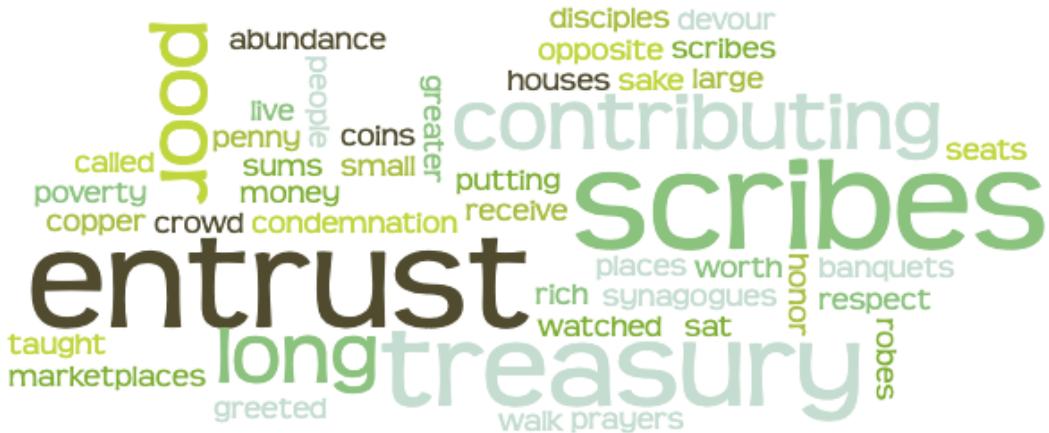




# DANVILLE

Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*Communion Sunday*

*November 7, 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 as directed by the ushers 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 on the inside back page.**

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

*Hope*

Jonathan Harrington

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

Mary Taylor

*\*All are invited to rise in body, mind, or spirit.*

One: Our souls long for you, O God.

**All: When shall we behold your face?**

One: Our souls are uneasy.

**All: When shall hope lead us to praise you again?**

One: During the day, your steadfast love sustains us.

**All: During the night, your song washes over us.**

One: Our hope leads us to praise you.

**All: We praise you, our song of hope.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Mary

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

*Take My Life, God, Let it Be*

*See next page.*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Todd

SCRIPTURE

[Mark 12:38-44](#)

Mary Taylor

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

# Take My Life, God, Let It Be

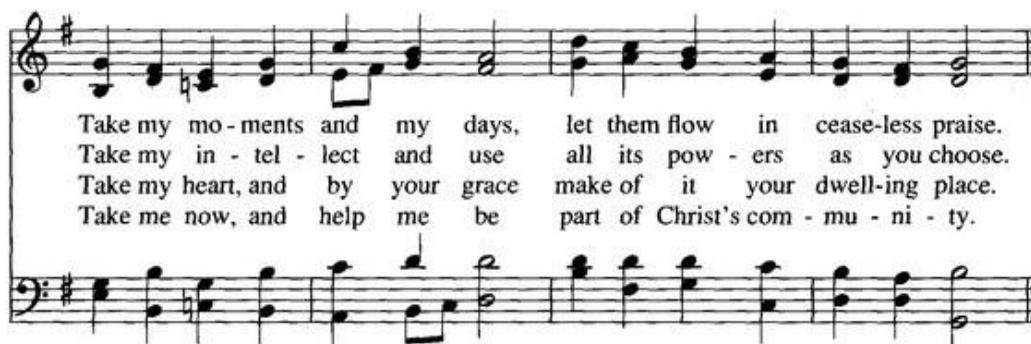
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Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.

Rom. 12:1



1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.  
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.  
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.  
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.



Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.  
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.  
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

Frances R. Havergal wrote her hymn following a visit to Areley House in Worcestershire, England. Among the ten persons at the house were "some unconverted . . . some converted but not rejoicing." Before she left, "everyone had got a blessing."

Tune: VIENNA 7.7.7.7.  
Justin H. Knecht, 1797  
Alternate tune: HENDON

SERMON

*Entrusted*

Pastor Eric

ANTHEM

*O Quam Suavis*

Ivo Antognini

O quam suavis est, Domine, spiritus tuus,  
(O how sweet, O Lord, is thy spirit,)

qui ut dulcedinem tuam in filios demonstrares  
(who, to show thy tenderness to thy children,)

pane suavissimo de caelo praestito,  
(sent down sweetest bread from heaven,)

esurientes reple bonis,  
(feeding the hungry with good things,)

fastidiosos divites dimittens inanes.  
(and sending the disdainful rich away empty.)

