; Jenn O'Neal preached on how God Delights in all of us.

*If you'd like to submit a picture to be considered for the pic of the week, email [anne-marie@danvillechurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:prayers@danvillechurch.org)**.  
All requests are kept confidential unless specified otherwise.

**Maria Arroyo, Dayspring Preschool Director**

**Kim Michaud, Administrative Assistant**

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