

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

OUR PURPOSE

Love God • Love Each Other • Be God's Love in the World

At Danville Congregational Church we welcome you to a progressive spiritual community that is open and affirming, celebrates differences, and encourages alternate views. We explore the Bible with curiosity and enthusiasm, taking it seriously but not literally. Taking Christ's call passionately to love our neighbor, we extend our faith into action for the betterment of all. Wherever you are on life's journey, we offer you a place of peace and hope.

Danville Congregational Church is an Open and Affirming church, welcoming all of God's people – of diverse race, gender, sexual orientation, family status, economic condition, and physical, mental and emotional ability.

A NOTE TO WORSHIPERS

Wearing a mask is mandatory. Please sit in designated pews and move to the center of the row, so those who come in after you can more easily be seated. The left-hand section of pews as you enter the sanctuary has been designated for those who are free of scents and perfumes. **Please refer to the list of in-person guidelines page 10.**

Please silence your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary.

If you would like to use one of our listening assistance devices, please see the sound technician in the back of the sanctuary.

Following worship, **please wait for an usher to dismiss your row before you depart the sanctuary.** All are welcome to join us on the patio for a time of coffee, conversation, and community.

First time visitor? Welcome to Danville Congregational Church! We are glad you are here with us today. If you are interested in getting additional information about Danville Congregational Church, after the worship service, in the narthex, you will find someone holding a **red bag**. In the bag you will find helpful information about the church. We look forward to meeting you!

***The DCC sanctuary is available for meditation and quiet prayer
during the week during normal business hours.***

Please feel free to come by any time — enter through the office.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

*If You Will Trust In God to Guide You
Lord, Speak To Me*

arr. Barbara Boertje
arr. Lani Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Eric Sherlock &
Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley

*To offer a joy or concern, please fill out a Prayer Card, which will be collected during Prayer Time.
If you are joining us online, type your prayer request using the chat feature.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Wilson Jackson

**All are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

One: Where are the teachers in our midst who will guide us as we learn?

All: We follow Christ's example and learn from one another!

One: Where are Jesus' disciples, who thirst to know God's ways?

All: We follow Christ's example and learn from one another!

One: Our church school is this sacred space, and our classroom is the world.

All: We follow Christ's example and learn from one another!

One: Thanks be to God for new beginnings,
for new opportunities to learn together!

All: We follow Christ's example and learn from one another!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Wilson Jackson

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you

One: Let us greet one another with waves and smiles
from where we are located.

*OPENING HYMN

O God, Who Teaches Us to Live

See next page.

O God, Who Teaches Us to Live

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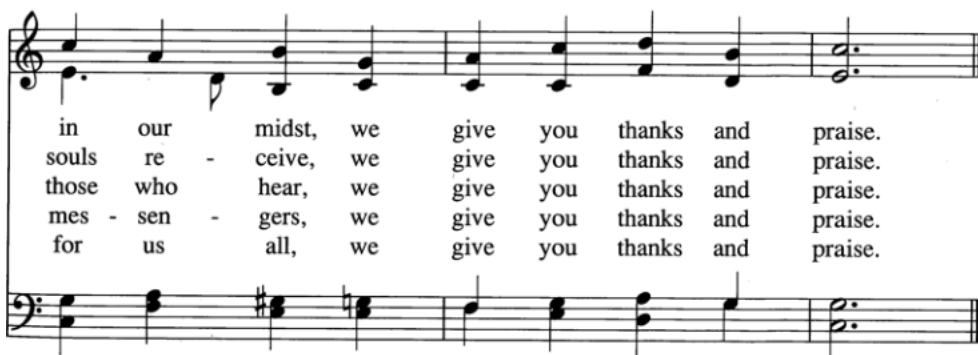
Tom Hunter, 1992



1 O God, who teach - es us to live and
 2 For love that wel - comes chil - dren in and
 3 For wis - dom, skills, and con - fi - dence where
 4 For words and num - bers, hopes and dreams that
 5 For all who fol - low teach - ing's call with



guides us on our way, For all the teach - ers
 holds them when they stray, For knowl - edge hearts and
 won - der leads to faith, For those who ask and
 grow from day to day, For in - spi - ra - tion's
 cour - age and with grace To build a fu - ture



in our midst, we give you thanks and praise.
 souls re - ceive, we give you thanks and praise.
 those who hear, we give you thanks and praise.
 mes - sen - gers, we give you thanks and praise.
 for us all, we give you thanks and praise.