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.**

TIME OF GIVING

Mary

Invitation to Giving

*For those of you who have already made a 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

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### As We Gather at Your Table

*Matt. 22:1-10; Luke 14:16-24*

*Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989*

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

*In this hymn, commissioned by an Episcopal parish in Virginia for the celebration of its tricentennial, Carl P. Daw, Jr., utilized a familiar phrase from Isaac Watts' "Joy to the World," which was the motto for the celebration: "Repeat the sounding joy."*

Tune: BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7.D.  
The Sacred Harp, 1844  
Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1992

## INVITATION

This table is open to all who seek to follow in the way of Jesus. This table is open to all who work to bring God's Kingdom here on earth. No one is turned away because of life circumstances. No one is barred because of what has been left undone. No one seeking God's abundant grace and mercy is turned aside. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at this table.

## 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

Eternal God, Creator of the heavens and the earth and all who dwell therein, we give you thanks for all that surrounds us. We thank you for making us but a little lower than the angels, children of your grace. We are grateful for your mercy, forgiving our human pride and our blindness to those in need. We rejoice in the hope and salvation found in the person of Jesus Christ, who shared our earthly suffering and joy. We remember Christ's death, celebrate with joy Christ's resurrection, and seek to follow in Christ's way, serving those around us. In the steadfast comfort of the Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to your service. Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup. May we be strengthened through your Holy Spirit to be the body of Christ, your servant people, faithful in all things and humble in our service to you and your people. Amen.

## SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN

*God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

See next page.

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Eric

POSTLUDE

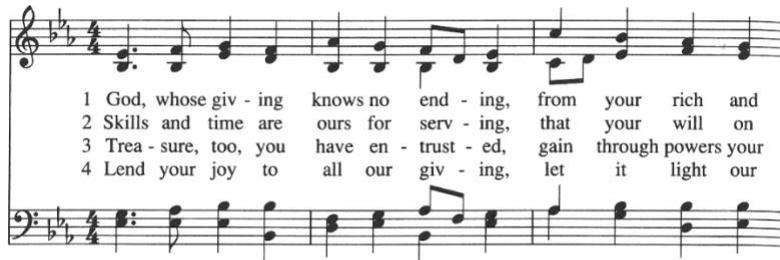
*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

arr. John Carter

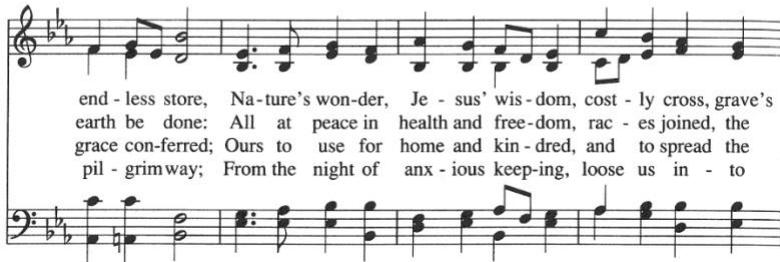
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## God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

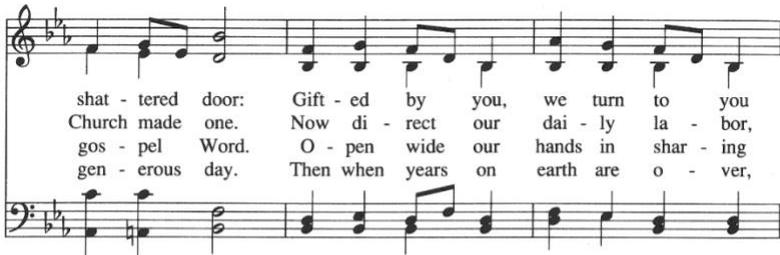
Robert L. Edwards, 1961; alt.



