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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.

**Eighteenth Sunday
After Pentecost**

**World Communion
Sunday**

October 4, 2020

Zoom Worship

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Quiet Devotion

R. Kevin Boesiger

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zac Furber-Dobson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kristina Kelchner

One: We are called to bring a new understanding of God:
that God so loves the world.

**All: The Law of God is to love God
and to love one another.**

One: Come, let us love one another
with the love of God.

**All: Let us join together in our love of God
to worship and follow Jesus.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Kristina Kelchner

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

I Have Brought You Out of Egypt

(sung to "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing)

"I have brought you out of Egypt," Moses heard the Lord God say.

"I have saved you! I have freed you! people, listen and obey.

Have no other gods before me; don't make idols for yourselves.

I will judge those who reject me; worship me and no one else."

"Do not use the Lord's name wrongly, use God's name for what is good.

Keep the Sabbath; keep it holy; rest and worship as you should.

Honor father, honor mother; do not murder! Honor life!

Do not wander to another from your husband or your wife."

God continued these commandments: "Do not steal another's things;

And you shall not bear false witness — see the anguish that it brings.

Do not seek with bitter longing what you see across the street.

Keep these laws and find within them where my love and justice meet."

God of grace, we see your promise in the covenant you give.

For your law is wise and wondrous as it shows us how to live.

Loving God and loving neighbor, may we follow where you call.

Saved by grace, may we together seek to live your gracious law.

- Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Barb DeBarger

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Exodus 20:1-17](#)

Miguel Atkins-Whitley

SERMON

Love God

Pastor Eric

ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

DCC Chancel Choir

If ye love me, keep my commandments,

and I will pray the Father,

and he shall give you another comforter,

that he may 'bide with you forever,

e'en the spirit of truth.

- John 14:15–17

TIME OF PRAYER

Rev. Melissa Tumaneng

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

Finn Fetherstonhaugh

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

One: It is the season of harvest, the grain which once was scattered on the fields is now being gathered in.

All: Today the people of God gather from all corners of the earth to gather at tables like this.

One: Here at this table we take part in the feast of faith.

All: Here we share the meal that unites us with all the followers of The Way.

One: This is God's table, God is the host,

All: and so all who seek to follow the Way of Jesus Christ are welcome to eat and drink.

One: Come and taste the grace eternal, come and see that God is good.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: God is here

All: Blowing among us with the breath of life.

One: God is here

All: And we place our hearts in God's hands.

One: Let us give thanks

All: Thanks to God who frees us from our chains.

One: Creator God, Source of Life,

You spoke into the chaos and brought order, into the darkness and brought light, into the void and brought life. If that was all you had done, given us life and this earth

All: God, that would have been enough. But you did more.

One: Then you called your people out of slavery,

you formed a covenant with them, gave them rules and guidelines about how they should live with each other and with you. If that was all you did, bring forth freedom and community

All: God, that would have been enough. But you did more.

One: But your people did not fulfill their side of the covenant, they went astray, wandering from the path of wisdom and faithfulness. In response you sent messengers, men and women to remind them what life could be, who they could be. If that was the end of your work,

All: God, that would have been enough. But you did more.

One: Eventually, in the fullness of time, you tried a new path. You spoke to the woman Mary, promising her a son, a child who would teach in word and action about the depth and breadth of your love; a man who would reshape the understanding of what it meant to be faithful to the covenant; a teacher who would transform the lives of his followers.

All: In this child, this teacher, this man, Jesus of Nazareth, we realized we had met God in human clothing. However we were not ready for his message.

One: And he was arrested, tried and convicted.

To show the depth of his love and commitment he allowed himself to be executed, put to death on a cross. If that was the end of the story,

All: God, that would have been enough. But you did more.

One: You raised Jesus, you broke the bondage of death, you continue to set us free from those things that would enslave us. So it is that we continue to gather at this table to sing songs of thanksgiving, joining our voices to the voices of ages saying:

All: Holy holy holy are you, Lord of Creation! Blessed is the One who comes in your name.

One: As we gather at this table we remember the night before Jesus was arrested.

All: We remember that he gathered with his closest friends to share the meal of faith and freedom.

One: There, in an upper room, he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and passed it to them saying:

All: This is my Body, broken by and for the world. Take it, eat it, and remember.

One: Then he took a cup of wine, blessed it and passed it to them saying:

All: This is the cup of the New Covenant, sealed in my blood. Take, drink, and remember.

One: Remembering his life, death and resurrection, committing ourselves to follow The Way of love he taught, and anxiously awaiting the coming Kingdom of love and peace we eat and drink and we remember the great mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

One: God of life, send your Spirit upon and among us as we gather at this table.

All: As we break bread together, unite us with the global family of faith.

As we eat and drink awaken the fire of hope in our souls, embolden us to live your love and share your promise with the world around us.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

One: The Bread we share is the bread of freedom. Take and eat.

(Pause)

One: The Cup we share is the cup of promise. Take and drink.

