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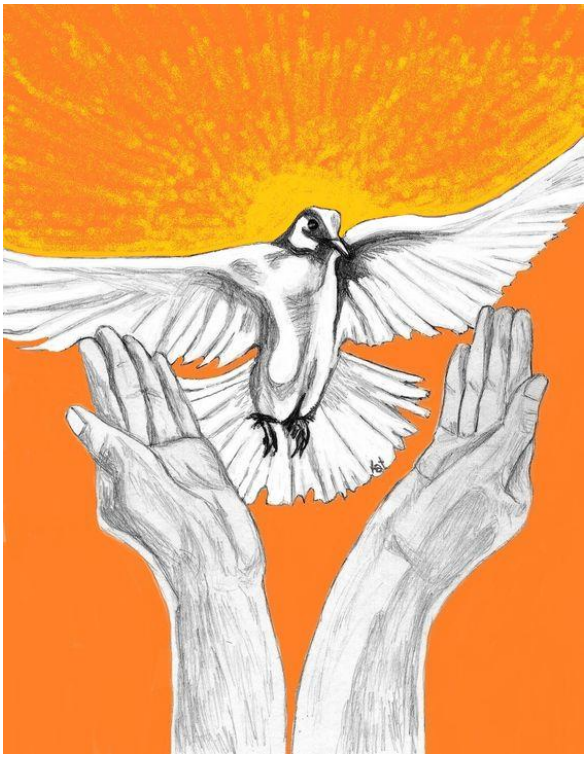
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

Zoom Worship

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE — *Near to the Heart of God* — arr. Jeanette M. Smith

WELCOME & ANNOUCEMENTS — Rev. Eric Sherlock

CALL TO WORSHIP — Rachel Daily, Jack Stickler
Words by Rev. John Ballinger

One: We gather this day,
to acknowledge a threshold moment—
Many: a thin place
between what's been and what's to be—
One: between what's been studied, learned, and accomplished,
Many: and all the more there is to study and learn and do.
One: It is so very good to mark growth in celebration,
Many: and then so very good as well,
to celebrate having further to grow—
One: to note a mile-marker on the longer way
Many: and to take joy both in the distance traveled
and the distance yet ahead.

One: Bless this liminal time and space
Many: and those who stand in thresholds
looking back and looking ahead.
One: May it be with a sense of both gratitude and anticipation.
Many: May it be with an awareness
of how we grow our life long with our whole person—
One: our minds, bodies, spirits, and emotions.
And may it be with a profound sense
Many: of what it means to place our way
(where we've been and where we're going)
within the way of [the Holy].
Amen and Ashe

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 *On Eagles' Wings* Michael Joncas

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in His shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under Her wings your refuge, Her faithfulness your shield.

Refrain: And She will raise you up on eagles' wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of Her hand.

SCRIPTURE LESSON *John 14:15–21* Kiko DeBarger-Gestring

TIME WITH CHILDREN *Wish You More*
by Krose Rosenthal & Tom Lichtenheld
Children of the Church, Godly Play teachers, and Pastors T & E

DCC Graduates 2020

Rachel Daily, Kiko DeBarger-Gestring, Abby Hasselbrink,
Izzy Herbek, Lore Hrousis, JoJo Lee, Jack Stickler

FOR THE COMMUNITY DCC members

FOR THE YOUTH GROUP Finn Fetherstonhaugh

CHARGE — *Pro-Tips for Graduates* (and everyone else too) — Pastor Todd

BLESSING — Pastors Todd & Eric

ANTHEM — *Baba Yetu* — Christopher Tin

See Worship Notes on page 4.

