

Congregational Church United Church of Christ



Passion Sunday
The Wilderness Journey
From Palms to Passion

April 5, 2020 Zoom Worship

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE Hosanna, Loud Hosanna! Arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Eric Sherlock

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with waves and smiles

and pass the peace of Christ using the chat feature.

INTRODUCTION Cheryl Pierson,
Finn Fetherstonhaugh

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CALL TO WORSHIP Cheryl

One: On Palm Sunday so many years ago, the people saw Jesus and asked,

All: Who is this?

One: In worship, we respond. In worship, we declare:

All: Jesus is a miracle worker and healer.

One: Jesus is a teacher and preacher.

All: Jesus is our light in the darkness.

One: Jesus is our source of love.

All: Jesus is our path in the wilderness.

One: So may we lay down our hearts like they laid down their coats.

All: Let us worship Holy God.

PALMS "PROCESSIONAL" and TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos' (We Are Marching in the Light of God)

South African Freedom Song

WAVE YOUR BRANCHES!

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God...

We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God...

We are **praying** in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God...

We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God...

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God...

All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! (repeat)

SCRIPTURE READING Tables Turned Cheryl

Matthew 21:12-13

DRAMATIC READING Monday: Bette Felton

The woman in the temple

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Bette

One: Confess with me:

Many: God—for all the things we try to hide from you, forgive us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Authority Questioned Finn

Matthew 21:23

DRAMATIC READING Tuesday: A Pharisee John Klassen

SCRIPTURE READING Annointed Cheryl

Matthew 26:6-13

DRAMATIC READING Wednesday: Kimi DeBarger-Gestring

The woman with the alabastar jar

TIME OF GIVING

Invitation Finn

Offertory Meditation When Jesus Wept William Billings
Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow arr. Karle Erickson

Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication Cheryl

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26:14–16 Finn

DRAMATIC READING Wednesday: Judas Bill Williams

HOLY COMMUNION Thursday Evening: The Last Supper Pastor Eric

and Pastor Todd

Telling the Story Matthew 26:17–30

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

One: We are one bread, one body, one cup of blessing. Though we are many throughout the earth and this church community is scattered, we are one in Christ. In your many

kitchens, and living rooms, rest your hands lightly upon these elements which we set aside today to be a sacrament. Let us ask God's blessing upon them.

Many: Gentle Redeemer, there is no lockdown on your blessing

and no quarantine on grace.

Send your Spirit of life and love, power and blessing upon every table where your child shelters in place, that this Bread may be broken and gathered in love

and this Cup poured out to give hope to all. Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you. Breathe in us, that we may breathe in you.

Words of Remembering

Sharing of the Elements

One: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

Many: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.

One: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

Many: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Let us pray in thanksgiving for this meal of grace, rejoicing that, by the very method

of our worship, we have embodied the truth that Christ's love is not limited by buildings made with human hands, nor contained in human ceremonies,

but blows as free as the Spirit in all places.

Many: Spirit of Christ, you have blessed our tables and our lives.

May the eating of this Bread give us courage to speak faith and act love,

not only in church sanctuaries, but in your precious world,

and may the drinking of this Cup renew our hope

even in the midst of pandemic.

Wrap your hopeful presence around all whose bodies, spirits and hearts need healing, and let us become your compassion and safe refuge. Amen

Liturgy by Rev. Maren C. Tirabassi

TIME OF PRAYER Pastor Eric

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

(Email your requests to Pastor Eric or type them in the chat window.)

All: Hear our prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using these words or the words most familiar to you)

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.

SCRIPTURE READING The Garden Finn

Matthew 26:36-47

DRAMATIC READING Thursday Night Zac Furber-Dobson

A disciple in the garden of Gethsemane

HYMN What Wondrous Love Is This Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols

CLOSING LITANY "Who Is He?" All liturgists

POSTLUDE What Wondrous Love Is This arr. Larry Shackley

Announcements

- Following the service, please join us for a time of coffee, conversation, and community via Zoom break-out rooms.
- If you would like to submit a prayer concern or joy for next Sunday's Zoom Worship, please email it to Pastor Eric at eric@danvillechurch.org.
- To keep up-to-date on news and announcements during this time of social distancing,
 please read your email from DCC thoroughly! All communication related to church news and events
 will be communicated via email!

Easter Offering

Through our Easter offering, we can express our love and compassion by reaching out to our neighbors, near and far, who need a helping hand. The Outreach Commission has selected our local **Axis Community Health** and Guatemala's **Pop No'j** as equal recipients of our Easter offering this year because of the effective services they provide to two very different populations.



Axis Community Health is a Tri-Valley community health center that provides quality, affordable, accessible and compassionate health care services that promote the well-being of all members of the community. Axis Community Health began in 1972 as a health center for low-income children in Eastern Alameda County who had no other access to health care. Over the past forty-five years, Axis has grown to provide medical care for all ages, as well as mental health counseling services, addiction recovery programs, court-ordered programs, a WIC nutrition program and school and

community-based health education services. Axis now offers services from five sites in the Tri-Valley area and serves more than 14,000 members of the community. In order to ensure that services are provided in a culturally-sensitive manner, the multi-lingual staff is representative of a variety of cultures and backgrounds. Axis' medical services are provided on a sliding fee scale based on income and family size. Axis will work with patients to provide the care they need regardless of income, insurance status, or ability to pay. They are now on the front lines of the COVID-19 crisis.



