



DANVILLE

Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 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

All Are Welcome

Gaelic melody
arr. Kathleen Henson

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

Max Posadas

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

One: From our wanderings and wonderings,

All: we are welcomed home by God.

One: Lost on the highway or trapped on a cliff,

All God comes to rescue and returns us to safety.

One: Come to be found,

All: for all are welcome here.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Max

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you

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

*OPENING HYMN

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

See next page.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley

Following the Time With Children, children are invited to meet their teachers in the back of the sanctuary for Godly Play.

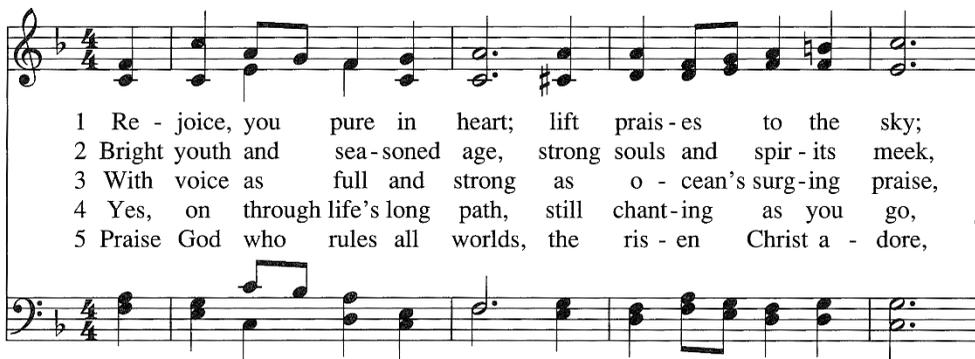
Middle schoolers (and any other interested teenagers) are invited to head over to the Agape Lounge for Donuts and Devotions.

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

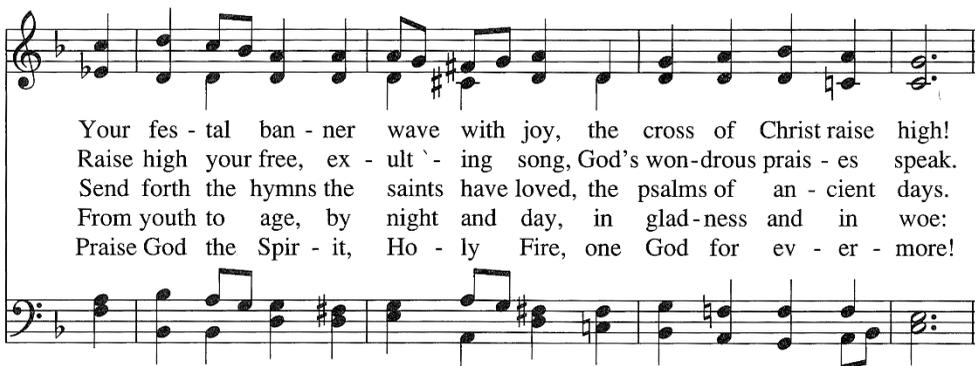
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Edward H. Plumptre, 1865; alt.

Ps. 20:5; Phil. 4:4



1 Re - joice, you pure in heart; lift prais - es to the sky;
2 Bright youth and sea - soned age, strong souls and spir - its meek,
3 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as you go,
5 Praise God who rules all worlds, the ris - en Christ a - dore,



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!
Raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won - drous prais - es speak.
Send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of an - cient days.
From youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
Praise God the Spir - it, Ho - ly Fire, one God for ev - er - more!

Refrain



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.
Re - joice Re - joice

This hymn, inspired by Philippians 4:4, was written for the Choral Festival held at Peterborough Cathedral in England. The author was an Anglican priest and a professor of theology at Oxford University.

Tune: MARION S.M. with refrain
Arthur H. Messiter, 1883
For an alternate setting, see 71
Alternate tune: CHRISTPRAISE RAY

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

SERMON

Dancing With Joy

Pastor Eric

ANTHEM

*Spirit, I Have Heard You Calling*Thew Elliott
arr. J. K. Bailey

Spirit, I have heard you calling, like a mem'ry long grown dim,
crying from creation's moment seeking voice from deep within.

I have heard you in my longing. I have heard you in my pain.
Now I feel you moving in me, feel you burning like a flame.

Now I see you all around me, now I hear you call my name.
Now I speak the words you give me, now I feed creation's flame.

You are speaking through my longing, You are speaking through my pain.
Now I feel you moving in me, and I'll never be the same.

Since you moved upon my waters, since you spoke and set me free,
I have yearned for this communion, for your fire inside of me!

Now your love defines my longing. Now your love shines through my pain.
Now we dance in endless union, singing out creation's name!

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Eric

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

Wilson

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 plate 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

*CLOSING HYMN

Amazing Grace

See next page.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Eric

POSTLUDE

To Be Free
Sandra Lepley, piano

Eddie Smith
arr. Fred Bock

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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St. 1-4, John Newton, 1779; alt.