(Pause)

One: These are gifts from God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: We have eaten, we have drunk, we have tasted God's goodness.

All: God of freedom, grant that this meal we have shared today will remind us that in you and your love we are set free.

God of love, grant that in eating and drinking here our hearts are warmed and we are changed, moving us closer to being who we are created to be.

God of community, grant that this meal we share with our siblings around the globe helps to build a sense of unity and closeness that chases away all fear, mistrust, and hatred. These things we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

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!



Neighbors in Need Helps Make a Just World for All Possible

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. We will receive our annual [Neighbors in Need](#) offering on **today during worship**.

One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Recent Northern California grantees include First Congregational Church of Oakland and First Congregational Church of Auburn. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. As a 2020 emergency measure, some Neighbors in Need funds are going to the UCC's Justice and Local Church Ministry Emergency Response to COVID-19 relief fund, to provide aid to eligible churches adversely impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Please give generously. And remember, contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made online at anytime through the DCC Donations page by selecting Outreach Donations / Neighbors in Need.

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at 10AM. If you are a knitter/crocheter, we would love for you to join us for some productive knitting/crocheting and socializing. If there are any youth who would like to participate, we can get you started with some yarn and instructions and you can work on your own time and at your convenience. For further information, call/email Judy Schreib, 925-837-4167 / jhschr@tdl.com.

Our Faith, Our Vote, Local Voter Forums

Thursday, October 1, 1:00–3:00pm: You are invited to a voter information meeting by the Family Economic Security Partnership (FESP), co-sponsored by Ensuring Opportunity, the Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition, and the Budget Justice Coalition. The meeting will be on the upcoming November 3 election, with presentations by the Contra Costa County's Elections Division on what to expect with the new voting protocol as well as a review by the League of Women Voters of several of the ballot measures that address social, racial and economic justice. You must register in advance for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZlkcu6gqz0tE9wGbMlaPWlj7nZ0DnF6whya>

Tuesday, October 6, 5:00 – 6:30pm: AAUW Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch in partnership with the Diablo Valley League of Women Voters presents **California 2020 Ballot Initiatives: Pros and Cons** Virtual Event via Zoom – You must register in advance: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89276538329>

Speakers: Carole Woods & Bette Felton, League of Women Voters, Pros & Cons Team

Join the American Association of University Women's Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek branch and the League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley in an informative presentation of the pros and cons related to our 2020 ballot measures. A discussion with the speakers will follow to help us sort through the latest array of initiatives. This year, more than ever, we need to be prepared for this critical election before we cast our ballots. California is facing unprecedented challenges including the current public health and economic crises. As voters, we must consider critical issues such as systemic racism, homelessness, rebuilding a crumbling infrastructure, and a wide range of measures on this year's ballot. This discussion offers a look behind the slogans to better understand the ballot measure opportunities and their consequences.

Prepare to vote armed with the pros and cons of this year's California ballot initiatives! **Sunday, October 11, 11:00am – Noon:** Our Faith, Our Vote – Voter Information Second-Hour Forum hosted on Zoom by the DCC Anti-Racism Team. Save the date! More information coming soon.



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 (i.e., 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.

