



DANVILLE

Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022

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

It is our preference that you wear a mask inside the building to protect the most vulnerable in our community. 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 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.

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 *I Know Whom I Have Believed* arr. Jan Alexander

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Eric Sherlock
*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 Hazel Furber-Dobson

One: Awake! Rise up!

All: There is much to be done in the Lord's Name today.

One: Get ready to worship and to serve God.

All: We are ready to hear God's word for us and to respond in action and love.

One: Open your hearts to God's will this day.

All: Praise be to God who walks with us and guides us. AMEN.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE Hazel

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you

One: Those of you worshipping via Zoom, pass the peace of Christ with waves and smiles and by using the chat feature. And those of you in the sanctuary, let us greet one another and pass the peace of Christ as you are comfortable doing so.

*OPENING HYMN *For All the Faithful Women* See next page.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley

SCRIPTURE [Acts 9:36-43](#) Matthew Bassett

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

324 For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
 E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)
 B^b E^b Cm7 Fm B^b



days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
 un - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)
 E^b B^b7 E^b Cm



all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)
 F B^b A^b B^b E^b



glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 Cm7 A^b B^b E^b Fm B^b E^b



lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

SERMON *Time to Get Up* Pastor Eric

ANTHEM *Do You Believe This?* James Biery

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, Even though they die, Will live.
And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.
Do you believe this?"*

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 Alene Riley

Stewardship Moment

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

GODSPEED TO HUGH KLASSEN Pastor Todd

All: Hugh:

**We offer you our encouragement and prayers
as you embark upon your new journey.**

We give thanks for your witness among us.

**May the God of grace accompany you and bless you
'til we meet again. Amen**

*CLOSING HYMN *Will You Come and Follow Me* See next page

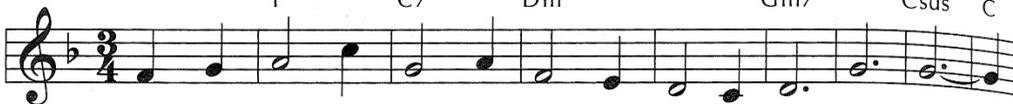
*BENEDICTION Pastor Eric

POSTLUDE *Today We Are Called to be Disciples* arr. Jason W. Krug

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C



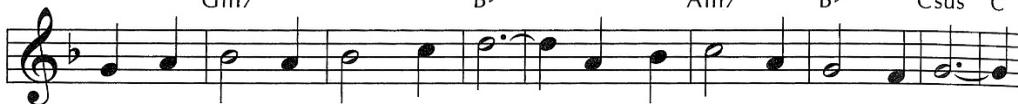
- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

WORSHIP NOTES

In the closing hymn, *Will You Come and Follow Me*, the first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

8:30am–9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
9:30am–10:30am	Worship (In Person and Zoom)
10:30am–11:30am	Time of Fellowship on the patio/breakout rooms
11:00am–12:00pm	Commission Meetings
5:00pm–7:00pm	Youth Group

Our nursery is open for anyone who would like to make use of it during worship.

There will be no **Godly Play** this week. Children are welcome to make use of the children's library and activities table in the back of the sanctuary.

For safety reasons, we request that no child be left on the playground without appropriate supervision. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT DCC

Monday	4:00pm–6:00 pm	Celebration Bells Rehearsal
Thursday	10:00am–12:00pm	Diaconate Meeting
Thursday	7:00pm–9:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	5:30pm–7:30pm	Celebration Bells Rehearsal

Today: Emmaus Team 5

Greeters: Joyce Klassen & Donna Lenhardt

Candlelighter: Matthew Bassett

Ushers: Judy Halden & Wayne Snyder

Liturgists: Matthew Bassett & Hazel Furber-Dobson

Flowers: Carol Bassett

Friendship Hosts: Carol Bassett & Nancy Snyder

Children's Ministers: Trish Moosbrugger & Karen Kawaguchi

Sound Tech: Steve Bridgeman

Lock Up Duty: Carol Bassett

Next week's Emmaus Team is **Team 6**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Expression of Sympathy



We express our sympathy to the family of **Sarah (Susie) Wilson**. Susie, a children's book writer and illustrator, transitioned from this life on March 26. She and her husband Herb were members at DCC from 2004–2016.