St. 5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4 My God has prom - ised good to me, whose
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; God will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, was blind but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

8:30am–9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
9:30am–10:30am	Worship (In Person and Zoom)
9:35am–10:30am	Godly Play
9:35am–10:30am	Donuts and Devotions
10:30am–11:00am	Time of Fellowship in Koinonia /breakout rooms
11:00am–12:00pm	Commission Meetings
1:30pm–3:00pm	Celebration Bells Rehearsal
5:00pm–7:00pm	Youth Group

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

Godly Play (for children ages preschool through 5th grade) is offered immediately following Time With Children. All children are invited to participate in Godly Play time in the Hope Center, or they are welcome to stay in worship with their families. Children in Godly Play will return to their families during fellowship time.

Designed primarily for middle-school youth, **Donuts & Devotions** is offered following the Time with Children in the Agape Lounge in the Hope Center. All middle-school youth (and any interested teenagers) are invited to gather with Carrie Hrousis or Pastor T and one of our DCC friends to explore the deep questions of our faith. We will dismiss by 10:30 a.m.

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

THIS WEEK AT DCC

Wednesday	6:00pm–7:00pm	Dayspring Back to School Night
Thursday	6:00pm–7:00pm	Dayspring Back to School Night
Thursday	7:00pm–9:00pm	Choir Rehearsal

TODAY'S EMMAUS TEAM

Today's Emmaus Team is **Team 2**

Greeter: Chris Sonnemann

Ushers: Anne and Antonio Bremer

Call to Worship & Passing the Peace: Max Posadas

Scripture Reading & Time of Giving: Wilson Jackson

Candlelighters: Lily and Finn Sonnemann

Children's Ministers: Barb DeBarger & Kim Michaud

Friendship Hosts: Sally Baca, Heidi & Steve Bridgeman, Tom Sonnemann

Snacks: Sally Baca, Jen Faught & Wilson Jackson

Youth Minister: Pastor Todd & Carrie Hrousis

Lock Up Duty: Carol Bassett

Sound Tech: Steve Bridgeman

Tech Minister: John Klassen

Next week's Emmaus Team is **Team 4**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Starting Today **Donuts and Devotions**



Sundays for Middle Schoolers

Beginning today, Our Youth Commission is [re-]introducing a faith formation option for our middle school friends during worship. This brief time together—which will include *delicious donuts!*—will be held most Sundays by Carrie Hrousis or Pastor T along with one of our DCC friends and invites us to explore the deep questions of our faith. This week, we will be considering the question, “Who Wrote the Bible?” As always, this is just an invitation for any of our young people (including those in older grade levels) to consider; after all, staying in worship to hear Pastor Eric preach is a great option too! [Only there won't be donuts 😊]. We will head over to the Agape Lounge after the Time with Children, dismissing by 10:30am. Donuts & Devotions will meet each of the remaining three Sundays in September and will resume October 9.

Today at 11:00am **Community Life Commission Meeting**

The Community Life Commission will meet today at 11:00am. We will continue to make plans for fun activities and talk a bit about welcoming visitors. Please join us! Questions or suggestions contact [Kim Michaud](#).

Next Sunday via Zoom **Anti-Racism Team Meeting**



Did you know that Danville Congregational Church is part of the Northern California/Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ? All of the churches in our NCNC conference meet regularly to discuss church goals and plans for the year. The Anti-Racism team has learned about some of the Anti-Racism Goals and Resolutions that the NCNC approved in 2020, and we will be discussing ways our church can support these in the coming months. Join us at our next Anti-Racism Team meeting via Zoom at noon next Sunday to learn more about these goals and ways we can support anti-racism actions in our community. More information on meeting access coming soon!

Youth Group Fall Service Project



The Youth Group's Fall Service Project will happen on Sunday, October 2 and we are asking our church for a little help!

We will be attending Celebration (their name for *Worship*) at Glide Memorial that morning, serving lunch, and later attending Open Cathedral (hosted by the San Francisco Night Ministry) where we will hand out "blessing bags" to folx who would be blessed by a little extra love. That's where we could use everyone's help! Could you help us collect the items below—*maybe pick up a few things at the store or online ... invite your neighbors & friends contribute ... get your kids involved*—so we can prepare at least 100 bags to hand out? We will be assembling the bags at YG on 9/25.

Please drop off any of the following (new) items you collect by the church office or place them in the collection area in the Narthex *by September 25*. [You can also have your items shipped directly to the church office (attn: Pastor Todd) before 9/23.] You can also make a financial gift toward this effort by giving cash or a check (write "Blessing Bags" on the envelope or memo line) or by [using our web site](#) (type "Blessing Bags" beside the amount of your gift).

Thanks in advance for sharing from your abundance so we can help bless others!

