



DANVILLE

Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 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

GATHERING SONG

Come, My People

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kyra Kennedy

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alene Riley

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

One: Sing to our God a new song!

All: Let every generation sing praise to our God!

One: Let our voices give praise beyond words and ages and cultures!

**All: May our words and deeds blend in harmony,
giving voice to the SPIRIT who moves among us!**

One: Come, let us worship.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Alene

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

*OPENING HYMN

Be Now My Vision

#451

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Janis Jang

*Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world;
Every color, every race,
All are precious by God's grace,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

HOMILY

Why Should We Sing?

John Kendall Bailey

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Psalm 95:1–5](#)

Alene

O come, let us sing to the LORD;
 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
 Let us come into GOD's presence with thanksgiving;
 let us make a joyful noise to GOD with songs of praise!
 For the LORD is a great GOD
 and a great Sovereign above all gods.
 In GOD's hand are the depths of the earth;
 the heights of the mountains are GOD's also.
 The sea is GOD's, for GOD made it,
 and the dry land, which GOD's hands have formed.

HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

#28

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Ephesians 5:18b–21](#)

Alene

Let GOD 's Spirit fill you. GOD will help you to speak to each other with all kinds of spiritual songs. Sing psalms from the Bible, and Christian songs. Praise the LORD with songs from inside yourselves. And always thank GOD, the Divine Parent, for everything, by our LORD Jesus Christ's name.

HYMN

Amazing Grace

#547

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Psalm 105:1–3](#)

Joy Davis

O give thanks to the LORD; call on GOD's name;
 make known GOD's deeds among the peoples.
 Sing to GOD, sing praises to GOD;
 tell of all GOD's wonderful works.
 Glory in GOD's holy name;
 let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Psalm 150](#)

Joy

Praise the LORD!
Praise GOD in their sanctuary;
 praise GOD in GOD's mighty firmament!
Praise GOD for their mighty deeds;
 praise them according to their surpassing greatness!
Praise GOD with trumpet sound;
 praise them with lute and harp!
Praise GOD with tambourine and dance;
 praise them with strings and pipe!
Praise GOD with clanging cymbals;
 praise them with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

HYMN

How Great Thou Art

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Psalm 57:7-10](#)

Joy

My heart is steadfast, O GOD;
 my heart is steadfast.
I will sing and make melody.
 Awake, my soul!
Awake, O harp and lyre!
 I will awake the dawn.
I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;
 I will sing praises to you among the nations.
For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;
 your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

HYMN

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

#539

TIME OF PRAYER

Rev. Mariah Callison

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

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

Lord, I Want To Be A Christian

arr. Gregg Sewell

*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

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

#286

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Mariah

POSTLUDE

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30am–10:30am	Worship (In-person and Zoom)
10:30am–11:00am	Time of Fellowship in Koinonia / breakout rooms/
12:00pm	Monthly Lunch Bunch

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!

There is no **Godly Play** today.

THIS WEEK AT DCC

Tuesday	9:00am	Men's Coffee and Donuts
Wednesday	9:00am	Wednesday Morning Prayer

TODAY'S EMMAUS TEAM

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

Greeters: Anne Seiler and Dianne Dorn

Ushers: Eileen Ackley and Nancy Halseth

Liturgists: Joy Davis and Alene Riley

Candlelighter: Kristin Chambers

Fellowship Hosts: Kyra Kennedy and Alene Riley

Sound Tech: Randy Jang

Tech Minister: Shii Stickler

Lock Up Duty: Dee Brook

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, September 14th at 11:00am **Celebration of Life for Charles Hartman**

Please join in celebrating the life of former DCC member, Charles W. Hartman. The service and following luncheon in Kairos Hall will be held at DCC on Saturday, September 14th at 11:00am. Charles was a member of the church since 2003 and enjoyed attending services, men's groups, and hosting poetry readings. Below is a short obituary written by his daughter, Sarah Hartman



Charles W. Hartman

June 30, 1932 - June 18, 2024

IN LOVING MEMORY

Charles passed away peacefully in Davis, California after being in poor health for several months. He was a loving son, father, and grandfather, avid naturalist, brilliant scientist, dedicated gardener, creative poet, and world traveler. He was endlessly curious and enjoyed learning and entertaining new ideas throughout his life. He will be deeply missed.



Communion in September

Communion will be celebrated on next Sunday.