A memorial service for Susie will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, May 14 at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1550 Diablo Road, Danville.

Stewardship 2022

As we make plans for the upcoming fiscal year of our church, the Stewardship Commission led by Bette Felton, has decided to call for our church to **Recover, Reconnect, and Recommit**, as we move into the Stewardship month of May. As we emerge and recover from the pandemic and its consequences, we come to our church community to reconnect, or connect for the first time, with new friends or projects. And we examine our ability to support our sacred space and the dear ones who work here.



Starting this Sunday, we will hear from members about why they contribute to the work of DCC with their time, talent, and treasure. This week, **Alene Riley** will be sharing the Stewardship Moment and why she gives to DCC.

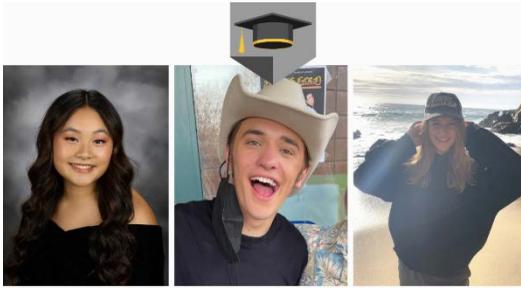
As we journey through this season in the life of the church, we invite you to think about your gifts and **recover, reconnect, and recommit** in support of our community. Stewardship packets will be mailed out May 13th. If you have any questions, please reach out to [Bette Felton](#), [Amy Furber-Dobson](#), or [Pastor Eric](#).

This Sunday Godspeed to Hugh

I can't imagine many people get to serve as an intern within the very program that helped nurture them to the young adult they are. Well, DCC's own **Hugh Klassen** has been able to do just that over the past year, serving as a Youth Intern for the DCC Youth Group. As Hugh prepares to set off for what lies next for him, we want to thank him for his contributions to the lives of our young people and bless him with a Godspeed moment this Sunday during worship. The youth will be honoring Hugh that night at Youth Group.



ONLY SIXTEEN RSVPs, PLEASE [RSVP SOON.](#)



GRADUATES SUNDAY

BLESSING AND BRUNCH

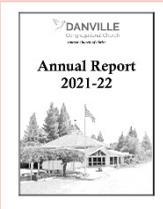
HONORING
KIMI, ZAC & PIPER
SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

On **Sunday, May 22**, we will honor our three young people who are transitioning from high school this year: **Kimi DeBarger-Gestring, Zac Furber-Dobson, and Piper Stickler**. These young people have been such a vital part of our church family and the youth group. As a community, we want to commemorate their achievements, affirm our love for them, and encourage them toward their bright futures.

We will bless them during worship that morning and will honor them and their families with a brunch in Kairos Hall. We

invite the whole church to be a part of this DCC tradition.

Submit Reports by May 13 **2021-22 Annual Report**



It's that time of year again! We are collecting written annual reports from all officers, commissioners, and committees of the congregation to compile for DCC's 2021-22 Annual Report for the Annual Meeting. If you are a commissioner, committee chair, and/or team lead, please email your group's annual report to Anne-Marie (anne-marie@danvillechurch.org) no later than May 13.

Sunday, May 15th after worship **Dayspring Tour for DCC Members**

During **Coffee Hour on May 15th**, our Dayspring Director, Sonna Dhamrait, will be giving a short **tour of the Dayspring Preschool facilities** to anyone who wishes to check it out! So many of us have not had a chance to see the beautiful classrooms and facilities of the preschool, and we thought it might be a good opportunity to visit this great school and meet our wonderful Director! If you are in church that day, we will be serving coffee in Kairos Hall, and you can take your coffee on the go as we tour the preschool.



Help Tidy Up and Prepare our Kitchen



With our first in-person church-wide brunch coming up on May 22 (see *Graduates Brunch* in this email)—and considering we’ve largely been unable to use the kitchen in the Hope Center for over two years—it was observed that we might need to have a tidy-up morning/afternoon to make sure all the dishes, glassware, silverware, and such are clean and ready to be pulled out for the brunch.

