



Road to Emmaus, Daniel Bonnell

Third Sunday of Easter

*April 26, 2020
Zoom Worship*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

O Savior, Let Me Walk With Thee

arr. Michael Cox

WELCOME

Rev. Eric Sherlock

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hazel Furber-Dobson

One: As you walk with us, as we journey together,

All: God, your word fills our hearts!

One: As you speak with us, as your love is revealed,

All: God, your fire burns in our hearts!

One: As we proclaim what we have seen and heard,

All: may all people be drawn to you, the risen God!

GATHERING PRAYER

Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley

God, you have so much to show us and to tell us—things that no human eyes have seen, things that no human ears have heard, things that you have prepared for those you love. Mighty God, your promises are like shelter in a storm—to us and to our children, to all those far and near, to everyone who hears your call. O, that we might have the mind of Christ, that we may know and understand your truth. We wait as empty vessels, ready to be filled to overflowing with your living water, as you reveal your love for us through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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.

OPENING HYMN

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Bob Cull

*Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:36b–49

Miguel Atkins-Whitley

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor T & Kim Michaud

SERMON

Scars

Pastor Eric

ANTHEM

Take, O Take Me as I Am

John Bell

*Take, O take me as I am;
Summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart
And live in me.*

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Todd

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.

TIME OF GIVING

Wilson Jackson

Invitation to Giving

During this time of virtual worship, we invite you to give online: <http://bit.ly/donatetodcc>.

Offertory

Two Were Bound For Emmaus

Bob Hurd

Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols, soprano

*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

EVENING

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Abide with Me

Henry F. Lyte, 1847; alt.

Luke 24:29; 1 Cor. 15:55

1 A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need your pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with you at hand to bless;
 5 Hold now your cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The shad - ows deep - en, Lord, with me a - bide;
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 I need your grace to foil the tempt - er's power.
 Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness;
 Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Give me your love my guide and stay to be.
 Where is death's sting? where, grave, your vic - to - ry?
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O Christ who chang - es not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still if you a - bide with me.
 In life, in death, O Christ, a - bide with me.

Following the final sermon of his career, Henry F. Lyte handed a copy of this recently written hymn to a relative. He died two months later. The tune by W. H. Monk has contributed greatly to the popularity of the hymn.

Tune: EVENTIDE 10.10.10.10.
 William H. Monk, 1861

BENEDICTION

Pastor Eric

POSTLUDE

Abide With Me

arr. Donna N. Robertson

Announcements

- 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.
- An **All Church Member Meeting** will be held following the regular church service on **May 17, 2020** to elect the slate of DCC officers and commissioners for 2020–21. Your participation is encouraged as we move DCC missions and programs forward.
- **Carol Gilliland**, the executive chef and owner of A Loveable Feast, is raising money to feed the most vulnerable in our community. There are 92 families that are being served by Hope Solutions and they are experiencing financial and food insecurity due to the Covid crisis. If you feel led, you can help her with a financial contribution that will be used to prepare and deliver healthy, comfort food meals to these families. She has started a [Facebook Donation page here](#). With your contribution, she is also able to hire back two of her sous chefs who are underemployed right now. One is 50% employed and her partner has been furloughed and the other sous chef is a single mom who is only working one day/week.
- 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!

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to be Received Today

When we participate in the **One Great Hour of Sharing offering**, our church reaches people who suffer from emergencies, chronic poverty, and violence worldwide.



Among the support we give, water, sanitation and adequate nutrition top the list of resources needed. Assets such as irrigation systems, wells, latrines and wash houses change peoples' lives in amazing ways. Clean water and adequate facilities improve health and give dignity to people at the same time.

Clean water is also provided to grow better gardens. A combination of water, seeds, tools, and training on modern farming techniques produce a great harvest—leaving more money for families to live on. Lives are changed when health improves. Lives are changed when communities thrive.

