



DANVILLE

Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 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

Dives & Lazarus

arr. James Michael Stevens

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

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

One: Sheltered by God,

All: we come now to worship.

One: Invited by Christ,

All: we come now to pray.

One: Welcomed by the Spirit,

All: we gather as the people of God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Hazel

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

*OPENING HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,

show us how to serve

the neighbors we have from you.

¹Kneel at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Jesu, you acted as servant to them.
[Refrain]

³These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.
[Refrain]

²Neighbors are rich and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near and far away.
[Refrain]

⁴Loving puts us on our knees,
showing our faith by our deeds,
serving the neighbors we have from you.
[Refrain]

⁵Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. [Refrain]

One: Holy God

Child: Bless now these items given from our abundance so that they might be a blessing to those who receive them.

All: Infuse them with love—ours and Yours—so that each person might feel that love.

Child: Bless the young people who will assemble, carry, and distribute these bags of useful things.

All: As they interact with these your children too, may our youth respond with kindness and grace, loving as You love, seeing your Image on each face.

Child: As we have given from our treasure,

All: may we also give of our energy toward breaking cycles of oppression and shame that lead to hopelessness and despair.

Child: For we are above all people of hope and action,

All: working toward your kingdom come on earth, where no one hungers or has no place to lay their head. May it be so, Amen.

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Luke 16:19-31](#)

Matthew Bassett

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’”

Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

SERMON

Walk in Love

Pastor Eric

ANTHEM

Your Love is Extravagant
Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols, vocals

Darrell Evans

*Your love is extravagant.
Your friendship, it is intimate.*

*I feel like moving to the rhythm of Your grace.
Your fragrance is intoxicating in our secret place.
Your love is extravagant.*

*Spread wide in the arms of Christ is the love that covers sin.
No greater love have I ever known; You considered me a friend.
Capture my heart again.*

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

Matthew

Invitation to Giving

You may also text "Give" (no quotations) to (855) 940-3756. Designate your contribution for "Offering Plate/General Funds" and enter the amount. You will receive a confirmation email. Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory

Look Into Another's Heart

Kevin G. Pace

Look into another's heart. What will you see?
Anguish, hurt, and sorrow there pleading to be
Free of judgment and carelessness, hostility.
Will you offer sweet mercy then, with Godly charity?

Blessed are the merciful; healing is clear.
Blessed are the merciful; Jesus is near.

Look into another's heart. What will you feel?
 Blessings for another's soul, love that is real?
 Will your thoughts bring forth tender words, not to conceal?
 Will your actions show pure desire, thus wanting to heal?

Look into the Savior's heart and you will know
 Merciful compassion for each living soul.
 Joining in true forgiveness grants grace to abound.
 Blessed are all the merciful; where God's love is found.

Blessed are the merciful; healing is clear.
 Blessed are the merciful; Jesus is near.

*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

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

Rom. 12:9-18; Col. 1:24-29

1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
 We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
 I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

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–1:00pm	Council Meeting
5:00pm–7:00pm	Youth Group Blessing Bags Assembly

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	2:00pm–3:00pm	Tenant Relations Committee Meeting
Thursday	7:00pm–9:00pm	Choir Rehearsal

TODAY'S EMMAUS TEAM

Today's Emmaus Team is **Team 5.**

Greeters: Donna Lenhardt and Joyce Klassen

Ushers: Judy Halden, John Klassen, Amy Furber-Dobson, and Judy Schrieb

Liturgists: Matthew Bassett and Hazel Furber-Dobson

Candlelighter: Matthew Bassett

Fellowship Hosts: Carol Bassett, Janis and Randy Jang

Lock Up Duty: Brett Clark

Sound Tech: Brett Clark

Tech Minister: Shii Stickler

Children's Ministers

Godly Play: Barb DeBarger and Michael DoAmor

Youth Ministers

Donuts & Devotions: Pastor Todd and John Klassen

Youth Group: Pastor Todd and Shii & Jim Stickler

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

Sunday, October 2nd

Neighbors in Need Special Offering

Next Sunday, we will be holding our Neighbors in Need offering. Neighbors in Need is the UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries.



With your assistance, together we can help our Neighbors in Need. Please give generously. Contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made [online](#), during worship, or using the Text 2 Give option (Please consider covering the convenience fees).

Saturday, October 8 at 8:30am

DCC Walking Group

Everyone is welcome! The Community Life Commission invites you to join us for the kickoff of our DCC walking group **on Saturday, October 8 at 8:30am**. 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.



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 links to see the location!). You can park in Bishop Ranch or over by Target. Contact [Joyce Klassen](#) with any questions – at 925-518-6439. We recognize that we have many weekend commitments, so we plan to start on time at 8.30 am and be finished no later than 10.30 am. We're looking forward to walking, chatting, and connecting, and hope you'll join in!



October 15–16

Family Campout on Mt. Diablo

DCC Youth & Children's ministries invites our families with kids to join our **Family Campout** on Mt. Diablo **Saturday and Sunday, October 15th–16th**. Families are invited to arrive at our Mt. Diablo campsite after lunch on Saturday (but arrival any time Saturday is fine), pitch camp, hike, and enjoy a campfire dinner together. The next morning, we'll make breakfast and share in worship before breaking camp and returning home late morning.

We currently have 6 families registered! If you are interested in joining, please [sign up here](#). Cost will be \$25 per family to cover the cost of the reservation and some shared food/supplies costs. **Anthony Huerta** has volunteered to coordinate meals! Reach out to [Pastor Todd](#) if you'd like to help Anthony or coordinate campfire entertainment or plan & lead the hike.

Text 2 Give Update Including Helpful Hints from Heidi



The “Text 2 Give “kickoff was a success!! We hope you found the process as simple as advertised.

Thank you to all who contributed to our Youth’s Blessing Bags Project. Your spontaneous giving resulted in an additional \$500 in giving to those in need of our support. And well done to those who chose to contribute to the “Offering Plate”.

Helpful hints from Heidi:

Try creating a new contact in your phone’s CONTACTS file using the name DCC Text 2 Give. Using the DCC unique phone number, 855–940-3756 you will have quick access (and won’t need to memorize the phone number). Text “give” for quick access

Currently there are two options available for directed giving through Text2Give, the Blessing Bag project and Offering Plate/General Fund.

At this time only credit cards can be used as the method of payment. Please consider covering the convenience fees. A sincere thank you to those who chose this option.

Please contact Heidi Bridgeman if you have any questions at DCC.finsec@danvillechurch.org

Opportunities for Anti-Racism and Justice in the November Election: A Discussion



- In the Anti-Racism Team’s book club discussion of Ibram X. Kendi’s book, *How to be an Antiracist*, we talked about ways we can support communities of color through advocacy at the policy level of our government. Knowledgeably voting for candidates in critical positions who create policies within our community and voting for ballot measures that support community interests are ways to make our voices heard around changes that are needed.
- Come join the Anti-Racism and Justice Ministries Committee during Second Hour on Sunday, October 2, from 11-12pm to learn more about issues on the ballot for the November 2022 election, resources to help you decide on the candidates, and how you can influence the vote based on discernment and conscious action.
- Our meeting will be held in the sanctuary for those in attendance at church and will also be available on Zoom (on the church service Zoom link) for a hybrid presentation. Join us!

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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