If you would like to help out with this act of hospitality, would you reach out to the church office (call or [email](#)) to put your name on the list. Then we’ll connect the group of volunteers who can work out among themselves when to meet. Thanks!

Saturday, May 14th at 9:00am Project Peace East Bay Day of Service



project:peace

DCC has been invited to participate in [Project Peace East Bay’s](#) Day of Service, IN-PERSON, on Saturday, May 14, from 9:00 am to noon.

Day of Service connects East Bay faith-based groups and community members with schools and non-profits, to tackle their needs to help support work in education, homelessness, youth development, and more. For more information or to sign up, visit the [Day of Service Registration page](#), click the Register button and select one of the 10 sites with Day of Service opportunities.

Last June, our Youth Group and a few other DCC folks participated in a Day of Service at [Shepherd's Gate in Livermore](#), which is again seeking Day of Service volunteers for May 14. To pitch in on May 14, sign up [here](#).

[Crossroads High School w/ YoungLives in Concord](#), empowers students to break the cycles of teen pregnancy, poverty, violence, and abuse that affect their lives. They are a small high school that serves pregnant & parenting teens and their young children. Day of Service volunteers will be assisting with gardening projects, kitchen clean up, food pantry stocking, sorting and folding baby clothes, cleaning storage sheds and outdoor play equipment. You can sign up [here](#).

Or, you can choose one of the 7 other sites in Alameda, Oakland, and Walnut Creek.



18TH ANNUAL
INTERFAITH CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, JUNE 5 • 5PM
DANVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC
989 SAN RAMON VALLEY BOULEVARD, DANVILLE
IN-PERSON AND STREAMED ONLINE

Next Sunday Mental Health Sunday Special Offering

Have you noticed the green and black ribbon tied to the light post at the end of the DCC driveway near the street? This ribbon signifies Mental Health Awareness, a project sponsored by NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. May is Mental Health Month, and to lift that up we are inviting you to make a special offering for Mental Health on Sunday, May 15 – Mental Health Sunday in the UCC. Our Mental Health offerings will be shared equally among **Fred Finch Youth and Family Services, Putnam Clubhouse and NAMI Contra Costa**. Please write “Mental Health Offering” on your offering envelope or on the memo line of your check made out to DCC. You can donate online through the [DCC donations web page](#) (select Outreach Donations / Other and enter “Mental Health Offering” in the box next to the amount).



[Fred Finch Youth & Family Services](#) seeks to provide innovative, effective services supporting children, youth, young adults, and families to heal from trauma and lead healthier, productive lives. Founded in 1891 as an orphanage in Oakland, today's Fred Finch Youth & Family Services now operates more than 20 programs in California including mental health, housing, education and independent living services to some of the most vulnerable populations throughout the state. Many have experienced abuse, live at or below the poverty line, are growing up in foster care and are seeking to make their way in the world as strong young adults. Their 130-year history and strong track record have made Fred Finch a recognized leader in the treatment of children and families as they continue to provide services to thousands of participants annually.

[Putnam Clubhouse](#) is a welcoming community where adults recovering from mental illness come to rebuild their lives. Participants—called members, not patients or clients or consumers—share ownership and responsibility for the success of the organization, and participate free of charge. The underlying premise is that each member can sufficiently recover from the effects of mental illness to lead a personally satisfying and productive life. Recovery is achieved at the Clubhouse through work and work-mediated relationships, which are proven to be restorative and provide a firm foundation for growth, self-respect, and individual achievement. Research indicates Clubhouse members and the communities in which they live benefit from higher employment, reduced hospitalization and incarceration, improved well-being, and reduced cost of services compared to other programs.



[NAMI Contra Costa](#) is an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, providing outreach, education, support and advocacy to and for families and individuals in need of help dealing with mental illness. They have been assisting people and families affected by mental illness in Contra Costa for over 35 years. All programs are free NAMI CC supports many underserved portions of our community, with groups, classes and services for Asian Pacific Islanders (API), Latinx and African American communities, and Transitional Age Youth (TAY).

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*

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