



DANVILLE

Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

BE THE CHURCH
Protect the environment.
Care for the poor.
FORGIVE OFTEN.
REJECT RACISM.
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
EMBRACE DIVERSITY.
LOVE GOD.
Enjoy this life.

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 11, 2020

Zoom Worship

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Eric Sherlock

CALL TO WORSHIP

Charlie Hasselbrink

One: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love...

All: neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers, a community of kindred hearts.

One: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know...

All: newcomers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.

One: People of God, look about and see all the images of God assembled here.

All: In each of us, God's spirit shines for all to see.

One: People of God, come, let us worship together.

GATHERING PRAYER

Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley

God, open us to the questions from within, wrestle with us in the wonder of your word, lead us in our attempts to deepen our relationships with you and each other. Amen.

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

GATHERING

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,
 van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;
 brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.
 Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and
 blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,
 we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Matthew 22:1-14](#)

Charlie Hasselbrink

SERMON

Embrace Diversity

Pastor Eric

ANTHEM

I Dream of a Church

Mark Miller

*I dream of a church where everyone is welcome.
I dream of a place we all can call home.
I dream of a world where justice is flowing
with hope and peace growing where God's will is done.*

*Make it so, make it so, help us to pray make it so.
We dream of a world where love reigns among us.
Your will is done, help us make it so.*

*O God fill our hearts to reach out in welcome,
make us to see your vision once more.
Let's dream of a world where our hands are your hands,
we offer ourselves, O God make it so.*

*Make it so, make it so. We pray for that day, make it so.
We dream of a world where love reigns among us,
your will is done, help us make it so.*

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

Charlie Hasselbrink

Invitation to Giving

*During this time of virtual worship, we invite you to
[give online via our web site and clicking "Donate" in the upper right of the screen.](#)*

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

RESPOND

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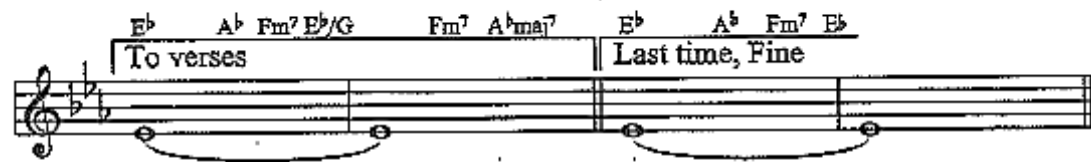
Draw the Circle Wide



Draw the cir-cle_ wide. Draw it wid-er still. Let this be our.



song, no one stands a - lone, stand-ing side by side, draw the cir-cle_



wide. wide.



1. God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre -
2. Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass
3. Let the dreams we... dream be larg - er, than we've ev - er



- a - tion turns; noth - ing lost, but
great and small; let our lov - ing
dreamed be - fore; let the dream of



held for-ev - er in God's gra - cious arms.
know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call.
Christ be in us, o - pen ev - 'ry door.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Eric

POSTLUDE

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!

Register for Annual Gathering!

The Annual Gathering of the Northern California Nevada Conference of the UCC will be held on **October 24, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Resolutions and other meeting materials are available and being made available on the Conference's website here. Many significant resolutions will be voted on and decisions made, including the passing of an annual budget and a revisioning of Camp Caz. We invite you to inform and educate yourself, and if you have questions or concerns, please reach out to Pastors Eric and Todd. Registration is now open. There is no charge, but you must pre-register.

Launching DCC's Our Faith, Our Vote Web Page

<https://danvillechurch.org/vote/> Our Faith, Our Vote web page with a collection of non-partisan and faith-based voter resources including ballot recommendations on twelve statewide propositions from the League of Women Voters of California, California Council of Churches IMPACT, and our own DCC Anti-Racism Team.



Sunday, October 11, DCC Second Hour Voter Forum

Unsure about the California Ballot Propositions we will be voting on in the November 3, 2020 election? Join us for **DCC's Our Faith, Our Vote – Voter Information Second-Hour Forum** hosted on Zoom by the **DCC Anti-Racism Team** on **Sunday, October 11, 11:00 am – 12:00 noon**. We will share faith-based voter resources and consider the racial equity implications of Propositions 15, 16, 17, 20 and 25. The meeting will take place in the main Zoom room. Just remain on the morning Worship Zoom link or rejoin at

11:00am.