Baba yetu, yetu uliye	Our Father, who art
Mbinguni yetu, yetu amina!	in Heaven. Amen!
Baba yetu yetu uliye	Our Father,
M Jina lako e litukuzwe.	Hallowed be thy name.
Utupe leo chakula chetu	Give us this day our daily bread,
Tunachohitaji, utusamehe	Forgive us of
Makosa yetu, hey!	our trespasses,
Kama nasi tunavyowasamehe	As we forgive others
Waliotukosea usitutie	Who trespass against us
Katika majaribu, lakini	Lead us not into temptation, but
Utuokoe, na yule, muovu e milele!	deliver us from the evil one forever.
Ufalme wako ufike utakalo	Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
Lifanyike duniani kama mbinguni.	On Earth as it is in Heaven.
(Amina)	(Amen)

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

Prayer for Young People by Luiz Carlos Ramos, translated by Paulo Gustavo França (See Worship Notes.)

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT — Ben & Laura Beaver

TIME OF GIVING — John Klassen

Invitation to Giving

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

Offertory — *You Raise Me Up* — Josh Groban & Secret Garden

Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols, soprano

When I am down, and, oh, my soul, so weary
When troubles come, and my heart burdened be
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence
Until you come and sit awhile with me

You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas
I am strong when I am on your shoulders
You raise me up to more than I can be

– Brendan Graham

*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 & Blessing our Commitments for 2020–21

CLOSING HYMN

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

Refrain: And They will raise you up on eagles' wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of Their hand.

For to God's angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain: And God will raise you up on eagles' wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

BENEDICTION Pastor Todd

POSTLUDE *Forward in God's Name* R. Kevin Boesiger

Worship Notes

Today's anthem, *Baba Yetu*, comes from the award-winning video game franchise "Civilization." The lyrics of *Baba Yetu*, which mean "Our Father" in Swahili, are a translation of the Lord's Prayer. Composed by Christopher Tin, *Baba Yetu* was the first composition from a video game to be nominated for, and win, a Grammy—specifically, "Best Instrumental Arrangement Accompanying Vocalist(s)." The song was performed by the Grammy-winning Soweto Gospel Choir with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and premiered at Carnegie Hall on October 19, 2009.

Today's pastoral prayer, *Oração Pelos Jovens (Prayer for Young People)* was written by Luiz Carlos Ramos and was translated by Paulo Gustavo França. You can read and share it on our website: danvillechurch.org/prayerforyoungpeople.

Announcements

An **All Church Member Meeting** will be held this Sunday to elect the slate of DCC officers and commissioners for 2020–21. Your participation is encouraged as we move DCC missions and programs forward.

- 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.

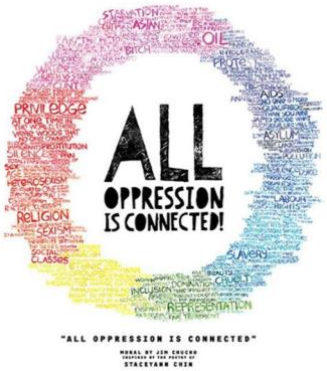
- **Stewardship**: On April 30, commitment packets were mailed to all current givers, as well as prospective givers. In those packets you should have found:
  - **A letter** from your senior leadership team detailing what we hope to accomplish in the coming year through the generosity of your giving.
  - **A commitment card** for you and your family that we ask be mailed back to DCC no later than May 17. You may also email Syd and Leslie Dent (syddent@yahoo.com), the church's Financial Secretaries, the amount you wish to commit for 2020-21.
  - **A preliminary budget** for 2020-21
  - **2019-2020 Giving Pyramid**
  - **And a form** for electronic giving

*If you are a recurrent giver, we invite to consider **increasing your commitment by 5%.** If you are a new giver, we invite you to consider giving to the church through a financial gift of an annual commitment.* No gift is too small. Thank you for the ways in which you support DCC, through your presence, time, prayer, and financial gifts.

- Today is **Ingathering Sunday** at DCC, the third Sunday of the month when we traditionally bring donations of canned and other nonperishable food to share with our neighbors who struggle to feed their families, through the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano. In this time of sheltering in place, when we are unable to collect and distribute your food donations, we are observing Ingathering Sunday by inviting you to donate online, either through the DCC donations web page (select Outreach Donations / Other and type in "Food Bank") or directly to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano (give.foodbankccs.org) or to the Alameda County Community Food Bank (donate.accfb.org).

