



# DANVILLE

Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ



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**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*October 5, 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](mailto: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

*For All the Faithful Women*

Finnish Folk Melody

WELCOME

Rev. Lauren Jewett

***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

Wilson Jackson

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

One: Our worship is not bound by time or place.

It is a continual offering to God wherever we find ourselves.

In our worship we hear the voices of mothers, grandmothers,  
and beloved aunties.

**Many: They teach us to love, serve, be strong and offer thanksgiving.**

One: May we raise daughters and sons who know that God is present with them  
from sunrise to sunset, faithful through each moment and each change.

**Many: Jesus is our companion, teacher and brother,  
having lived with courage the life we are now called to live.**

One: The Holy Spirit bids us fill this place with joy and thanksgiving.

**Many: Let every heart sing with gratitude for the gifts of this day.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Wilson

One: Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

\*OPENING HYMN

*For Everyone Born*

See next page.

# For Everyone Born

Shirley Erena Murray

Brian R. Mann\*

**Moderato**

**E** **A<sup>2</sup>**

For every-one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 For genders diverse, a place at the ta - ble,  
 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 For gay and for straight, a place at the ta - ble.

**E** **A<sup>2</sup>**

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the  
 trans - gen - der and queer in one sin - gle

**Bsus B F#m<sup>7</sup> E/G# A<sup>2</sup> Bsus**

bread, a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 share, with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrink - led,  
 tree en - gag - ing each gift and bless - ing each cove - nant.

**E Bsus E Bsus B**

for ev - ery-one born, a star o - ver - head.  
 for genders diverse, a sys - tem that's fair. And  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long.  
 for gay and for straight, a new way to be

**E E/G# A<sup>2</sup> Bsus B<sup>7</sup> E E/G#**

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of just - ice and joy, com

**A<sup>2</sup> Bsus B C#m B**

pas - sion and peace: yes, God will de-light when we are cre -

**A<sup>2</sup> Bsus B E A<sup>2</sup> E Bsus B**

a - tors of just - ice, just - ice and joy.

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\*musica setting written for the Vermillion, SD United Methodist Church on their first anniversary as a reconciling community.

*Following the Time With Children,*

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

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

[2 Timothy 1:1-9](#)

Wilson

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

## MODERN LESSON

*Still I Rise*

Heidi Bridgeman

You may write me down in history  
With your bitter, twisted lies,  
You may trod me in the very dirt  
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?  
Why are you beset with gloom?  
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells  
Pumping in my living room.  
Just like moons and like suns,  
With the certainty of tides,  
Just like hopes springing high,  
Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?  
Bowed head and lowered eyes?  
Shoulders falling down like teardrops,  
Weakened by my soulful cries?

Does my haughtiness offend you?  
Don't you take it awful hard  
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines  
Diggin' in my own backyard.

You may shoot me with your words,  
You may cut me with your eyes,  
You may kill me with your hatefulness,  
But still, like air, I'll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you?  
Does it come as a surprise  
That I dance like I've got diamonds  
At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history's shame  
I rise  
Up from a past that's rooted in pain  
I rise  
I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,  
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.

Leaving behind nights of terror and fear  
I rise  
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear  
I rise  
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,  
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.  
I rise  
I rise  
I rise.

From *And Still I Rise* by Maya Angelou.

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SERMON

*A Spirit of Power*

Rev. Carol Barriger

*God is calling to her people, God is calling to us all.  
Are we listening? God is still speaking,  
God is calling to us all.*

*"I will pour out my Spirit, I will pour out my power  
Share my dreaming, shower you with visions,  
I will pour out my power.*

*Chorus:*

*Pour out justice, overflowing!  
Pour out mercy for this hour!  
Pour compassion on your people,  
Let your Spirit flow with power!*

*Love is moving through this body, Love is moving in this place.  
Breathing through us, helping us grow stronger,  
Love is moving through this place.  
(Chorus)*

## TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Carol

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.**

## 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

*God, We Praise You for the Women*

Dan Damon

Pharaoh's daughter, like a mother, lifted Moses from a pool,  
brought him safely to the palace where a slave would go to school.