Pop No'j is a Guatemalan non-profit organization introduced to DCC's Sister Parish delegation to Guatemala last year. It is a Mayan human rights and dignity organization whose Migration Program focuses on accompanying children who have been separated from their parents in the U.S. or Mexico and are incarcerated and then deported. They have grown out of the forces that push immigration — which they have come to see as mostly acts of love for the families of those who attempt the trek — and the train wreck of children who have been separated from their parents, incarcerated, and then returned, often months after their parents. They have become the first line of contact with the returned children, providing care and counseling, in the native language of the children. They facilitate finding and returning those children to their families, and follow

them after their return to continue to provide counseling to both the children and their families. That counseling includes broad areas of support including how to protect and recover from physical and sexual violence, fear of soldiers and police, connections to local resources with whom they have developed partnerships, health issues, debt management, water purification, how to repatriate the dead. The current staff of 19 was handling a case load of 54 children in October, and they have been advised that the number of returned children in 2020 will be about 2,000, an overwhelming number. We can help bring their smiles, caring and expertise to a tender group of innocents who have suffered from our own U.S. policies.

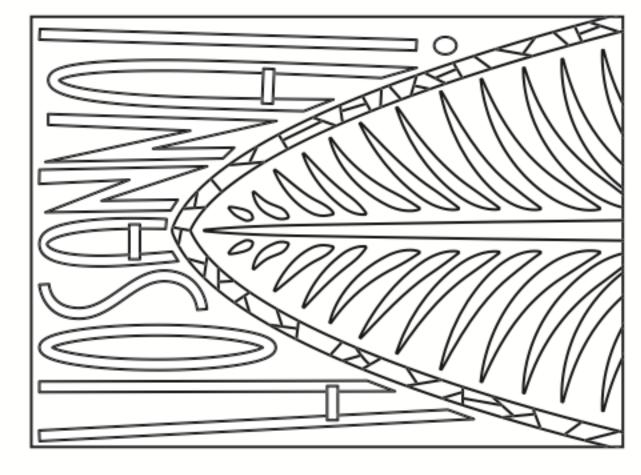
You can make an online Easter Offering through the <u>DCC donation webpage</u> – or write "Easter Offering" on your check made payable to Danville Congregational Church and mail it to DCC. Thank you for your generous support of these organizations and the wonderful work they do to benefit others in the local and global communities.

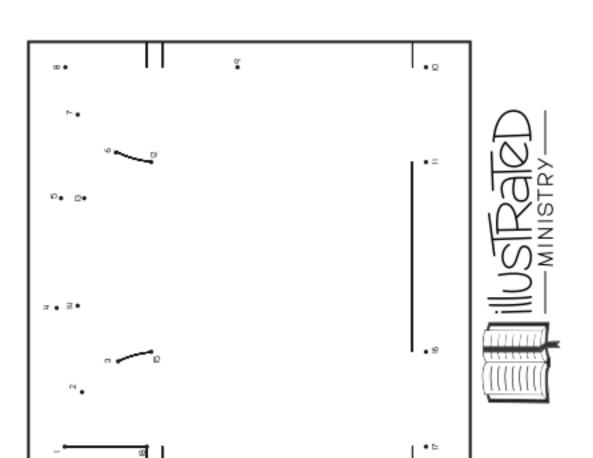
Blessings and continued gratitude for your generosity,

Doug Leich and Bill Williams

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Upcoming Virtual Gatherings

To lessen the impact of isolation during this season of social distancing, you are invited to join these opportunities for worship, spiritual practice, and community.

- Youth Group Zoom, Sunday, April 5 at 5:00pm https://zoom.us/j/683743275?pwd=anpYWHJJVUY1L3habEFUTnBRV1pPdz09 or by Zoom app: 683 743 275, password 322.
- Parent Zoom, Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00pm https://zoom.us/j/199852238?pwd=REQ1RFgwMXQ5M3hLekd5SEUzRGVvdz09
 or by Zoom app: 199 852 238, password 322
- Mid-Day Zoom Devotional, Wednesday, April 8 at Noon
 https://zoom.us/j/547683580?pwd=V2FjVksvNW9BSkNWOW4vcEttZGo5UT09
 or by Zoom app: 547 683 580,
 password 322 or by phone: dial 669-900-6833 and enter 547 683 580 as the Meeting ID and 322 as the password.
- Zoom Family Devotional, Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00pm https://zoom.us/j/800897222?pwd=WFhmRXh3U2xiTTJqSWNaeTdxZDQxdz09
 or by Zoom app: 800 897 222, password 322
- Maundy Thursday Service, Thursday, April 9 at 7:00pm
 https://zoom.us/j/613354880?pwd=Wnc4OEJhVzA0aXFSb3hHSjFyV2dNQT09, by Zoom app: 613 354 880, password
 322 or by phone: dial 669-900-6833 and enter 613 354 880 as the Meeting ID and 322 as the password.
- Good Friday Ecumenical Service: Stations of the Cross—A Healing Procession, Friday, April 10 at Noon https://www.facebook.com/events/2983571855065154/ and at www.danvillechurch.org/GoodFriday
- <u>Easter Sunday Worship at DCC</u>, Sunday, April 12 at 9:30am:
 https://zoom.us/j/492975948?pwd=blJqZTNpNGo3S1o0YkNFM3FWQ1dIQT09 or by Zoom app: 492 975 948, password 322 or by phone: dial 669-900-6833 and enter 492 975 948 as the Meeting ID and 322 as the password.

Ministers—The Entire Congregation

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The Rev. Eric Sherlock, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley, Associate Pastor
John Kendall Bailey, Music Director
Mary-Marie Deauclaire, Handbell Director
Elizabeth Setlak-von Thury, Office Manager
Nicole Doyle, Nursery Attendant

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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