Storms, such as the earthquake and tsunami that devastated the small island of Sulawesi, Indonesia (September 2018) destroy everything in their paths! In Sulawesi, gardens, houses, water systems, latrines and livelihoods. . . all were gone. Many people could not imagine how they could go on. But with support of OGHS, 13,000 people now receive clean water.

What may seem like a small investment to us, yields amazing results worldwide. With water, sanitation and adequate food, children are more likely to attend school, and women, no longer searching for water, are able to earn money to contribute to their families' well-being and overall health.

Stand with UCC congregations by lending a hand through support to the OGHS offering! **Please donate online via the [DCC Donations web page \(click here\)](#).**

- Scroll down to Outreach Donations and select One Great Hour of Sharing.
- Or write OGHS on your check made out to DCC and mail it to:

*Danville Congregational Church
989 San Ramon Valley Blvd.
Danville, CA 94526*

Your financial assistance will directly help people and communities affected by disaster, violence and poverty. Your financial assistance will be an investment into the lives of people and communities who need it most.

Together, we are co-workers in God's service, planting and watering seeds for God to nurture. Thank you on behalf of the individuals and communities who will benefit directly from your support.

Faithfully,

*Doug Leich
Outreach Commission*

In Thailand, a 13-year-old girl arrives at the New Life Center, seeking relief from the cruel conditions that have brought her here. Her life up to this point has been mostly about survival. Here, she meets others like her. Some are survivors of sexual abuse, domestic violence or human trafficking. Some have been forced to work when they wanted to go to school.



What will the future be like when she is empowered to share her gifts with her community and the world?

At the New Life Center, she is met with the investment of time, support, and resources. And she is loved. She is allowed to imagine a new future. Finishing school. Learning a trade. Even going to University to earn a degree.

In 1 Corinthians 3:9, Paul writes that we are all co-workers together in God's service. Some of us plant. Some of us water. But God gives the growth. Paul reminds us that we are all called into the service of God, who cares for each and every one of us. What could the future be like when we work to plant and water together, and trust God to give the growth?

When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you invest in the futures of these girls and countless others like them. Your gifts go to provide education, vocational training, basic necessities, and much-needed community support.

When we share the love of Christ in this way, we see lives transformed. Not just their lives, but ours as well. Because when we empower girls to build a life for themselves, we help God build a better world for us all.

As we invest in futures and serve as co-workers with God, the future becomes one of endless possibility and opportunity. What a great return on our investment!

Calling families of
all configurations!

Flat Jesus in-Shelter

As we celebrate the 50 days
of Easter that follow Jesus'
resurrection, we wonder...

*How is Jesus showing up for **you**
during this time of being
in shelter?*

So we had an idea:

Invite Flat Jesus into
your family's life this
Eastertide and share
where Jesus is
showing up with
you! And then share
it with your DCC
family!

