

Visions of Hope Outreach UCC
&
Danville Congregational Church UCC

**SEP
28TH**

- 10AM - 11:30AM
- A LIGHT LUNCH SERVED
IMMEDIATELY AFTER



**HOSTED BY LAY PASTOR
ELANA BOLDS**

VISIONS OF HOPE OUTREACH UCC

**HUMBLY REQUESTS YOUR PRESENCE AT
MY OFFICIAL 1ST WORSHIP SERVICE**

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
PRAYER IN THE PARK**



**5050 HARTNETT AVE, RICHMOND CA 94804
IN CRESCENT PARK**



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Lay Pastor Lana Bolds and Rev. Lauren Jewett

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

One: We, of many backgrounds and identities, personalities, and ideas,
gather collectively in shared pursuit of the Sacred.

All: Together, we make up the body of Christ.

One: God is naming us all: Holy. Beloved. Cherished. Valued.

All: We believe you delight in us!

One: Make us people who recognize and proclaim your beauty
and goodness in unexpected places.

All: Surprise us. Challenge us. Transform us.

One: Our God is a god of resurrection. Of new life after devastation. Of hope in the
grip of evil. And so we dare to proclaim, with pride and faith, our truths:

**All: We believe in the power of love. We believe in solidarity with the suffering.
We believe we are each valuable.**

One: God make us the body of Christ as you envisioned.

**All: We need one another in order to be whole, May we become your presence
enfleshed, in service to the world and one another.**

Inspired by: M Jade Kaiser, enfleshed

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

*OPENING HYMN

What a Mighty God We Serve

See pages 3-4.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Praise Dance

Je-zeri Boykin

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The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Psalms 50:1

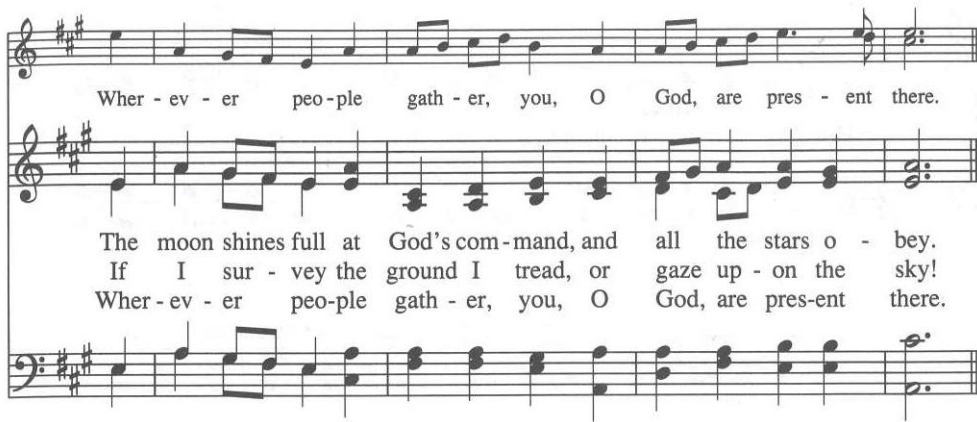
What a might - y God we serve.

What a might - y God we serve.

An-gels bow be - fore Him. Heav-en and earth a - dore Him.

What a might - y God we serve. I com-

mand you, Sa-tan, in the name of the Lord to take



SCRIPTURE LESSON

[1 Corinthians 1:27](#)

(New International Bible Version)

But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[1 Timothy 1:12-17](#)

(New International Bible Version)

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

SERMON

*Better Days Are Coming /
There Is Nothing Too Hard for God*

Lay Pastor Lana

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed!*

Chorus

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

*When thru the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,
(Chorus)*

*And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in -
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin!*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
(Chorus)*

TIME OF PRAYER

Lay Pastor Lana

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

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

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Lay Pastor Lana and Pastor Lauren

SURSUM CORDA

One: God be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift up our hearts to God!

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lay Pastor Lana

*CLOSING HYMN

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

See next page.

*BENEDICTION

Lay Pastor Lana

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I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

Ira Stanphill

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I don't know a-bout to - mor-row, I just live from day to day.
 Ev-'ry step is get-ting brighter, As the gold - en stairs I climb;
 I don't know a-bout to - mor-row, It may bring me pov-er - - ty;

9 C F C D7 D7 G7
 I don't bor - row from its sun-shine, for its skies may turn to gray.
 Ev-'ry bur - den's get - ting light-er, Ev-'ry cloud is sil - ver lined;
 But the one who feeds the spar-row, Is the one who stands by me.

17 G7 C C7 F C
 I don't wor - ry o'er the fu-ture, for I know what Je - sus said;
 There the sun is al-ways shin-ing, There no tears will dim the eye,
 And the path that be my por-tion, may be through the flame or flood,

25 C F C C G7 C
 And to - day I'll walk be - side Him, For He knows what lies a - head.
 At the end - ing of the rain-bow where the moun - tains touch the sky.
 But His pre - ence goes be - fore me, And I'm cov - ered with His blood.

34 C7 F C D7 G7
 Man-y things a-bout to - mor-row I don't seem to un-der - stand; But I

43 C F C G7 C
 know Who holds to - mor-row, And I know who holds my hand.

Ministers—The Entire Congregation

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