United Church of Christ minister Tom Hunter describes himself as a "minstrel" for schools and churches across the United States. This hymn was written "to celebrate and thank teachers in both Sunday and weekday schools because their work shapes the future for us all."

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.
 William Croft, 1708

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Mark 7:24–37](#)

Hazel Furber-Dobson

From there Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

SERMON

Can You Hear It?

Pastor Eric

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Open My Eyes, That I May See

arr. Michael Wilson

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Todd

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

All: Hear our prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

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.**

Invitation to Giving

For those of you who have already made your gift by check or automated giving, we are grateful. If you would like to make a gift today, please leave it in the basket in the back of the sanctuary as you leave or [give using our web site](#).

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

¹*Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.*

Refrain:

*When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.*

²*Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]*

³*Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]*

INVITATION

Beloved, this is Christ's table. Jesus is the host, and we are his guests. Come, not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you the right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love God a little and would like to love God more. Come, because God loves you and gives Godself to you. Let this bread and fruit of the vine be symbols of the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, all meant for you if you will receive them in humble faith. Come, dear friends, and taste and see that God is good.

SURSUM CORDA

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Everlasting God, we join with your church in all times and places to thank you for creating us in your image, caring for us who are only human. When we marred your image through brokenness, you did not hold it against us, but gave of yourself in Christ Jesus that we may become like him. Formed into the body of Christ we praise you for restoring us to the joy of your salvation. Nourished by holy food and drink from Christ's table, strengthen us by your Spirit to present ourselves to the world as living servants, holy and acceptable. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God, by coming to your table we receive more gifts than we deserve. We give thanks for Jesus Christ, through whom we receive life and in whom we are bound in covenant. Renew us so we may willingly serve as Christ served. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

See next page.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Eric

POSTLUDE

I Hear Thy Welcome Voice


arr. John Purifoy

*Please wait for an usher to dismiss your row before leaving the sanctuary.
Place your communion packaging in the receptacles for recycling as you leave.*

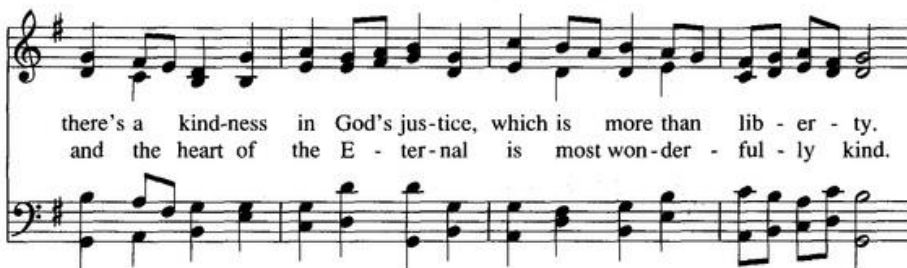
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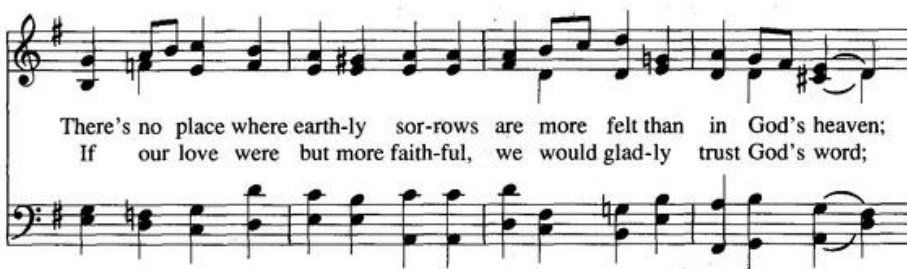
Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.