  The Food Bank of CC&S has been providing food to 1 in 9 of our neighbors on any given day, but in this emergency, the Food Bank also fulfills the crucial role of serving a vulnerable population at a time of great need. The need for food assistance in this emergency will only grow with large numbers of people cut off from their ability to work. The Food Bank plans to continue to feed the 178,000 people that depend on them for 75% of their daily groceries as well as serve the increased demand from people who may have never needed help before. They are doing this by packing thousands of emergency food boxes and distributing them at drive-through distribution sites where volunteers load boxes in the trunk of each car. Your donations will provide much-needed support for this emergency food program.

- **Imagine Beyond Empire: Spiritual Practices to Unlearn Oppression**
  Sponsored by the Northern California Nevada Conference of the UCC, this 6-week online course taught by Pacific School of Religion professor Dr. Sharon R. Fennema, invites us into the profound work of understanding the multiple overlapping forms of oppression we often inadvertently participate in perpetuating and developing spiritual practices that enable us to take an honest look at ourselves and to imagine ways of living beyond these oppressive dynamics. We are all imbedded within and act out of systems that are based on the unjust exercise of power or authority. These oppressive actions and systems diminish us, divide us, and inhibit the full manifestation of God's love and justice in this world. To, this course is designed to:
  - develop deeper understanding of the dynamics of oppression(s)
  - introduce anti-oppression practices
  - cultivate spiritual practices to sustain and advance this life-long work.

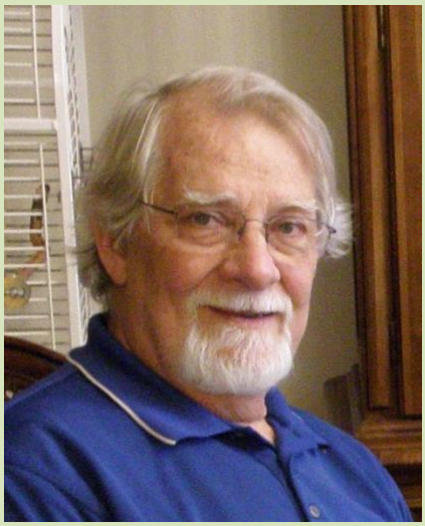
  

  Class will meet **Tuesdays, May 12, 19, 26** and **June 2, 9, 16,** 6:30-8pm PST. Email Associate Conference Minister Davena Jones (davena@ncncucc.org) if you are interested in participating.

- Where is Jesus showing up for you and your family during Easter-in-shelter? Print, color, and cut out your own "Flat Jesus in Shelter"! Then take a photo of where Jesus is showing up for you—and send it to us or post it on Instagram! Tag us @DCCUCC and use the hashtags #DCCUCC #FlatJesus #FlatJesusinShelter!

- 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!

The John Bassett Memorial Fund



A memorial fund has been established in remembrance of John Bassett and all his contributions to Danville Congregational Church, especially in Building and Grounds. His accomplishments with an array of projects were legion; his willingness to be of help was remarkable, and his talents were many. Funds donated will be used toward future B & G projects, and John's wife, Carol, will provide input as to what projects will be supported by the monies.

If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to Danville Congregational Church, with the notation "John Bassett Memorial Fund (4601)" and mail to the church office, or you can donate online with the same notation on the *Memorial Gift* line (under the first section, "Donations to the Church").

Bay Association Spring Meeting

This Sunday afternoon at 2:00pm, you are invited to gather with other UCC churches in the Bay Association for our annual Spring Meeting.

This is a time to be in worship alongside and in fellowship with each other—this year through Zoom. This year's gathering asks us to consider how we are being the church in the midst of a pandemic. We will also be able to participate in the installation of Rev. Erin King into ministry with College Avenue UCC in Modesto.

