



# DANVILLE

Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ



Third Sunday of Easter  
Sister Parish Sunday

*April 14, 2024*

## OUR PURPOSE

### ***Love God • Love Each Other • Be God's Love in the World***

Danville Congregational Church acknowledges that the land this house of worship sits on is the traditional, unceded land of the Ohlone and Bay Miwok people. We offer this land acknowledgment as a sign of respect, with the knowledge that this land was sacred before we ever arrived.

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

At DCC, wearing a mask during worship or inside the building is optional; please do whatever is comfortable for you. Please be aware of others' personal space and space yourselves out in the sanctuary accordingly. Please invite consent before shaking hands and hugging. 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. Please register your attendance in the Blue Pew Book located in the pew and share whatever information you would like us to have about you. If you are interested in learning more about DCC, please see one of the pastors or designated greeters after worship in the narthex (lobby). 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

*Shed A Little Light*

James Taylor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Eric Sherlock

***Please sign the sheet in the blue pad, pass it to another, and place it in the offering plate.***

*To offer a special prayer, please fill out a Prayer Card, which will be collected during Prayer Time.*

\*GATHERING SONG

Bill Williams and John Kendall Bailey

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

*Gathered here in the mystery of the hour  
Gathered here in one strong body  
Gathered here in the struggle and the power  
Spirit draw near*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Trish Moosbrugger

One: We believe the Kingdom of God is already present but not complete, and the liberating Gospel calls us to work together to build this Kingdom through these principles:

*Consciousness-Raising.* We will seek to transform the world by sharing each other's experiences so that we can better understand and overcome the sources of injustice and oppression.

**All: *Solidarity.* By putting ourselves in the reality of others and by building an interdependent community of brothers and sisters within and among countries, we will promote mutual respect and dignity for all people, advocate for human rights, and work for social and economic justice for all.**

One: *Reconciliation.* We will live in peace with one another by finding the courage to recognize our own failings and to forgive each other despite the history of violence that has caused so much pain.

**All: *Ecumenism.* We will accept each other and respect each person's beliefs and practices, as we unite to work together so that all may share equally in the fullness of God's creation.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Trish

One: Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

\*OPENING HYMN

*Here I Am Lord*

See next page.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Carrie Stengel and Trish Moosbrugger

*Following Time with Children, children are invited to meet their teachers in the back of the sanctuary for Godly Play. Youth (grade 6 and above) are invited to head over to the Agape Lounge for Donuts and Devotions.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Micah 6:8](#)

Kim Michaud

He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Jeremiah 6:16](#)

Kim

Thus says the LORD:  
Stand at the crossroads and look,  
and ask for the ancient paths,  
where the good way lies; and walk in it,  
and find rest for your souls.  
But they said, "We will not walk in it."

MODERN LESSON

From a 1976 Pastoral Letter  
from Bishops of Guatemala

Bette Felton

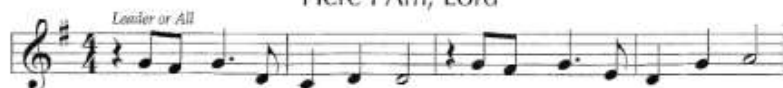
"The human being, every human being, is God's beloved creature, made to His image and likeness, endowed with intelligence and will and therefore called to be free and live in community. Moreover, every human being is called by Christ to grow, so as to become a sharer in the divine nature and thus reach full realization in God. This is the source of the immense dignity of the human person."

SERMON

Carrie Stengel,  
Executive Director of Sister Parish

## I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 Yo, el Se - ñor de cie - lo y mar, a mi pue - blo gi llo - rar:  
 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



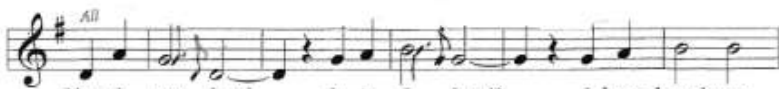
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who  
 a los que su - frien - do es - tán voy a sal - var. Yo que el  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 cie - lo hi - ce bri - llar, luz ha - ré su os - cur - i - dad.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 Quién pod - rá mi luz por - tar, y a e - llos lle - var?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
 A qui es - toy, Se - ñor, he me a - qui, mi Dios, te he es - cu - cha - do



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you  
 en la no - che ha - blar; yo i - ré, Se - ñor, si me



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.  
 guí - as, a tu pue blo pon - dré en mi co - ra - zón.

