

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Palm Sunday | 9:30 AM

PALM PROCESSIONAL *All Glory, Laud and Honor* (Insert)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Eric Sherlock

INTROIT & CALL TO WORSHIP *Come and Find the Quiet Center* Chuck Bell
Come and find the quiet center in the crowded lives we lead
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be...
- Shirley Erena Murray

*OPENING PRAYER Bette Felton

One: God of Change, we are too busy sometimes to show up for what's important.

All: Let us *make* room for You.

One: Your parade of abundant life is happening and we can't clear our schedules.

All: Let us *find* room for You.

One: Help us clear out the way we live and the god's we adore that are not You.

All: Let us *be* room for You.

One: In the name of Jesus, who got on a donkey and rode into Jerusalem to proclaim justice for the outcast. In the name of Jesus, who looked upon the people waving branches and laying their cloaks before him and vowed to love them no matter the consequences. In the name of Jesus, who invites us to join the parade and celebrate life! Let the people say, "Hosanna!"

All: "Hosanna!"

One: Let the people say, "Amen."

All: Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you;

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another and pass the peace of Christ.

*OPENING HYMN *We Are Marching in the Light of God* #526

TIME WITH CHILDREN *Pastor Todd Atkins-Whitley*

SCRIPTURE *Mark 2:21-28* Bette Felton

SERMON Rev. Eric Sherlock

ANTHEM *Serenity* Charles Ives

O, Sabbath rest of Galilee! O, calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee,
the silence of eternity interpreted by love.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease:
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

- John Greenleaf Whittier

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers of the People Chuck Bell

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.
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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

TIME OF GIVING

Call To Offering

Offertory *How Long?* Mark Miller

We wait for your coming, we wait for new life,
we wait in our despairing, we wait through the strife.
But how long? How long? How much longer must we wait?

Lord we are forsaken, we yearn to be free,
Sam said, "Change is gonna come," but right now we can't breathe.
But how long? How long? How much longer must we wait?

*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

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN *What Wondrous Love is This?* #223

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *In the Spirit Let Us Travel* Chuck Bell

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.
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POSTLUDE *Holy Sabbath* Michael Shea

DURING THE SECOND HOUR

Commissions meet today! Commissions are a perfect way to get involved and share your gifts and talents. If you are not yet involved with one of our Commissions, feel free to choose one that interests you, join their discussion, or just listen and check it out. Commissions are a meaningful way to share your talents and get involved with your church community. Below are the commissions that are meeting today.

Outreach & Faith Journeys – Library
Buildings & Grounds – Peace Room

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

8:30AM	-	9:15AM	Choir Rehearsal
9:30AM	-	10:30AM	Godly Play
9:15AM	-	11:00AM	Childcare for children 4 & under in the Nursery
9:30AM	-	10:30AM	Worship
10:30AM	-	11:00AM	Time for Fellowship
11:00AM	-	12:15PM	Confirmation Class
11:00AM	-	12:00PM	Commission Meetings
12:00PM	-	2:30PM	Handbell Rehearsal
6:00PM	-	8:00PM	Youth Group

THIS WEEK AT DCC

Monday	7:00PM	-	9:00PM	PFLAG Meeting
Tuesday	7:00PM	-	9:00PM	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday	12:45PM	-	2:00PM	Pastor's Bible Study
	1:00PM	-	2:30PM	Tenant Relations Committee Meeting
Thursday	11:00AM	-	12:00PM	Spiritual Formation Group #3
	6:15PM	-	6:45PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00PM	-	8:00PM	Maundy Thursday Service
	8:00PM	-	9:30PM	Choir Rehearsal (for Easter)
Saturday	8:00AM	-	10:00AM	Children's Easter Egg Hunt
	10:30AM	-	11:30AM	Handbell Rehearsal

EMMAUS TEAM 3

Liturgist	Bette Felton	Friendship	Janis & Randy Jang
Ushers	Judy Schreib Jim Felton Carol & John Bassett	Hosts	Trish Moosbrugger Charlie Hasselbrink, Alice Donovan
Candle Lighter	Matthew Bassett	Greeters	Pae & Jim Conning with family

Next week's team is **Emmaus Team 4**. Please call or email the office, with information by **noon** on **Wednesday, April 17**.

Godly Play Ministers:	Trish Moosbrugger Laura Beaver
Lock-Up Duty:	John Bassett
Sound Technician:	Steve Bridgeman

Flowers provided by:
God's Way Church

Ministers
The Entire Congregation

The Rev. Eric Sherlock
Senior Pastor
John Kendall Bailey
Music Director
Elizabeth Setlak-von Thury
Operations Coordinator

Pastor Todd Atkins-Whitley
Associate Pastor
Mary-Marie Deauclaire
Handbell Director
Blair Hansen
Office Administrator

Janice Inman
Dayspring Preschool Director
www.dayspringpreschool.org

OUR PURPOSE

Loving God
Loving Each Other
Being 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

Please turn off your cell phone when you enter this sanctuary. Also, please 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.

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 gather in **Koinonia** for refreshments and time with old and new friends.

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!

Child care for 4 years and younger is available from **9:15 – 11:00** today. Please always sign your child in and out of our Nursery. For safety reasons, we request that no child be left on the playground without appropriate supervision. Thank you!

Activity bags are available for children to use in worship. Children can pick up a bag and/or a clipboard from the basket at the back of the sanctuary when they come into worship and sit with their families in the pews. Please return the bags and clipboards to the basket at the end of worship.

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.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us for **HOLY WEEK!**
PALM SUNDAY April 14, 9:30a
MAUNDY THURSDAY April 18, 7:00p
EASTER EGG HUNT April 20, 8:00a
EASTER CELEBRATION April 21, 9:30a

In addition to the Holy Week worship and fellowship opportunities listed in the announcements, there are many opportunities to observe Good Friday and Holy Saturday this Holy Week throughout the Bay Area. All are welcome to join fellow UCC folk from across the Northern California Nevada Conference at First Congregational Church, Berkeley on **Good Friday, April 19**. This is a service to commemorate the day that Jesus hung on the cross in the sanctuary of FCCB at **7pm**. If you would like to experience the **Great Vigil of Holy Saturday**, Grace Cathedral in San Francisco offers a service on **Saturday, April 20 at 9pm**. Beginning entirely in darkness, the Great Vigil is gradually illuminated by kindling new fire as we celebrate Christ's Resurrection.



The DCC Spring Men's Lunch continues every **Thursday at noon** at the **Brass Door Restaurant** in San Ramon, and continues weekly for 6 meetings through **May 16, 2019**. All men are welcome.

If you have questions and/or want to be on the email list for more information, please contact **Dave Hill** at dghill@sbcglobal.net.



Meditation for Busy Folk

Join us for an hour of spiritual refreshment for heart, mind, body and soul. Listen for the voice of God. Discover what is ours to hear. **Monday, April 22, 7pm - 8pm** For questions or more information, please email Bob Hardy-hardyarts@gmail.com or Cheryl Pierson-cherbnb@gmail.com 650-315-9057.



Save This Date: We will be celebrating 20 years of Open and Affirming at DCC on **May 19**: Celebration service and luncheon to follow. Please see Chris Rauen's historical review of our ONA process in the monthly Good News.

CAMP CAZ CAMP TAM

Caz You & Me • Grades 1-3 • July 5-7
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Caz Junior • Grades 4-6 • July 21-27
CIT Cazadero • Grade 12+ • July 21-27
Caz Community • All Ages • Aug. 2-4

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Busy:
Reconnecting
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Unhurried God

A Lenten Series



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All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

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