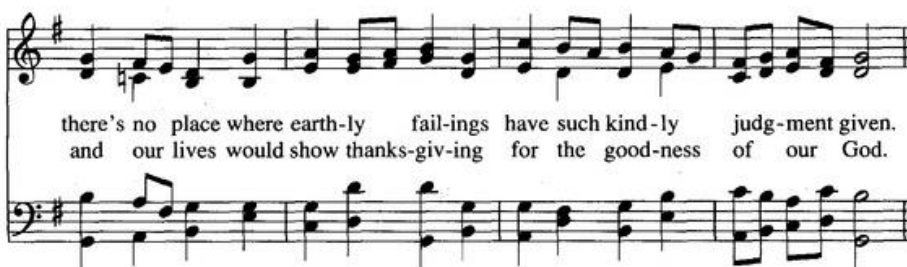
1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.



There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;



there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

Of Huguenot Protestant ancestry, Frederick William Faber was influenced by the Oxford Movement and eventually became a Catholic priest. He wrote 150 hymns to correspond to the number of psalms.

Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen, 1906
Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30am–10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
10:30a–11:00am Time of Fellowship on the patio
No Youth Group tonight.

Our nursery is open for anyone who would like to make use of it during worship. There will be no Godly Play (for children ages preschool through 5th grade) until further notice. Children are welcome to borrow a book from our library in the back of the sanctuary as well as enjoy an activity bag they can take home with them.

For safety reasons, we request that no child be left on the playground without appropriate supervision. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT DCC

Wednesday	6:00pm–7:30pm	Dayspring Preschool Back to School Night
Thursday	10:00am–Noon	Diaconate
	7:30pm–9:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00pm–7:30pm	Dayspring Preschool Back to School Night

Today: Emmaus Team 2 (and friends)

Greeters: Joyce Klassen & Karen Kawaguchi
Ushers: Syd Dent, Randy Jang, Richard Stein, Chris Rauen
Candle Lighter: Hazel Furber-Dobson
Liturgists: Wilson Jackson, Hazel Furber-Dobson
Friendship hosts: Nan Karns and Nancy Dowell
Sound Technician: Jim Felton

Next week's Emmaus Team is **Team 3**.

This morning's altar flowers are in memory of Heidi's parents, **Richard** and **Betty Brown**, who would have celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DCC Anti-Racism News

- **Did you know...** Clicking anywhere on the “Black Lives Matter” box on the church webpage or in the weekly email or Sunday bulletin leads you straight to our **Anti-Racism Resources** page? There you can find upcoming trainings, events, recommendations for books and articles to read, and a host of other resources to help you with your personal learning about anti-racism. You can also just go to the church webpage and click on the “Get Involved” tab at the top of the page, and then click on “Anti-Racism Resources.” Try it today!