*My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
That the God of my heart is great  
And my spirit sings of the Wondrous things  
That you bring to the ones who wait  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight  
And my weakness you did not spurn  
So from east to west shall my name be blest  
Could the world be about to turn?*

*Chorus:*

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring  
Let the fires of your justice burn  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near  
And the world is about to turn!*

*Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
Work great things in me  
And your mercy will last from the Depths  
Of the past to the end of the age to be  
Your very name puts the proud to shame  
And to those who would for you yearn  
You will show your might  
Put the strong to flight  
For the world is about to turn*

*(Chorus)*

*From the halls of power to the fortress tower  
Not a stone will be left on stone  
Let the king beware for your  
Justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne  
The hungry poor shall weep no more  
For the food they can never ears  
There are tables spread, ev'ry  
Mouth be fed  
For the world is about to turn*

*(Chorus)*

*Though the nations rage from age to age  
We remember who holds us fast  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp  
This saving word that out forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound  
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God  
Who is turning the world around.  
(Chorus)*

TIME OF PRAYER

Rev. Bob Howell

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

Bette Felton

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 place it in the  
offering plate or [give using our web site](#) or donate using your mobile device,  
text the word give to 855-940-3756.*

Offertory

*Hazme un Instrumento de Tu Paz*

Sebastian Temple

Hazme un instrumento de tu paz,  
donde haya odio, ponga yo tu amor;  
que donde haya injuria, tu perdón,  
y donde haya duda, fe en ti.

Make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;

Hazme un instrumento de tu paz,  
que lleve tu esperanza por doquier;  
tu luz, doquiera haya oscuridad,  
tu gozo, donde hay pena y aflicción.

Make me an instrument of your peace:  
may it carry your hope everywhere;  
your light, wherever there is darkness,  
your joy, where there is sorrow and affliction.

Hazme un instrumento de tu paz,  
es perdonando que nos das perdón;  
es cuando damos que os das tu amor;  
muriendo es que volvemos a nacer.

Make me an instrument of your peace,  
It is by forgiving that you give us forgiveness;  
It is when we give that you give your love;  
By dying we are reborn.

\*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

*Draw the Circle Wide*

See next page.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Go Forth In Faith*

Lani Smith

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# Draw the Circle Wide

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Draw the cir-cle\_ wide. Draw it wid-er still. Let this be our\_

song, no one stands a - lone, stand-ing side by side, draw the cir-cle\_

To verses Last time, Fine

wide. wide.

1. God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre -  
 2. Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en-com-pass  
 3. Let the dreams we\_ dream be larg - er, than we've ev - er

- a - tion turns; noth - ing lost, but  
 great and small; let our lov - ing  
 dreamed be - fore; let the dream of

held for-ev - er in God's gra - cious arms\_\_\_\_\_  
 know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call\_\_\_\_\_  
 Christ be in us, o - pen ev - 'ry door\_\_\_\_\_

## WORSHIP NOTE



**Carrie Stengel** grew up in a Minneapolis community committed to social justice work that included parents, friends, her Lutheran church, and a public school that was an international peace site. There was still a lot of racism, classism, and other forms of systemic oppression, just also a commitment to work toward change.

She first went to Guatemala to accompany the struggles for justice for the atrocities committed during the war and started with Sister Parish almost 12 years ago to walk with the communities that have chosen this model of partnership.