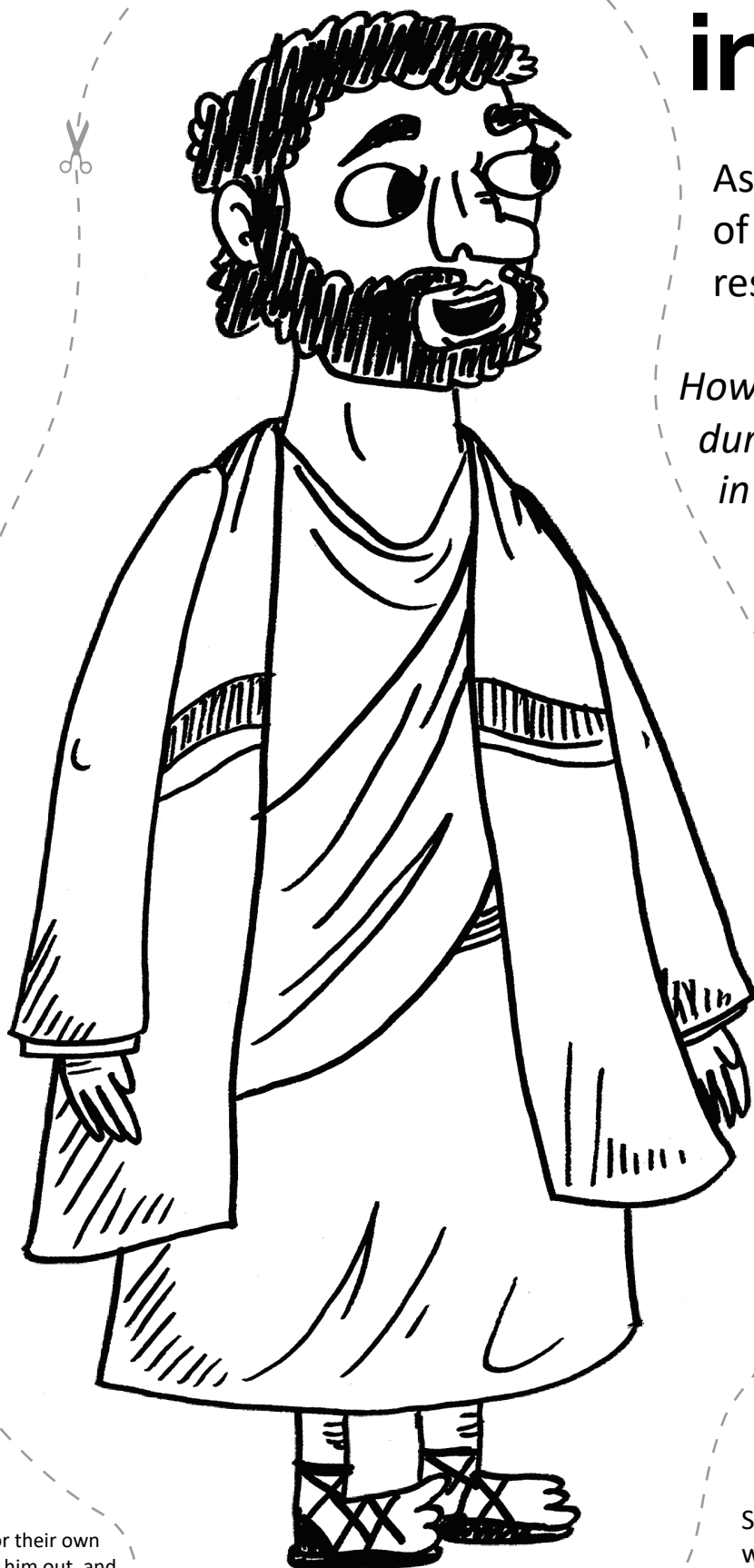
Watch your DCC
email for a prompt
for each week of
Easter!

Everyone color their own
Flat Jesus, cut him out, and
start taking photos! (For a
sturdier Flat Jesus, print on
card stock or glue him to a
thicker piece of paper or
cardboard box.)

Share how **Flat Jesus** is sheltering in place
with you! Send your pix to

office@danvillechurch.org and/or post
them on Instagram!

Be sure to tag @DCCUCC and use hashtags:
#DCCUCC #FlatJesusinShelter #FlatJesus



Upcoming Virtual Gatherings

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

- **Youth Group Zoom**, *Sundays* at 5:00pm
<https://zoom.us/j/683743275?pwd=anpYWHJJVUY1L3habEFUTnBRV1pPdZ09>
or by Zoom app: **683 743 275**, password **322**.
- **Mid-Day Zoom Devotional**, *Wednesdays* 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** (COSTUME PARTY WEEK!), *Wednesdays* at 7:00pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/800897222>
- **Parent Zoom**, *Thursdays* at 4:00pm **(NEW TIME)**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/800897222>
- **Worship at DCC**, *Sundays* at 9:30am
<https://zoom.us/j/492975948?pwd=bJlqZTNpNGo3S1o0YkNFM3FWQ1dlQT09>
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

Church Staff

The Rev. Eric Sherlock, *Senior Pastor*
The Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley, *Associate Pastor*
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Mary-Marie Deauclaire, *Handbell Director*
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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.

Kelley Mangels, *Dayspring Preschool Director*
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