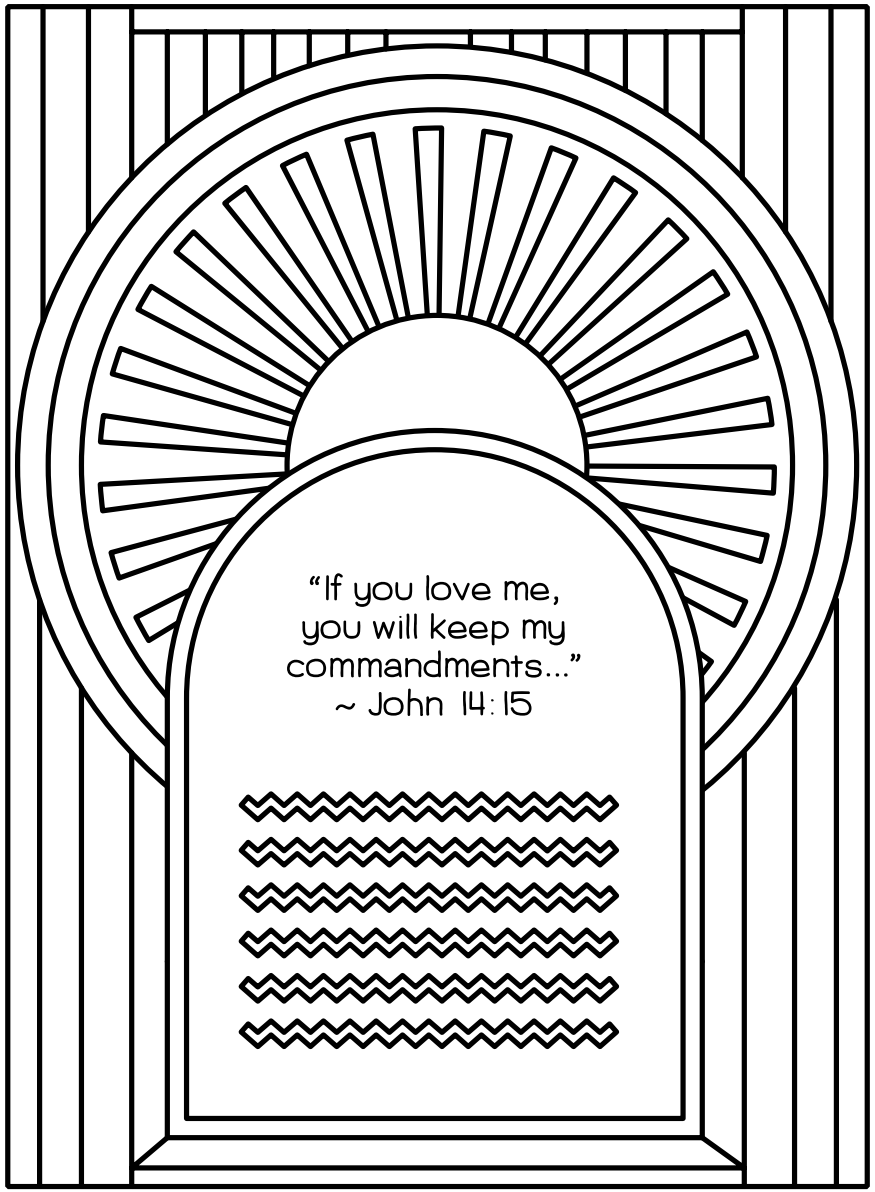
You can join:

- By smartphone or computer: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85249178606
- By app: Meeting ID: **852 4917 8606**
- By phone: 669-900-6833, Meeting ID: 852 4917 8606

PFLAG San Ramon Valley Monthly Meeting

You are invited to join Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gay [and trans and gender-diverse and queer people] this **Monday, May 18** (the third Monday of the month) for our SIP chapter meeting via ZOOM from **7–8:30pm**. We'll be talking about positive, inspiring LGBTQ+ role models throughout history and current entertainment and literature which has strong LGBTQ+ protagonists. This includes material for every age group.

To request the meeting link, email **srvpflag@gmail.com**.