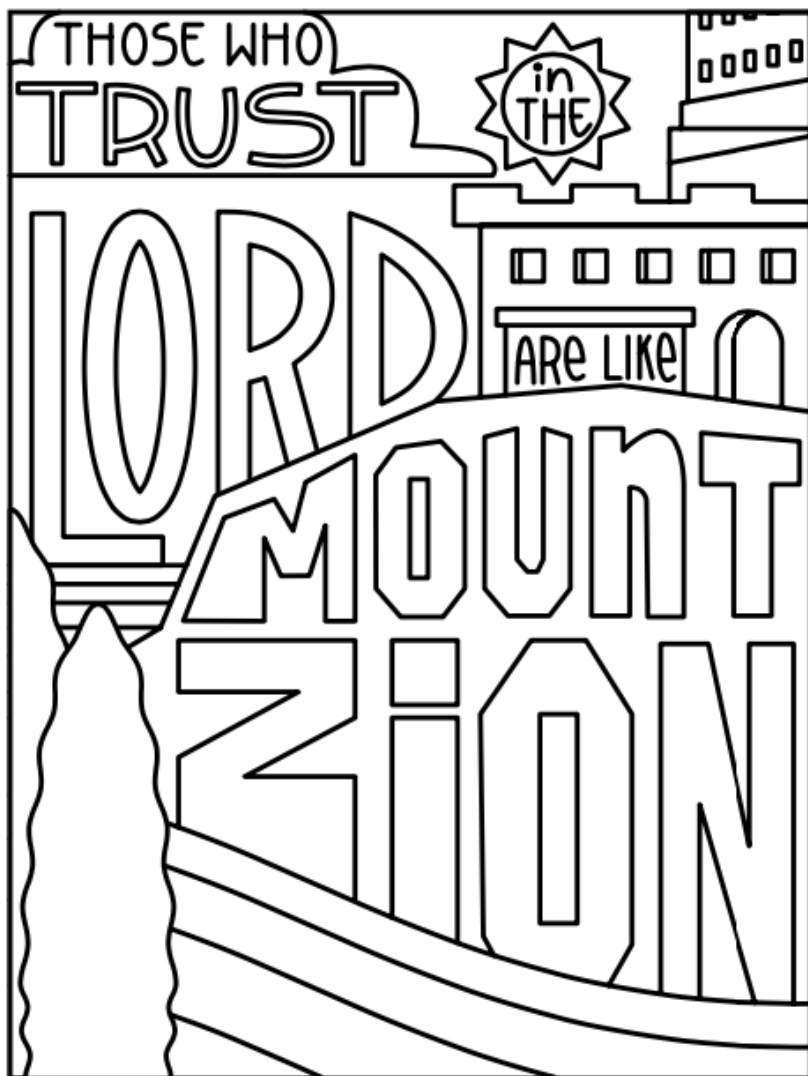
<https://danvillechurch.org/>



- **Anti-Racism Coffee Chat, 9/5, 11-12pm**—hosts are Mary Kay McClure and Doug Leigh. Learn more about what the Anti Racism Team is planning for the 21–22 season! For this chat, we will be trying a hybrid approach—those who come to the in-person service can join us in person in Kairos Hall, and those who wish to stay at home will join us from Zoom. Hope to see you there! [New Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89328412390?pwd=UWlpNGlxZDkvVHZUcTI1VkI3S3F4UT09](#)
- **Food for thought!** Take a look at 6 ideas for anti-racism work, from scholar Ibram Kendi in this short article: <https://mashable.com/article/how-to-be-antiracist>

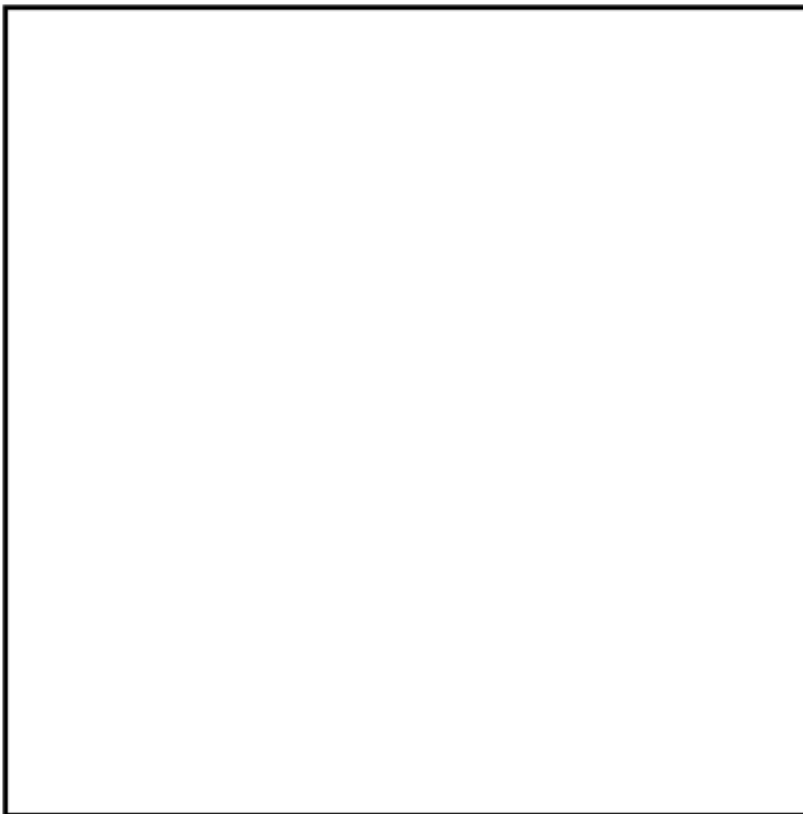
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 125,
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17, Mark 7:24-37.