Mary watched the killing madness as her son died on the cross;  
she who knew the joy of childbirth now was torn by bitter loss.

As her life drew on toward evening, after she had raised her own,  
Lois held her baby grandson, told him of God's love made known.

God, we praise you for the women who have taught us to be strong,  
who have held us, who have raised us with a prayer and with a song.

\*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

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor Carol

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

Pastor Carol

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Pastor Carol & Pastor Lauren

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Lauren

**All: Holy One, we are grateful that you welcome us so extravagantly,  
feed us by your grace, and hold us in your loving hands.**

**We will carry that grace and tenderness into the world  
to bless and welcome all, without exception, continuing the work  
of radical love and justice to which we are called by Jesus, our Christ. Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lauren

\*CLOSING HYMN

*All Together We Have Power*

See pages 10-11.

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Carol

Please remain in your pews until the light has been taken out of the Sanctuary. Thank you!

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## 1

# All Together We Have Power

*Isaiah 58:12*

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with the Bass part providing harmonic support through chords and occasional melodic lines. The lyrics are: "All to - geth - er we have pow - er, ris - ing up a - gainst all the wrong; all to - geth - er we have pow - er, ris - ing up to sing free - dom songs." The score concludes with a "Fine" marking.

All to - geth - er we have pow - er, ris - ing

up a - gainst all the wrong; all to - geth - er we have

pow - er, ris - ing up to sing free - dom songs.

*Fine*

1. The Spir - it in us feels so strong,  
 2. When we are sti - fled and op - pressed,  
 3. When things a - round us don't feel right,  
 4. The Spir - it in all brings new birth,

*D.C. al Fine*

giv - ing us hope to la - bor long.  
 we will all share our deep dis - tress.  
 we will re - sist with all our might.  
 mov - ing with love through all the earth.

Words: Jann Aldredge-Clanton

Music: African-American spiritual; arr. Larry E. Schultz.

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## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

8:30am–9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
9:30am–10:30am	Worship (In-person and Zoom)
10:30am–11:00am	Time of Fellowship in Koinonia / breakout room
After worship–1:00pm	Youth Group
11:15am–12:15pm	Outreach Commission Meeting in Spirit Room
11:15am–3:00pm	Anti -Racism Field Trip
11:45am	Visitor Luncheon at the Klassens
12:00pm	Monthly Lunch Bunch at Clementine's
1:00pm–3:00pm	Celebration Bells Rehearsal

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

<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am	Men's Coffee and Donuts
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am	Wednesday Morning Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b>	2:30pm–3:30pm	CARE Support Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00pm–8:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	5:30pm–8:00pm	TGIF at the Klassen's

# TODAY'S EMMAUS TEAM

Today's Emmaus Team is **Team 2.**

Greeter: Chris Sonnemann

Ushers: Steve Bridgeman and Tom Sonnemann

Liturgists: Heidi Bridgeman and Wilson Jackson

Fellowship Hosts: Sally Baca, Anne Elliott, and Julie Grenley

Flowers: From Dick Karns's Celebration of Life

Sound Tech: Jim Felton

Tech Minister: Eileen Ackley

Lock Up Duty: Dee Brook

## **Children's Ministers**

Godly Play: Trish Moosbrugger

## **Youth Ministers**

Youth Group: Nancy Halseth and Pastor Lauren

Next week's Emmaus Team is **Team 3.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Children - Join us for Godly Play today

All children are invited to join storyteller Trish in Godly Play this Sunday to hear the story of Moses. Moses was chosen by God to lead his people, not once, but over and over again. Come hear this story about how God came so close to Moses through his

whole life. After some wondering together, we will return to the sanctuary to join our families for communion.

## *Today at 11:45am* **Visitor Luncheon**

Curious about joining the DCC family? If so, a time of fellowship for potential new members is planned for today at 11:45am. 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](mailto:joyce.klassen@comcast.net).



