

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Fifth Sunday of Lent | 9:30 AM

PRELUDE *Wonderful Peace* arr. Michael Wilson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Todd Atkins-Whitley

INTROIT *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 Wilson Jackson
One: Creator God, we push and push until we are exhausted.
All: Let us *make* room for You.
One: Release us from the illusion of the control of time and our fear of its passage.
All: Let us *find* room for You.
One: Help us clear out the incessant drive to always produce.
All: Let us *be* room for You.
One: In the name of Jesus, who invites us to wholeness.
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.
Children in grades 5 and under are invited to meet their Holy Moly teachers at the back of the sanctuary during the Passing of the Peace. Children will rejoin their families for Communion.

*OPENING HYMN *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* #433

SCRIPTURE *Ecclesiastes 3:1-13* Danny Bray & Elora Huerta

SERMON Pastor Todd Atkins-Whitley

ANTHEM *Turn Turn Turn* Pete Seeger
Joan Tilson, vocals arr. Linda Palmer
Charlie Hasselbrink & Karol Mead, guitars

*To everything (turn, turn, turn) there is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time to every purpose, under heaven.*

*A time to be born, a time to die; A time to plant, a time to reap
A time to kill, a time to heal; A time to laugh, a time to weep.*

A time to build up, a time to break down; A time to dance, a time to mourn

A time to cast away stones, a time to gather stones together.

*A time of love, a time of hate; A time of war, a time of peace
A time you may embrace, a time to refrain from embracing.*

*A time to gain, a time to lose; A time to rend, a time to sew
A time for love, a time for hate; A time for peace, I swear it's not too late*

- adapted by Pete Seeger from Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

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.*
- Shirley Erena Murray

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 *Gymnopedie No. 1* Erik Satie

*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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* #347

INVITATION

SURSUM CORDA

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

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

COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Only non-alcoholic juice is served. Gluten-free bread is available.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Poured Out For You* Austin North

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* #28

*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.*
- Shirley Erena Murray

POSTLUDE *Be Still and Know That I Am God* Scott Oyer

DURING THE SECOND HOUR

There is no Second Hour today. Enjoy the extra time for fellowship!

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

8:30AM - 9:15AM Choir Rehearsal
9:30AM - 10:30AM Holy Moly
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

THIS WEEK AT DCC

Wednesday 12:45PM - 2:00PM Pastor's Bible Study
6:30PM - 8:30PM Dayspring Preschool Board Meeting
Thursday 10:00AM - 12:00PM Diaconate Meeting
Thursday 11:00AM - 12:00PM Spiritual Formation Group #3
7:30PM - 9:00PM Choir Rehearsal

EMMAUS TEAM 2

Liturgist	Wilson Jackson	Friendship	Karl & Judi Weisgraber
Ushers	Nan Karns	Hosts	Julie Grenley
	Claire Conger	Candle Lighter	Gail & Brett Clark
	Karl Weisgraber	Greeters	Gail & Brett Clark
	Julie Grenley		

Next week's team is **Emmaus Team 3**. Please call or email the office, with information by **noon** on **Wednesday, April 10**.

Holy Moly Ministers:	Mariah Callison Anne Seiler
Lock-Up Duty:	Dee Brook
Sound Technician:	Randy Jang

Flowers provided by:
The Emmaus Committee

Ministers

The Entire Congregation

The Rev. Eric Sherlock <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Pastor Todd Atkins-Whitley <i>Associate Pastor</i>
John Kendall Bailey <i>Music Director</i>	Mary-Marie Deauclaire <i>Handbell Director</i>
Elizabeth Setlak-von Thury <i>Operations Coordinator</i>	Blair Hansen <i>Office Administrator</i>

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



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 series begins **Thursday, April 11, 2019 at noon** at the **Brass Door Restaurant** in San Ramon, and continues weekly for 6 meetings through **May 16, 2019**. All men are welcome.

As usual, we will have lunch together, catch up on each other's lives, and discuss the scripture planned for the following Sunday. Expect a lively discussion; one does not have to be an expert in the Bible to participate. 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. We will provide an open door for anyone who wants to try meditation—drop-in and attend one, two, three, or all four offerings! This meditation group will meet throughout the season of Lent: **Saturday, April 13, 9am - 10am, Monday, April 22, 7pm - 8pm** For questions or more information, please email [Bob Hardy-hardyarts@gmail.com](mailto:Bob.Hardy-hardyarts@gmail.com) or [Cheryl Pierson-cherbnb@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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