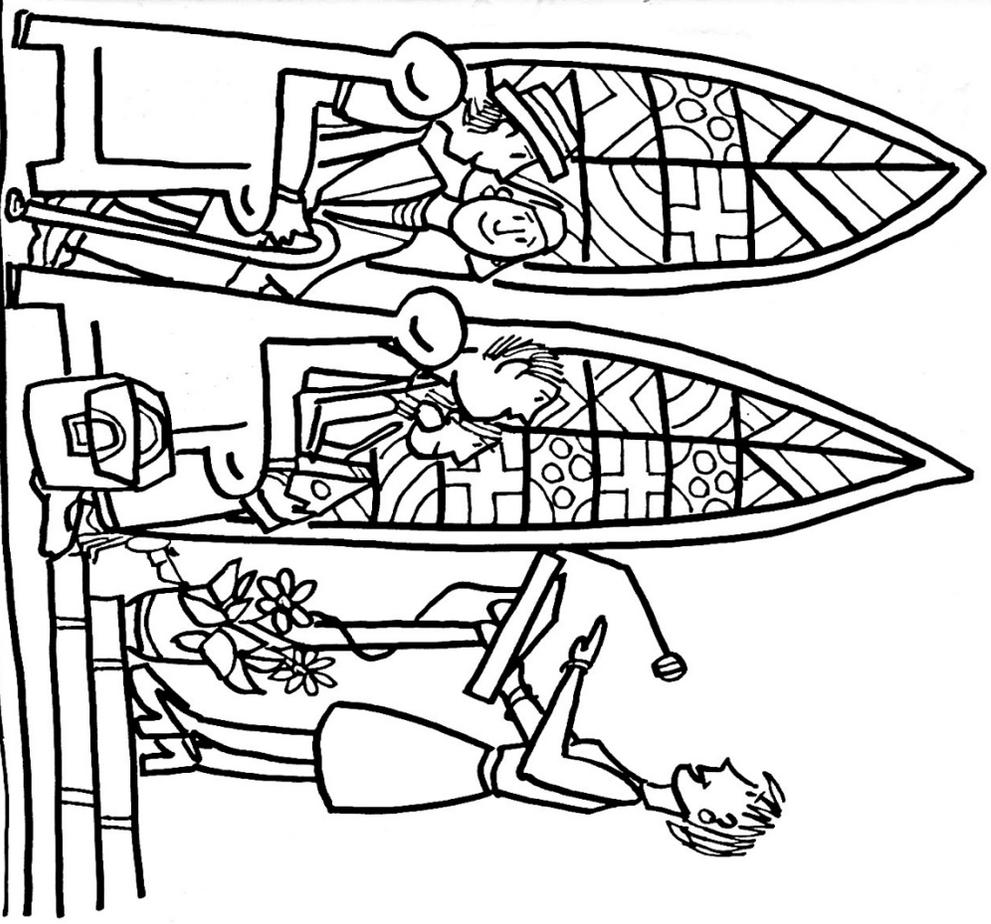
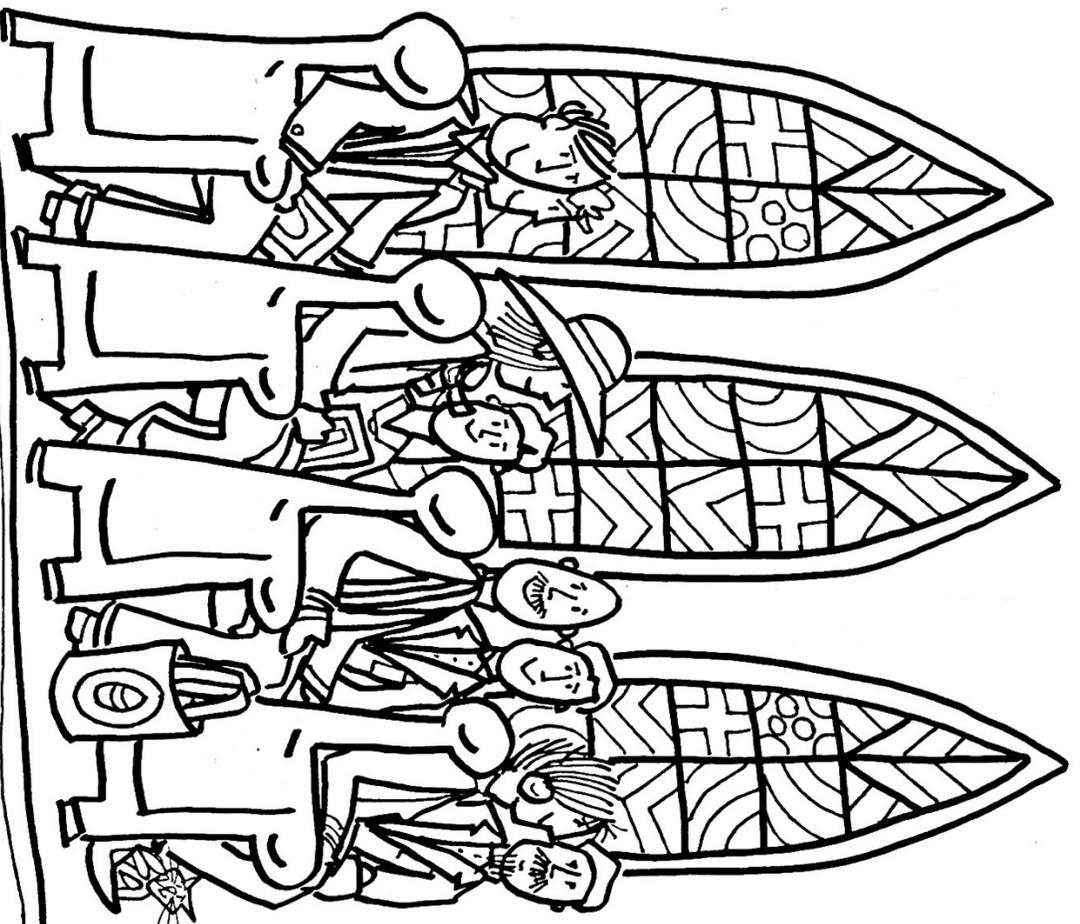
We all need tools to get comfortable talking about uncomfortable topics within our congregations. The workshop itself is a model for what this space can look like and will enable you to navigate this polarized election season with initiative and courage. This workshop will equip you with:

- 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](#).



Love God.

Upcoming Gatherings

Worship at DCC, Sundays at 9:30am

<https://zoom.us/j/492975948?pwd=blJqZTNpNGo3S1o0YkNFM3FWQ1dlQT09>

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.

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



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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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