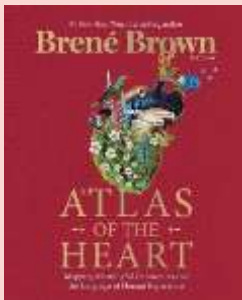


Today at noon
Monthly Lunch Bunch - Please join us!

Would you like to get to know some of your DCC colleagues better? Come join us for lunch after church. We'll be doing it again this today at noon and would love for you to join us. This month we'll be eating at The Grille at Blackhawk. If you have joined us before please come again! If you haven't been able to make it before, please join us now. Note: Please come prepared to pay for your meal with cash or check, or via PayPal or Venmo. Thanks! Please RSVP to Kristin Chambers at 510-813-2747 or kristin_chmbrs@yahoo.com. See you there!

Tuesdays at 9:00am
Men's Coffee and Donuts

Male-identified folx will meet for coffee and donuts at DCC at **9:00am** on Tuesdays. On September 17th, they will meet for lunch at Fat Maddie's in Blackhawk. We are grateful to DCC member **Jim Stickler** for organizing this ministry. Please reach out to him with any questions or for more information.



New Sermon Series begins next Sunday

Next Sunday, we kick off a new sermon series based on Brené Brown's 2021 bestseller [and truly beautiful book!] *Atlas of the Heart*. Using her book as a roadmap and placing it in conversation with our sacred texts, we will explore emotions and experiences that define what it means to be human and how we, as travelers through this life, can map out and cultivate meaningful connection with God, with self, and with those around us.

SPIRITED SISTERS---New Group coming soon!!

All women interested in gathering to discuss the issues, challenges and, yes, the joys we experience as our years increase are cordially invited to join us! The book *Aging as a Spiritual Practice*, by Lewis Richmond (available from Amazon) will serve as a framework for discussion. We will meet in person at the church on the third Thursday of the month at 2:00pm–3:30 pm, beginning September 19th.

We envision this group as an opportunity to share personal experiences and provide support to one another. To sign up or for more information, please contact [Diane Stein](#) or [Donna Lenhardt](#).





Message from the Dayspring Board

As we dive into another exciting year at Dayspring Preschool, the board wanted to take a moment to reach out to the DCC community to ask for people to sign up as “Friends of Dayspring” We currently have a list of 15 “friends”, and we’d like to at least double that number. Being a “Friend of Dayspring” means you are willing to lend a helping hand to our wonderful preschool community. Some of the needs that come up include:

Snack Support: Contributing snacks for parent information or Back to School events.

Volunteer Assistance: Helping teachers and administrators with various tasks to support our preschool operations.

To become a Friend of Dayspring, simply send your email address to Laura Beaver at lauradbeaver@gmail.com. She’ll add you to our list and reach out when we need assistance. Your support, no matter how big or small, makes a world of difference!

Saturday, September 14th from 5:30pm–8:00pm
TGIS at the Klassen residence

That’s not a typo, for the month of September we are switching it up and doing a **TGIS**, instead of TGIF!. Some people mentioned Fridays were not always easy to attend, so we are trying a Saturday meetup.

All are welcome for this super simple, end-of-week, supper get-together! It’s a casual time for people to catch up and connect/reconnect with our DCC Community - singles, old/young, families. Hosted by John and Joyce Klassen – San Ramon. Full address is in the church directory. Contact [Joyce Klassen](#) with any questions–(925) 518-6439.

- Open house from 5:30pm to 8:00pm – Drop by for however long it works for you. Kids are very welcome!
- No RSVP necessary–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 can’t make this one–the next TGIF will be Friday, October 11th.



Pastor’s Availability

Pastor Todd keeps regular office hours remotely on Monday and in the office Tuesday through Thursday. If you would like to meet with him, please reach out directly via phone or email todd@danvillechurch.org

Wednesday Morning Prayer

Pastor Todd facilitates a weekly morning prayer on Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Sanctuary or Zoom. To join via Zoom, use this [link](#).



Pictures of the Week



Clockwise from top: There was a great turnout at the DCC Men's Luncheon, Pastor Todd introduced Pastor Lauren to the congregation on August 18th, and Bette Felton was our guest preacher on August 25th.

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

Ministers—The Entire Congregation

Church Staff

The Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley, *Acting Senior 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*

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