Voting for Equity Community Forum

The Ensuring Opportunity Campaign, the Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition, the Family Economic Security Partnership (FESP) and the Budget Justice Coalition have joined forces to create a series of Voter Engagement Events to inform, rally, and build power in the community with Contra Costa County voters around important ballot measures that deal with racial, economic, and social justice. Experts will be presenting on Propositions 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22 and 25, followed by a robust community conversation!

Tuesday, October 13 @ 5pm (English Event) - [Click here to register](#)

Wednesday, October 14 @ 5pm (En Español) - [Haga click aquí para registrarse](#)

Ingathering for Wildfire Relief

If you are moved to donate to help others in California and beyond who have suffered losses from the unprecedented wildfires this year, please donate through the [DCC donations page](#), selecting "Wildfire Relief". Our October 18 Ingathering will be for wildfire relief, but you may give at any time. All DCC wildfire relief donations will go to the Northern California Nevada Conference Western Wildfire Relief Fund.

Friendly Reminder

If you received an emergency contact form in the mail and have not yet completed and returned it to the DCC office, please do so as soon as possible. This will provide important information to our church office. Remember to indicate on the form whether or not the contact information can be public (ie., published in our DCC online directory.) Thank you!



Many of us inherited a Christian worldview that assumed the success of the United States meant the advance of God's mission in the world. Others of us inherited a worldview where the Church was apolitical with a "We don't talk about politics, we just talk about Jesus" mentality.

You are invited to join Project Peace East Bay us as together we explore the theological roots of these perspectives, as well as a new way to approach this election season. They have found that Christians want to talk about civic engagement as a response to our faith but many of us often lack the language to help us navigate this, especially in a cancel culture where there's little room to say the wrong thing. What does it look like to have integrity in our faith when we're unsure of what to do or say to be effective?

In partnership with The Global Immersion Project, Project Peace is offering an East Bay-focused workshop that offers the language, tools, and actions to embrace a conflicted allegiance that tackles our faith in one hand and our U.S. citizenship in the other.

We all need tools to get comfortable talking about uncomfortable topics within our congregations. The workshop itself is a model for what this space can look like and will enable you to navigate this polarized election season with initiative and courage. This workshop will equip you with:

- A framework and language to understand how our faith impacts our civic engagement
- A set of tools to navigate the 2020 election as Christians
- Practical actions from others' experiences to take steps in your own life

We don't want to waste anyone's time. In order to jump into the conversation with a shared language, we highly recommend watching this 22-minute video with reflection questions.

Invite your friends, community group, or family to experience this workshop together and be each other's accountability. It's a great way to connect with loved ones in a new way—by learning, taking small risks, and asking hard questions together.

Full details can be found on the [registration page](#).

SUPPORTING YOUR TRANSGENDER AND GENDER NONCONFORMING LOVED ONES: A GRANDPARENTS WORKSHOP*

**Hosted by Danville-San Ramon
Valley PFLAG and The Rossmoor
LGBT Alliance**



**This program is open to anyone with
a transgender or gender
nonconforming family member or just
wants to be a better ally.*

In this program you will:

- Learn LGBTQ+ terminology
- Gain an understanding of gender identity
- Learn about the importance of family support
- Discover how you can best support your trans and nonbinary family members
- Engage in dialogue with peers in order to support each other.