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30am–10:30am	Worship (In-person and Zoom)
After Worship	Baby Bremirez Shower
1:30pm–3:30pm	Celebration Bells Rehearsal
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5:00pm–7:00pm	Youth Group

Our unattended nursery is open for anyone who would like to make use of it during worship. For safety reasons, we request that no child be left on the playground without appropriate supervision. Thank you!

**Godly Play** (for children ages 2nd grade and up) is offered immediately following Passing of the Peace.

**Donuts & Devotions** is offered following the Time with Children in the Agape Lounge. All youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above 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 10:30am.

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am–2:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
<b>Wednesday</b>	2:30pm–3:30pm	CARE Support Group
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00pm–9:00pm	Choir Rehearsal

# TODAY'S EMMAUS TEAM

Today's Emmaus Team is **Team 6.**

Greeters: Dianne Dorn and Anne Seiler

Ushers: Eileen Ackley, Nancy Halseth, and Mary Kay McClure

Liturgists: Kim Michaud, Bette Felton, Bob Howell, and Trish Moosbrugger

Flowers: Kyra Kennedy

Lock Up Duty: Carol and Matthew Bassett

Sound Tech: Steve Bridgeman

Tech Minister: Amy Furber-Dobson and John Klassen

## **Children's Ministers:**

Godly Play: Barb DeBarger and Janis Jang

## **Youth Minister**

Donuts and Devotions: Carrie Hrousis

Next week's Emmaus Team is **Team 1.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Todd is on vacation until April 15th. For immediate pastoral concerns, contact Pastor Eric.



## *Today after worship* **Baby Bremirez Shower**

Everyone is invited to shower Anne and Antonio with love as they prepare to welcome their new baby boy. Join us today immediately following worship in Kairos Hall.

## **Meals for Winter Nights Update**

The response to DCC's invitation to provide meals to the Winter Nights folks staying at the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church on April 10th and 18th was quick and complete.

Many thanks to those who signed up. If you missed your chance to participate, we'll do this again next year.

Your caring spirit is much appreciated and appears to be just a part of who we are...making an effort to help those in need. God Bless.



## **Pastors' Availability**

**Pastor Todd** keeps regular office hours remotely on Monday and in the office Tuesday through Thursday.

If you would like to meet with one or both Pastors, please reach out to them directly via phone or email. **Pastor Eric:** [eric@danvillechurch.org](mailto:eric@danvillechurch.org), **Pastor Todd:** [todd@danvillechurch.org](mailto:todd@danvillechurch.org)

## Pictures of the Week



DCC Members of all ages enjoyed the Egg Hunt and Brunch at the Felton's.  
The rain stayed away and the day was glorious.

*If you'd like to submit a picture to be considered for the pic of the week,  
send it to Anne-Marie at [anne-marie@danvillechurch.org](mailto:anne-marie@danvillechurch.org).*



**Third Thursday Member Meeting  
DEI (Diversity Equity Inclusion): Gender 101  
Thursday, April 18, 2024, 6:00pm–7:30 pm  
Danville Congregational Church**



Join our branch on April 18 for a timely presentation from two key members of the local PFLAG organization. In addition to familiarizing us with some common terms relating to LGBTQ+ people and issues, they will provide us with guidance in understanding and supporting transgender and gender non-conforming individuals.

**Speakers**



**Taylor denBroeder** (he/they)  
current President of the  
Danville/San Ramon PFLAG  
chapter

**Elisa Tinker** (she/her/hers)  
board member of the  
Danville/San Ramon PFLAG  
chapter

Any questions, please contact Kathie Hixon,  
[kathiehixon@comcast.net](mailto:kathiehixon@comcast.net)



***Ministers—The Entire Congregation***

***Church Staff***

**The Rev. Eric Sherlock, *Senior Pastor***

**The Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley, *Associate Pastor***

**John Kendall Bailey, *Music Director***

**Anne-Marie Vanniasinkam, *Office Admin & 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.

**Maria Arroyo, *Dayspring Preschool Director***

**Kim Michaud, *Administrative Assistant***

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



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