- Socks (any kind)
- travel-size baby powder
- travel-size deodorant
- travel-size toothpaste
- disposable razors
- small packs of wipes
- individual packets of pain reliever
- folding toothbrush
- individual anti-bacterial ointment packets
- bandaids
- nail clippers
- folding hair brush
- individually wrapped snacks
- bottled water



Friday from 5:30pm–8:30pm

TGIF Gathering

Please mark your calendars for our new season of TGIF celebrations. John and Joyce Klassen will host at their home in San Ramon on Friday, September 16th from 5:30pm–8:30pm.

All are welcome for this super simple, end-of-week, supper get-together! Originally started in 2017, they have been a casual time for people to catch up and connect/reconnect with our DCC Community. And it feels like we need more time together in these turbulent times in our lives.

TGIF Details:

- Come wind down the week with our DCC friends at a TGIF party, an intergenerational gathering of singles and families. Wherever you are on your Friday journey into the weekend, you are welcome at TGIF!
- Hosted by John & Joyce Klassen in San Ramon. Their home address is in the church directory, or contact Joyce.
- Open house from 5:30 pm–8:30 pm. Please feel free to drop by for however long it works for you.
- No RSVP is necessary. Please just bring a pizza or dish you'd like to share, enough that covers your family, plus BYO (wine, beer, soda). We'll have salad and dessert.
- If you have questions, call (925-518-6439) or email [Joyce Klassen](mailto:Joyce.Klassen).
- If you can't make this one, the next TGIF will be announced soon!



DCC Event Facilitators Needed

The Tenant Relations Committee is looking for a few responsible youth (high school and older) or adults who might be interested in working as facilitators for events booked through the church for recitals, parties, etc. This person would handle the opening and closing of the church with an occasional need for an A/V tech and setting up and taking down chairs and tables. This is a great way to earn a little extra money while helping the church. If you are interested, please contact the DCC Officer Manager Liz via email or phone.

Next Sunday
**DCC Children, Youth, & Family Trip to the
Exploratorium in SF**



Immediately following worship on Next Sunday, we will head to the Walnut Creek BART for SF, enjoy our bag lunches on the pier, and then experience the magic of the [Exploratorium](#) until 5:00pm. (Folks who want to drive are welcome to meet us there.) *Youth through grade 5 must be accompanied by an adult chaperone.*

[Sign Up Here](#). **Tickets will be *pre-ordered* so advance sign-up is urged.** Reduced ticket prices are:

- Adults 18-64 -**\$24.95**
- Youth, Senior, Student, Teacher -**\$19.95**
- Child 4-12 -**\$17.95**
- 3 & under – free

Make your payment by either method listed below:

- by check to DCC and write "EXPLORATORIUM TRIP" in the memo field
- by [using our website](#). Enter the amount in the *Youth and Children's Ministries* field and write "EXPLORATORIUM TRIP" in the field beside the amount you are paying.

Saturday, October 8th at 8:30am
DCC Walking Group

The Community Life Commission invites you to join us for the kickoff of our DCC walking group **on Saturday October 8th at 8.30 am**. We'll do a few trips around the lovely lake at Bishop Ranch. It is flat, partially paved, and easy to navigate for all walking levels.

It will be a great opportunity to walk, talk & connect. Please meet at the main entrance to the lake, inside the gates at [3001 Bishop Drive](#), San Ramon, where the seating areas are, by the [Bocce Ball court](#). The entrance is on Bishop Drive (check both the links given to see the location!) You can park in Bishop Ranch or over by Target. Contact [Joyce Klassen](#) with any questions—925.518.6439. We recognize that we have many weekend commitments, so we plan to start on time at 8.30am and be finished no later than 10.30am.

We're looking forward to walking, chatting and connecting and hope you'll join in! Everyone is welcome!

DCC Home Visits

Are you or is someone you care for homebound and/or unable to make it to worship? Would you or someone you know like to receive Communion at home or a visit from one of the deacons or pastors? Simply contact [Pastor Eric](#) or Diaconate convener [Steve Bridgeman](#), and we will make arrangements for a visit!

Need a Name Tag?

Is your name tag faded, peeling or discolored? Or maybe it has disappeared? Now that many of us are coming to church in-person, we'd love to be able to greet one another by name. If you'd like a new name tag, send a message to [Kim Michaud](#) and we will get a replacement made for you.



Thursdays at 12:30pm **Thursdays for the Soul**

- Thursday, September 15 – [Just Peace Churches and the Disruptive Power of Peace!!](#)
- Thursday, September 22 – [Shared Learning From the Disarmament Movement](#)





SRV PFLAG
SOCIAL!
Join Us!



PFLAG
Danville-San Ramon Valley

What: SRV PFLAG sponsored informal picnic for board and community to get to know one another.

Who: PFLAG members and LGBTQ+ supporting community including families of any age.

When: Saturday, September 17 from 11:00-2:00

Where: Osage Station Park in Danville at the north end picnic area, adjacent to children play area and restrooms.

Picnic Info: Please bring your own entree. SRV PFLAG will provide fruit salad, dessert, and bottled water. No alcohol. Send a RSVP, not required, and all questions to bhixon@srvpflag.org.

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*

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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