# 7"DANVILLE Congregational Church United Church of Christ 



# Passion Sunday <br> The Wilderness Journey <br> From Palms to Passion 

April 5, 2020
Zoom Worship

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

## PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!

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

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.

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

DRAMATIC READING
Tables Turned
Cheryl
Matthew 21:12-13
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 <br> Matthew 21:23 | Finn |
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| DRAMATIC READING | Tuesday: A Pharisee | John Klassen |
| SCRIPTURE READING | Annointed | Cheryl |
| DRAMATIC READING | Matthew 26:6-13 |  |
| The womesday: | Kimi DeBarger-Gestring |  |

## TIME OF GIVING

Invitation
Offertory Meditation
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
Prayer of Dedication

Cheryl
Finn
Bill Williams
Pastor Eric and Pastor Todd

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Telling the Story
Matthew 26:14-16
Wednesday: Judas
Thursday Evening: The Last Supper
Finn
William Billings arr. Karle Erickson

DRAMATIC READING
HOLY COMMUNION

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
What Wondrous Love Is This

## 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 DCC donation webpage - 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,


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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/i/683743275?pwd=anpYWHJJVUY1L3habEFUTnBRV1pPdz09 or by Zoom app: $683 \mathbf{7 4 3} \mathbf{2 7 5}$, password 322.
- Parent Zoom, Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00pm
https://zoom.us/i/199852238?pwd=REQ1RFgwMXQ5M3hLekd5SEUzRGVvdz09
or by Zoom app: 199852 238, password 322
- Mid-Day Zoom Devotional, Wednesday, April 8 at Noon https://zoom.us/j/547683580?pwd=V2FjVksvNW9BSkNWOW4vcEttZGo5UT09 or by Zoom app: $547 \mathbf{6 8 3} \mathbf{5 8 0}$, password 322 or by phone: dial 669-900-6833 and enter 547683580 as the Meeting ID and $\mathbf{3 2 2}$ as the password.
- Zoom Family Devotional, Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00pm
https://zoom.us/j/800897222?pwd=WFhmRXh3U2xiTTJqSWNaeTdxZDQxdz09
or by Zoom app: 800897 222, password 322
- Maundy Thursday Service, Thursday, April 9 at 7:00pm
https://zoom.us/j/613354880?pwd=Wnc4OEJhVzAOaXFSb3hHSjFyV2dNQT09, by Zoom app: $613 \mathbf{3 5 4}$ 880, password 322 or by phone: dial 669-900-6833 and enter 613354880 as the Meeting ID and $\mathbf{3 2 2}$ 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
- Easter Sunday Worship at DCC, Sunday, April 12 at 9:30am:
https://zoom.us/i/492975948?pwd=blJqZTNpNGo3S1oOYkNFM3FWQ1dIQT09 or by Zoom app: 492975 948, password 322 or by phone: dial 669-900-6833 and enter 492975948 as the Meeting ID and 322 as the password.

Ministers-The Entire Congregation
Church Staff
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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