



# DANVILLE

Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ



**A Service of Installation for  
Rev. Melissa Tandoc Tumaneng  
as Associate Conference Minister  
of Pastoral Care and Churches in Transition**

*September 21, 2025*

*My life IS a prayer.*

## 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 upon 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

Please take note of the emergency exits around you and locate the nearest one to you.

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 after worship in the narthex (lobby) or contact Joyce Klassen ([joyce.klassen@comcast.net](mailto:joyce.klassen@comcast.net)) our Community Life Commissioner. 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

John Kendall Bailey

PROCESSION

*This is the Day that the Lord Has Made*

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

Open to us, open to us the gates of God, the gates of God;  
We will go in, we will go in and praise the Lord, and praise the Lord.  
Open to us the gates of God, we will go in and praise the Lord.  
Open to us, open to us the gates of God.

You are our God, you are our God; we will praise your name, we will praise your name;  
We will give thanks, we will give thanks for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, we will praise your name; we will give thanks for your faithfulness,  
You are our God, you are our God; we will praise your name.

WELCOME AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Barb DeBarger

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Lauren Jewett

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

MeLinda LaViene

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

One: Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and Holy, tried and true.

All: **With Thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for you.**

One: Do you not know that your body IS a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit within you,  
whom you have from God? You are not your own.

All: **Do you not know that YOU ARE God's sanctuary,  
and God's Spirit dwells in you?**

One: But those joined to the Lord become ONE SPIRIT with the Lord

All: **You prepared me to be a sanctuary – pure and Holy, tried and true. With  
thanksgiving, I am living Sanctuary for you. Oh, God.**

One: It is you, Lord, who came to save the heart and soul of humanity.  
It is you, Lord, who knows my weakness. Who gives me strength, with thine  
own hand.

All: **Lord, prepare us to be a sanctuary. Pure and Holy, tried and true. And with  
Thanksgiving, we'll be a living Sanctuary for you.**

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Carol Barriger

One: Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

## \*OPENING SONG

*Here I Am Lord*

arr: Dan Schutte

See next page.

## FIRST READING

*1 Kings 19:11-13*  
(NRSVUE)

Eppie Encabo

He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

## SECOND READING

*Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18*  
(First Nations Version)

Glenyse E. Henschel

Grandfather, you have searched deep into my soul. You know me well. You know my sitting and my rising. My thoughts are clear to you even from far away. You number all my steps and see how long I rest. You know all my ways. You know what I will say before my tongue forms the words. Grandfather, you know all there is to know about me. You are behind me and before me. Your hand of protection rests on me. This knowledge is a beautiful mystery to me. My thoughts cannot reach so high.

You formed my inner being, weaving me together in my mother's womb. I give thanks to you, for I was created in ways that are filled with mystery. Wonder wraps around all you do. My whole being trembles with this knowledge. You watched as my bones were being formed in secret. Nothing was hidden from you as I was woven together deep in the womb of Mother Earth. Your eyes saw my body being formed. In your book, all my days were numbered before one day came into being. O Great Spirit, your thoughts are a mystery to me. Their number is far too great for me to know. How could I count all of them, for your thoughts outnumber the sands? I could count them to the day's end, and even then, I would still be in your sacred circle.

## SERMON

Rev. Dr. Davena Creer-Jones

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## I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G  
Leader or All

Am D G C G D



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
I have borne my peo-ple's pain.  
I will tend the poor and lame.

G

Em

C

Am7

D

G



All who dwell in dark and sin  
I have wept for love of them.  
I will set a feast for them.

my hand will save.  
They turn a - way.  
My hand will save.

I, who  
I will  
Fin-est

Am

D

G

C

G

D



made the stars of night,  
break their hearts of stone,  
bread. I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright.  
give them hearts for love a - lone.  
till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G

Em

C

Am7

C/G

D

D7



Who will bear my light to them?  
I will speak my word to them.  
I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send?  
Whom shall I send?  
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

All

G

C

G

D

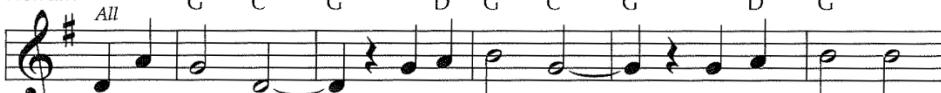
G

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G

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G



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

HERE I AM (Schutte)  
7.7.4.D with refrain

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ANTHEM

*Be Not Afraid*  
Rev. Jonathan Leavy, soloist

Robert J Dufford

*You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.*

**[Chorus]: Be not afraid. I go before you always.  
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.**

*If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames; you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side,  
Know that I am with you through it all.*

**[Chorus x2]**

## SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

GREETING

Joy Davis

PRESENTATION

MeLinda LaViene, Joy Davis

EXHORTATION

Joy Davis, Rev. Gillian Murphy-Stephans, Rev. Carol Barriger

COVENANT

Joy Davis

INSTALLATION PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Davena Creer-Jones

DECLARATION

Joy Davis

**ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

## LAYING ON OF HANDS

**Rev. Dr. Davena:** Family. NCNC-staff. Clergy. DCC. Friends.

**ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

PRESENTATION OF MEDALLION

Rev. Dr. Davena Creer-Jones

CLOSING HYMN

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

Gospel Spiritual

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Melissa Tumaneng

POSTLUDE

John Kendall Bailey

(Please remain seated.)

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*Everyone is invited to a reception in Kairos Hall.  
Reception by Jenabi Pareja and Understory Oakland  
Flowers provided by Cathy Stussi*

## HONORED PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Carol Barriger	DCC Sabbatical Support Minister
Rev. Dr. Davena Creer-Jones	NCNC Conference Minister
Joy Davis	NCNC Support Staff. Bay Association Recording Secretary. Member DCC
Barb DeBarger	DCC Member and Community Life Commission member
Eppie Encabo	National Pacific Islander Asian American Ministry (PAAM) Moderator. Member at First Filipino American UCC San Bruno
Glenyse E. Henschel	Melissa's spouse. Artist on cover
Rev. Lauren Jewett	NCNC ACM for Youth, Young Adult, and Education; DCC Minister of Youth and Community Engagement
MeLinda LaViene	NCNC Conference Managing Administrator
Rev. Jonathan Leavy	Board Certified Chaplain. Member at First Congregational Church of Alameda
Rev. Gillian Murphy-Stephans	Board Certified Chaplain. Member at Plymouth Justice & Jazz Church UCC, Oakland

## HELPING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE

**Greeters/Ushers:** Doug Leich and Wilson Jackson

**Music:** John Kendall Bailey

**DCC Choir:** Miguel Atkins-Whitley, Janis Jang, Karol Mead, , Nicole Noga, & Bill Williams

**Sound Tech:** Randy Jang

**Tech Minister:** John Klassen

**Community Life Commission:** Barb DeBarger, Bette Felton, Nan Karns, Kyra Kennedy, Kris Lewis, and Nicole Noga

***Ministers—The Entire Congregation***

***Church Staff***

**The Rev. Carol Barriger, Sabbatical Support Minister**

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

**The Rev. Lauren Jewett, Minister of Youth & Community Engagement**

**John Kendall Bailey, Music Director**

**Anne-Marie Vanniasinkam, Office & Communications Manager**

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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