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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

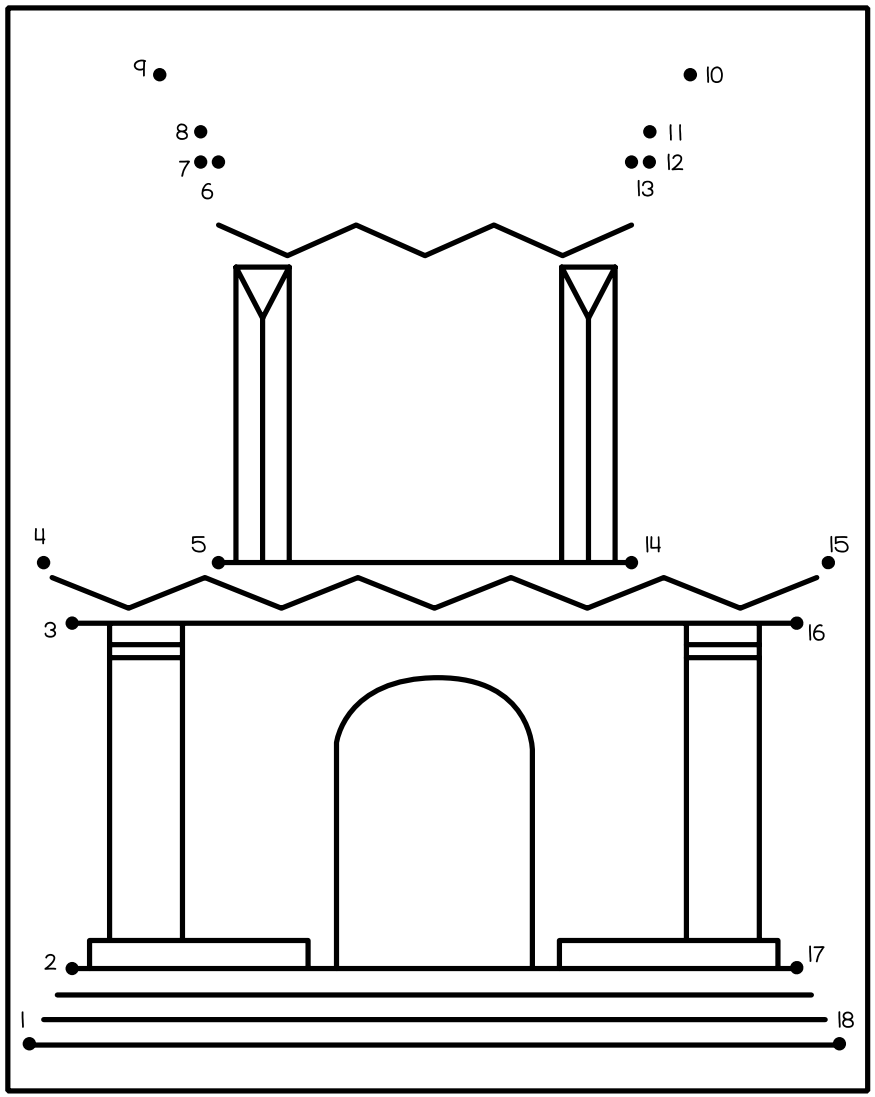
Activities based on Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, John 14:15-21.

DRAW IT

In John 14, Jesus promises to give his followers the Holy Spirit who will be with and in them. One way we can see the Holy Spirit is through the loving choices we make in following Christ. **Draw an example of that here.**

CONNECT the DOTS

In Psalm 66, the Psalmist describes coming to God's house - the temple - to praise and give offerings of thanks. **Connect the dots to form the temple. Inside, write or draw some things for which you want to praise God.**



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**, *Wednesdays* at 7:00pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/800897222
- **Parent Zoom**, *Thursdays* at 4:00pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/199852238
- **Worship at DCC**, *Sundays* 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.

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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.

Kelley Mangels, *Dayspring Preschool Director*
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