## *Today at noon*

## **Monthly Lunch Bunch at Clementine's**



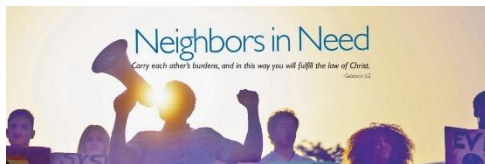
Would you like to get to know some of your DCC colleagues better? Come join us for lunch after church today. We'll be gathering at noon (or whenever you get there) at Clementine's in San Ramon and would love for you to join us! If you have joined us before, please come again! If you haven't been able 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.



## Today after worship Anti-Racism Field Trip Opportunity

Join the Anti-Racism Team as we trek to Coyote Hills Park in Fremont to the annual Gathering of the Ohlone Peoples today. We'll leave after the church service, around 11:15 after the coffee hour. Experience cultural activities and songs, indigenous food, and more! If you are interested in attending and/or carpooling, please let Barb DeBarger or Doug Leich know.



## Neighbors in Need Offering TODAY

[Neighbors in Need](#) offering, which we will receive today, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

Two-thirds of the offering is used by the [UCC's Love of Church Unit](#) to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM).

With your assistance, we together can help our neighbors in need. Please give generously. Use a Neighbors in Need offering envelope or write Neighbors in Need on your check to DCC. And remember, contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made online at any time through the [DCC Donations page](#) by selecting *Neighbors in Need Offering*, or text *give* to 855-940-3756 and select *Neighbors in Need Offering*.

Blessings,  
Outreach Commission

## This Wednesday from 2:30pm–3:30pm CARE Support Group Meeting

The CARE Support Group (C–Compassionate, A–Acceptance, R–Resilience, E–Encouragement) will meet Wednesday, October 8th from 2:30pm–3:30pm in the music room.



*This Friday from 5:30pm–8:00pm*

### **TGIF at the Klassen residence**

All are welcome for this super simple, end-of-week, supper get-together! It's a casual time for people to catch up and connect/reconnect with our DCC Community - singles, old/young, families – wherever you are on your Friday journey into the weekend

- Hosted by John and Joyce Klassen. Address is in the church directory. Contact Joyce with any questions
- Open house from 5:30pm to 8:00pm – Drop by for however long it works for you. Kids are very welcome!
- No RSVP necessary—just bring a pizza or dish you'd like to share, enough that covers your family, plus BYO (wine, beer, soda). We'll have salad and dessert.

If you can't make this one, the next TGIF will be November 14th.

### *New Weekly Spotlight – Meet Our Deacons*

#### **This Week – Nancy Hill**

We are continuing our spotlight of DCC's deacons, aka the Diaconate. This week, we spotlight, **Nancy Hill**.

Like Dottie Howell shared in her story here recently, I too grew up in a Lutheran family, mine in PA where I shared the family pew with four generations of my family. I went on to a Lutheran college, planning a ministering vocation though pastoring was not yet open to Lutheran women in 1960. But instead I chose teaching high school English, married Dave, raised two children and volunteered in

churches we served in PA, NY, MD, NJ and CA. Several of these positions led to paid employment as church educator and as administrator of Presbyterian and ecumenical resource centers for clergy and laity in MD and NJ. During our time on Long Island, NY, Dave and I helped start a Methodist church which is now in its 55<sup>th</sup> year. There I led the Christian education ministry, exploring ways to reach our congregation. Not yet having a building, we held classes for our children every other Saturday morning in the basement of the parsonage and had a splendid time learning together!

Our move to CA in 1991 brought us to DCC where we found more good people and more opportunities to serve. Members for 33 years, we have long loved this church and its people. After serving in numerous roles, becoming a deacon brought the highlight of my service here and I was truly honored to be elected a life deacon in 2010. Sadly, physical challenges have prevented my active participation in recent years but I am grateful to remain connected in spirit with its ministry and members, being with you all for zoom worship every Sunday morning and carrying priceless memories and stories of many saints of this church. You continue to bless Dave and me with your kindness and caring. We have a son in NC, a daughter in Aptos, CA, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Endless blessings!