Program Format

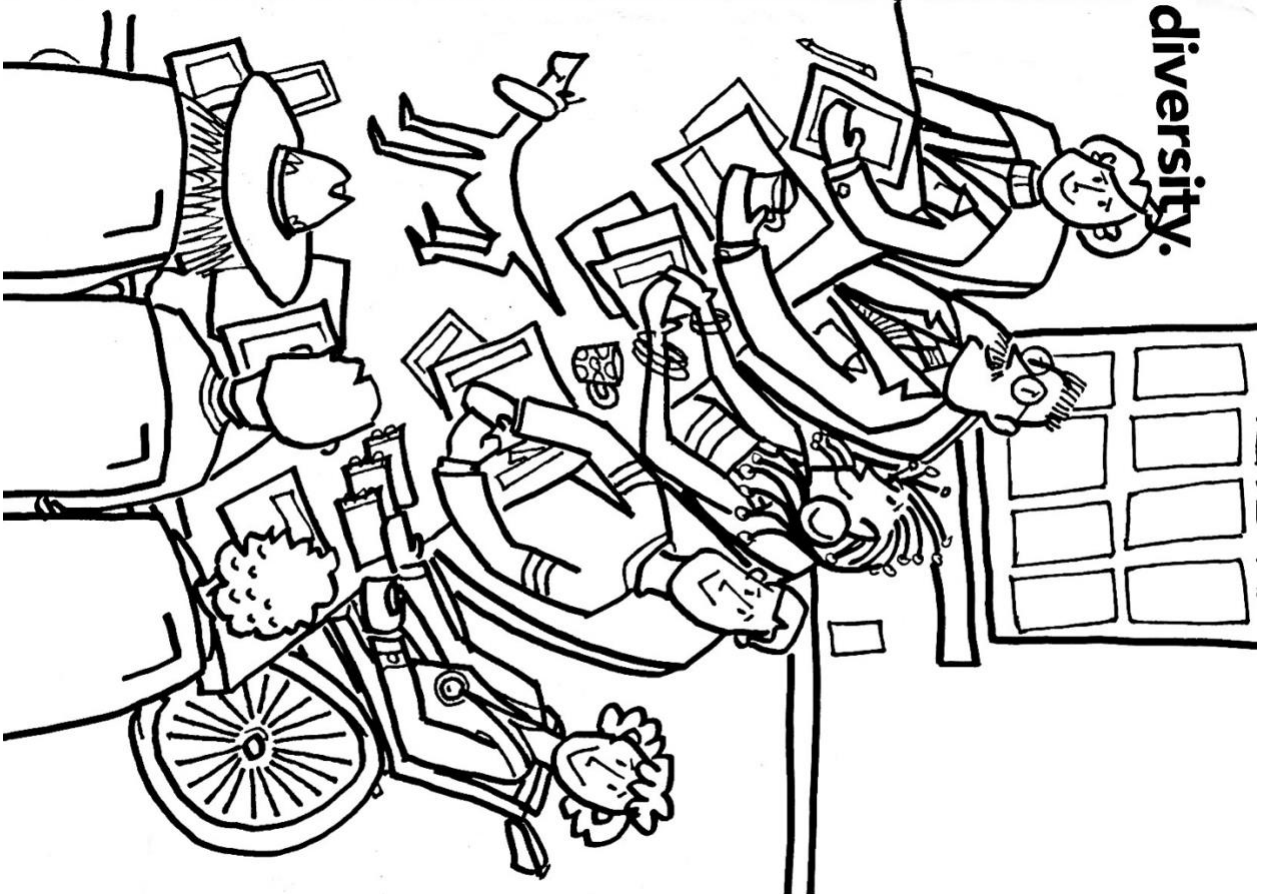
1. Presentation on gender identity
2. Panel discussion with trans and gender nonconforming youth
3. Moderated Q&A
4. Break out groups to discuss next steps

DATE: Oct. 26, 2020

TIME: 7:00PM-8:30PM

WHERE: ZOOM

**RSVP AT
<https://pflag-rossmoor-lgbta20-10-26.eventbrite.com>**



Upcoming Gatherings

Worship at DCC, Sundays at 9:30am

<https://zoom.us/j/492975948?pwd=bIJqZTNpNGo3S1o0YkNFM3FWQ1dIQT09>

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.

Second Hour Voter Forum Sunday, October 11 at 11:00am

Please stay on the call for our worship gathering or use the link above to log into the Second Hour hosted by DCC's Anti-Racism Ministry Team!

Youth Group, Sundays at 5:00pm

See email for details.

Black Trans Lives Matter
Black Queer Lives Matter
Black Women Matter
Black Men Matter
Black Disabled People Matter
Black Children Matter
Black Undocumented People Matter
BLACK LIVES MATTER



Ministers—The Entire Congregation

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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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