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for serv - ing, that your will on  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your  
 4 Lend your joy to all our giv - ing, let it light our



end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's  
 earth be done: All at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the  
 grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the  
 pil - grim way; From the night of anx - ious keep - ing, loose us in - to



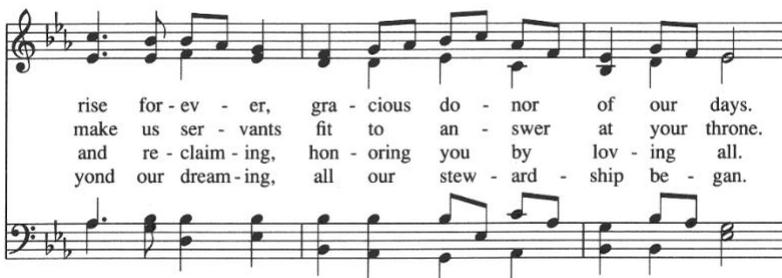
shat - tered door: Gift - ed by you, we turn to you  
 Church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor,  
 gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing  
 gen - erous day. Then when years on earth are o - ver,



of - fering up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful song shall  
 lest we strive for self a - lone; born with tal - ents,  
 as we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing, teach - ing,  
 and we've lived our hu - man span, God, ful - fill be -

Robert L. Edwards, an ordained United Church of Christ minister.

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7.D.



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 and re - claim - ing, hon - oring you by lov - ing all.  
 yond our dream - ing, all our stew - ard - ship be - gan.

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

8:30am–9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
9:30am–10:30am	Worship in the Sanctuary
10:30am–11:00am	Time of Fellowship on the patio/breakout rooms
10:45am-6:00pm	Youth Group Ropes Course
11:00am	Sing-A-Long in the Sanctuary
12:00pm	Anti-Racism Coffee Chat via Zoom

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00pm–7:30pm	DCC Anti-Racism Team Seminar (Zoom only)
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30pm–9:00pm	Choir Rehearsal

### Today: Emmaus Team 4

Greeter: Karen Kawaguchi  
Ushers: Chris Rauen, Richard Stein  
Liturgist: Mary Taylor  
Friendship Hosts: Karyl Krotz & Randy Jang  
Sound Tech: Dee Brook  
Lock Up Duty: Jim Felton

Next week's Emmaus Team is **Team 5**.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note: Announcements for the e-News and bulletin are due **Wednesday** by noon.

## COVID Safety Guidelines at DCC

On November 1, Contra Costa County adjusted its mask mandate for certain settings within the county. DCC has reviewed the adjustment and will continue to require masking indoors at all church sponsored events, including Sunday worship, out of an abundance of care and caution for our most vulnerable, including children who are not yet vaccinated. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### *After Worship today* **Youth Group Ropes Course**

As we reach the mid-point of our Fall Program focused on “Belongingness,” we will be returning to [Challenge Sonoma](#) for a **ROPES COURSE today**. We will leave DCC following worship (be ready to go by 10:45 am) and will return to DCC around 6:00 pm. Make sure to bring signed release forms, \$35 per youth, water bottle, sack lunch, and a mask.



## COMMITMENT TO **ANTI** RACISM

### Anti-Racism Team News

*After Worship today*  
**Coffee Chat**

The Anti-Racism Team is hosting a **Coffee Chat today after worship, via Zoom only**—we are excited to talk with you about our upcoming event "ELEVATING CONSCIOUSNESS & DEEPENING RACIAL

UNDERSTANDING" with guest speaker Dr. Lori Watson from RaceWorks. Learn more about how to deepen your own racial understanding and learn how to talk with others about race. Join the coffee chat at noon Sunday, via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85692986359>

*Wednesday*

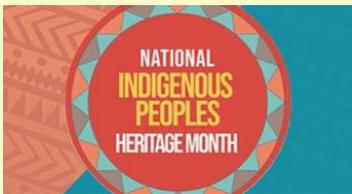
**DCC Anti-Racism Team Seminar**

***Elevating Consciousness & Deepening Racial Understanding***

On November 10, from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm (via Zoom) the DCC Anti-Racism team is sponsoring an introductory workshop that will provide participants with a deeper understanding of what it means to be anti-racist. Participants will be guided through personally reflective exercises and engage in thought provoking dialogue, to be more conscious about the role of race in their lives, the lives of others, as well as in the greater society. This seminar will be led by Lori A. Watson, Ed.D., Racial Equity Consultant &



Facilitator, Founder & CEO, [Race-Work](#). Please [pre-register](#) so we can plan our session. Once you register, you will receive the Zoom link.



