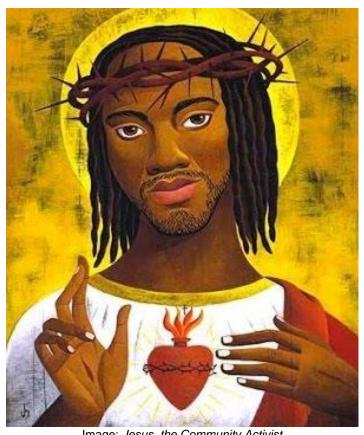


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Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2020 Zoom Worship

Image: Jesus, the Community Activist via The Black Youth Project

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE Come, Breath of God Anthony Giamanco

WELCOME & ANNOUCEMENTS Rev. Eric Sherlock

CALL TO WORSHIP Elora Huerta

One: We have been created in the image of God.

All: We are created to love all people, all children of God.

One: Christ has taught us how to love one another.

All: And we are called to share that love with the world.

One: The Holy Spirit moves in us, giving us gifts to do God's work.

All: The Spirit moves us like the wind in the trees.

One: We go where God is leading us.

All: Follow Jesus, and the Spirit will show us the way. 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 How Firm a Foundation (Access music here.)

How firm a foundation for you has been laid, by God in the Word, in the sacrifice paid! what more can God say than to you has been said, to you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God, I will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of woe shall not over you flow; For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, delivering you from your deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace all sufficient shall be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; for I have designed your soul to make pure just as gold is refined."

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!"

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 10:24–39 Emilio Huerta

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley

SERMON It Ain't Easy Pastor Eric

ANTHEM This Little Light of Mine arr. Moses Hogan

Performed by the Boston Trinity Church Choir

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

My God gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. In my home, let it shine. All over the world, let it shine. Let it shine.

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 Anthony Huerta

Invitation to Giving

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

Offertory

Charles H. Gabriel

Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols, soprano

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Refrain:

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear, and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise, when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies, I draw the closer to him; from care he sets me free: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

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

CLOSING HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

BENEDICTION Pastor Eric

POSTLUDE How Firm a Foundation arr. Larry Shackles

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.

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!

Becoming an Anti-Racist Church

Many people in our congregation have reached out expressing a desire to participate in anti-racism work that has emerged from a surge of action across the country following the murder of George Floyd. As a community of people who strive to be God's love in the world, we invite community members at DCC to join in this work.

One of the first steps in this learning journey is gathering a group of people who feel called to join in this work to serve as leadership in this journey. We invite anyone who feels called to join in this work, no matter where you are in your learning journey, to fill out this form indicating your



<u>interest in being part of this leadership group</u>, and explaining why you feel called to this work and what your strengths are that you wish to share with the team.

To emphasize, this is a space to create plans for how to advance anti-racism work in our community, and to learn, but this is not a space to debate the existence of racism. In being part of this team, there is no expectation that you will start with all the answers, nor that you need to be at the same point in your learning journey as the other team members, but you do need to be committed to un-learning systems of white supremacy, to compassionately hold space for others, and to be vulnerable and willing to question your own internal biases.

Through a commitment to this learning journey, to be God's love in the world, and a long term vision, we can make our community a safer and more loving place for all. If you have any questions, wonderments, and would like to learn more feel free to reach out to <u>Fiona Klassen</u>, <u>Pastor Eric</u>, or <u>Pastor Todd</u>.

Documentary Screening and Discussion



Many at DCC have reached out wanting to learn more about this history of racism and racial injustice in the US after the the surge of action across the country following the murder of George Floyd. In response, we invite you to join us in watching <u>13th</u>, a documentary by Ava DuVernay, in which "scholars, activists and politicians analyze the criminalization of African Americans and the U.S. prison boom." We will screen this film together using Netflix Party this Wednesday,

June 24, at 7:00 p.m.

[For details about joining the Netflix Party, click here. If you do not have Netflix or cannot join the watch party but still want to be part of the discussion, you can also watch the documentary for free on YouTube on your own time.]

So we can get an idea of who all will be watching 13th, let us know here.

Then, next Sunday, June 27 at 5:00 p.m., we will host a discussion over Zoom in breakout rooms about what we experienced and learned from this documentary and what questions it has raised in us.

Content Warning. The film is rated TV-MA. We advise parents to preview the film before sharing with youth as some visual images/scenes are graphic and violent. We believe each family is best equipped to make that decision for themselves.

Outreach Commission Gathering

Outreach Co-commissioners Laura Beaver and Doug Leich invite all with an interest in reimagining DCC's Outreach programs in this time of social distancing, virtual meetings, and protests against racial inequality, to our Outreach Commission 2020-21 kick-off meeting, **Sunday, June 28, at 2 PM** using the Zoom link below. Please join us and share your ideas on how we can help people in our communities who are in need. All are welcome.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81809501925 or join by phone: 669 900 6833, Meeting ID: 818 0950 1925.



PRIDE Week at DCC

For 21 years, Danville Congregational Church has been a safe, welcoming sanctuary for LGBTQ+ people. Though we are not gathering in person during Pride Month this year, our *pride* for all God's rainbowhued children will be on display and in action! Watch your inbox Monday for a special Pride Week email full of ways to show our Pride!



Pentecost Sunday, 2019. Photo by Janis Jang

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.
- Netflix Party Screening of Ava Duvernay's 13th, Wednesday at 7:00pm.
- 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

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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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