DRAW IT

Mark 7 describes two amazing healing stories from Jesus' ministry—one about a little girl, and one about a man who couldn't hear. **Draw a picture of someone in your life who needs healing.**



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WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Proverbs 22 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

K	D	W	D	N	R	F	R	Y	G	A	T	E	L	I
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GOOD
NAME
SILVER
GOLD
GENEROUS
BLESSED

SHARE
BREAD
POOR
RICH
LORD
LIFE

MAKER
FAVOR
GATE
CHOSEN
GREAT
INJUSTICE

Emmaus Team Responsibilities for Resuming In-Person Worship

These instructions are for Sunday, September 5 and the next 2-4 weeks, and then will be re-evaluated. [This information is available on our web site.](#)

MASKS MANDATORY FOR EVERYONE.

GREETERS (2)

- Initially, either Joyce Klassen or Karen Kawaguchi will greet, along with one member of assigned team.
- Greeters stand outside the main doors to narthex, greet worshippers, hand out bulletins, give masks to those who do not have them.
- Write out paper name tag for any visitors. (No sign-in book.)

CANDLE LIGHTER (1)

Initially, one of the ushers will serve as candlelighter.

USHERS (4)

- Keep sanctuary doors open at all times. Alternate pews will be marked unavailable.
- Usher tasks are in addition to putting up and taking down flags and counting and recording attendance.
- Open/close windows in sanctuary prior to/after service.
- 2 ushers stand **inside** sanctuary at back, guide people to pews as necessary.
- On Communion Sundays, hand out packaged elements, wear gloves.
- At end of service, dismiss people by pew starting at back of sanctuary.
 - One usher in back on side of Koinonia dismisses folks through Koinonia door;
 - one usher in back of sanctuary closer to center aisle dismisses folks through sanctuary door.
- 2 ushers seated at back of sanctuary during service
 - one usher serves as candlelighter,
 - both pick up prayer cards, hold collection plates at doors to accept offering, express gratitude for giving.

LITURGIST

- One person or one family from pulpit, or from area in front of chancel in case of mobility issues.
- May unmask at microphone.

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS (3)

- Outdoors, on patio, set up 6-8 red chairs (do not use green chairs);
- 3 tables set-up: 1 for coffee plus tea, 1 for coffee only, 1 for water (may also serve lemonade after initial Sunday.)
- Use ceramic mugs for hot beverages. Sugar, sweetener in packets; cream poured by host. Hosts should be gloved. Hosts at tables pour beverages.
- No food served on 9/5; evaluate for future Sundays whether or not to serve food.
- Gloves and masks are located in closet in Library.

FLOWERS

Team responsible; occasional sign-up for specific date (contact Nancy Dowell)

Updated: 9/1/21 TAW via DS

Community Guidelines for In-Person Worship

The Reopening Team and Church Council have prepared these guidelines to help us gather safely. If you have any questions, reach out to our moderator Amy Furber-Dobson.

1. Masks must be properly worn (covering your mouth and nose) at all times regardless of your vaccination status unless eating or drinking on the patio after church.
2. Please avoid physical contact such as hugging or handshakes for now.
3. Please do not congregate in the Narthex. Think of the Narthex as a hallway.
4. The Passing of the Peace will be a continuation of waves and smiles from your seat.
5. The congregation will be seated every other pew to allow for distancing.
6. Doors to the outside will be open during the service.
7. There will be Time with Children. Children will have the option of coming forward.
8. Singing will be in a modified form (TBD).
9. On Communion Sundays, Communion will be pre-packaged. Please drop your communion packaging in the trash bin by the exit following the service.
10. There will be a basket at each door for offerings as well as a digital option in the bulletin.
11. At the end of the service, please wait for an usher to dismiss your row and walk to the patio for coffee hour. Dismissal will be from the back to the front.
12. Bathrooms will be open in the Narthex and near the office/choir room.

** Please note, if there is a positive COVID-19 case within our community, and the person(s) attended worship during the window of time they were positive, we will manage it on a case-by-case basis.*

Ministers—The Entire Congregation

Church Staff

The Rev. Eric Sherlock, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley, Associate Pastor

John Kendall Bailey, Music Director

Elizabeth Setlak-von Thury, Office Manager

Hugh Klassen, Youth Intern

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.

Sonna Dhamrait, Dayspring Preschool Director

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