### November is Indigenous Peoples Month

Ever wonder whose land you live on? As you know, this land used to belong to the indigenous peoples of our area, and as such, we want to pay our respects to the ancestors who were here before us. The property where DCC sits and our congregation was once the land that belonged to the Bay Miwok, Chochenyo, Lisjan, Muwekma, Ohlone, and Yokuts Peoples. Learn more about your own property [here](#).



### After Worship today Sing-a-long

Join us in the Sanctuary today following Coffee Hour for a 20-30 minute sing-a-long led by music director, John Kendall Bailey. We will learn the music for Sunday, November 14

where we will feature special music in our worship service that we have shared with our Sister Parish Community in San Antonio Guatemala.

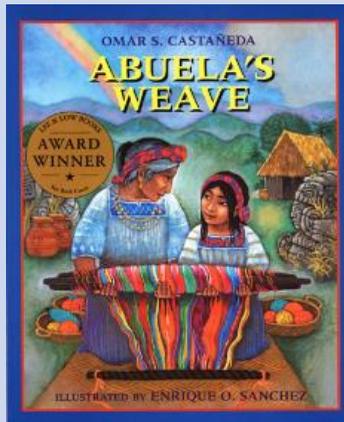


### Next Sunday Sister Parish Sunday

Please join us in worship or on Zoom for a celebration of our Hermanamiento, our relationship, with the Catholic

Church of San Antonio including: A special selection of music and songs

- Children's Time featuring Abuela's Weave by Omar S. Castaneda
- Youth Group guest speaker, Emilio Jimenez- We the Youth: Stories of Youth with Families Impacted by Detention
- To be announced - a live session with our friends in San Antonio, as well as videos shared between our communities.



## Calling all Book Nerds!

- *Are you interested in books?*
- *Is your favorite place a library?*
- *Have a flair for organization?*
- *Want to meet new people and see old friends?*
- *Want to help out our church with a project?*



If you answered *yes* to one or more of these questions, please join our **DCC Library Rejuvenation Project**! Along with wonderful quality resource books, our church library is a bit outdated with obsolete material, which needs to be culled. The work will be to have a new library installed to benefit all of us at DCC. Our library is meant to support everyone's spiritual journey, and we want ours to be well-loved and well-used.

Please click on this link to indicate your interest in this project. Hours and commitment level are flexible. <https://forms.gle/pqDMvCQdur8QacME9>

## Transgender Day of Remembrance & Resilience Community Vigil

Saturday, November 20, 7:00pm  
[East County Shared Ministry](#) (ECSM)  
(Community Presbyterian &  
First Congregational Churches)

Social Hall, accessible from the South Side of the building  
200 E. Leland Road, Pittsburg, CA 94565



This call to remembrance and action is an event of the [Rainbow Community Center](#), co-sponsored by ECSM, [Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church](#), DCC, and other Open and Affirming and Reconciling congregations.

## *Saturday, December 4, 2:00 pm–5:00 pm* **Save the Date: All Family Christmas Party**

DCC is having an in-person All Family Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 4th, from 2:00-5:00 pm. We are still in our planning phase, but we will have music, crafts, and some holiday fun! If you would like to help with the planning or if you have any questions, please contact Karen Kawaguchi or Joyce Klassen.

## The Autumn *Good News* is out!

[Read it here.](#)

(If you would like a printed copy,  
please email the church office.)



## DCC's Newest Team Member

We are delighted to welcome **Anne-Marie Vanniasinkam** who joined the DCC staff this past week as our new Communications Specialist. Anne-Marie will be publishing the weekly e-News, the bulletin, the newsletter, and helping us with our web site and social media.



Anne-Marie is from the Midwest but has lived in California for the last 20 years. She lives in San Ramon with her husband and three kids. In her spare time, she loves to bake, run, read, watch her kids play soccer, and cheer on her favorite sports teams.

If you have announcements for any of our publications, please be sure to send them to her. Her email is [anne-marie@danvillechurch.org](mailto:anne-marie@danvillechurch.org). And if you're around the office, be sure to stop in and say hi!

# 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.
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***

**Anne-Marie Vanniasinkam, *Communications Specialist***

**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***  
**[www.dayspringpreschool.org](http://www.dayspringpreschool.org)**



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