*Thursday, October 16th from 6:00pm–8:00pm*  
**Civic Engagement Check-In Event at DCC**

Join the Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW for a dynamic conversation on how to use your voice in public policy today. Ogie Strogatz and DCC's own Bette Felton will lead the lively discussion as we explore local action opportunities and non-partisan protests for democracy, rooted in AAUW California's four Public Policy Priorities:

1. Economic Security for All Women
2. Equal Access to Quality Education for All Students
3. Social and Racial Justice for All
4. Increased Representation of Women in Leadership Roles

We'll discuss opportunities for local action on these priorities as well as non-partisan protests for democracy. Leave inspired with a renewed sense of urgency to help heal and strengthen our democracy. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. [Click here to RSVP](#)

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT CHECK-IN:  
WHAT CAN I DO?**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025**

**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**DANVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**OCTOBER THIRD THURSDAY COMMUNITY PROGRAM**

**FEATURED SPEAKERS:**

**BETTE FELTON & OGIE STROGATZ**



*Saturday, October 18th from 11:30am–1:00pm*  
**Invitation for Action Against Injustice**

The Anti-Racism team is inviting all DCC members to participate in a day of action to protest injustice, along with the Indivisible Resisters of Contra Costa County on Saturday, October 18th from 11:30am–1:00pm for the NO KINGS DAY NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION in Broadway Plaza Walnut Creek.

Rally with speakers and their famous parody entertainment, then march through Broadway Plaza street to Main St. and Mt. Diablo Blvd. for Honk & Wave. For more details, map and to sign up click [HERE](#). If you'd like to carpool from DCC, please talk with Barb DeBarger or Linda Elsdon.

*Sunday, October 19th at 11:15 am*  
**Journeys in Faith Second Hour–Graceful Merit**

Equality of opportunity guarantees a just society. Or does it? How do grace and faith inform our thinking about merit and a just society? In this session we will explore these questions and how they relate to meaningful work. This will build on the book “The Tyranny of Merit” by Michael Sandel.

Ron Elsdon will facilitate this session. Ron is the author or editor of several books, one of which is about business social responsibility.





## DCC Endowment Looks to Put Funds to Work

If you have an idea for a program or activity that you'd like to see at DCC, the DCC Endowment Fund could be a source of funding to make it happen. This fund supplements our operating budget and can be used to support church activities that range from youth group and music programs to capital improvements.

All you need to do is fill out the [Endowment Fund Request for Program Support](#) and send your idea or proposal to the DCC mailbox ([office@danvillechurch.org](mailto:office@danvillechurch.org)) or to DCC Endowment Committee Chair Pat McGrath at [Pat504mcgrath@gmail.com](mailto:Pat504mcgrath@gmail.com). The DCC Endowment Fund committee will evaluate your request and make a decision based upon its value to our church community. So, send along an idea today!

**Please submit your proposal no later than November 24, 2025 for consideration.**

Interested in ensuring that more funds are available for church programs in the future? There's no better way than considering a contribution to the fund before year end or making DCC Endowment part of your estate plan.

To learn more about the DCC Endowment Fund and how you can support it, reach out to Pat McGrath or committee members Joy Davis, Syd Dent, or Bette Felton.

A background image for a church program announcement featuring several autumn leaves in shades of green, yellow, orange, and red, hanging from a thin brown string.

## JOURNEYS IN FAITH SECOND HOUR PROGRAMS THIS FALL

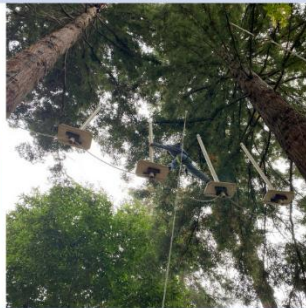
**OCTOBER 19: GRACEFUL MERIT -RON ELSDON**

**NOVEMBER 16: LEADERSHIP IN APOCALYPTIC TIMES -  
DR. DAVID VASQUEZ-LEVY**

### 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



Scenes from the Visions of Hope joint Worship service and the Youth Group Ropes Course last Sunday.

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*

**The Rev. Carol Barriger**, *Sabbatical Support Minister*

**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.

**Maria Arroyo**, *Dayspring Preschool Director*

**Kim Michaud**, *Administrative Assistant*

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