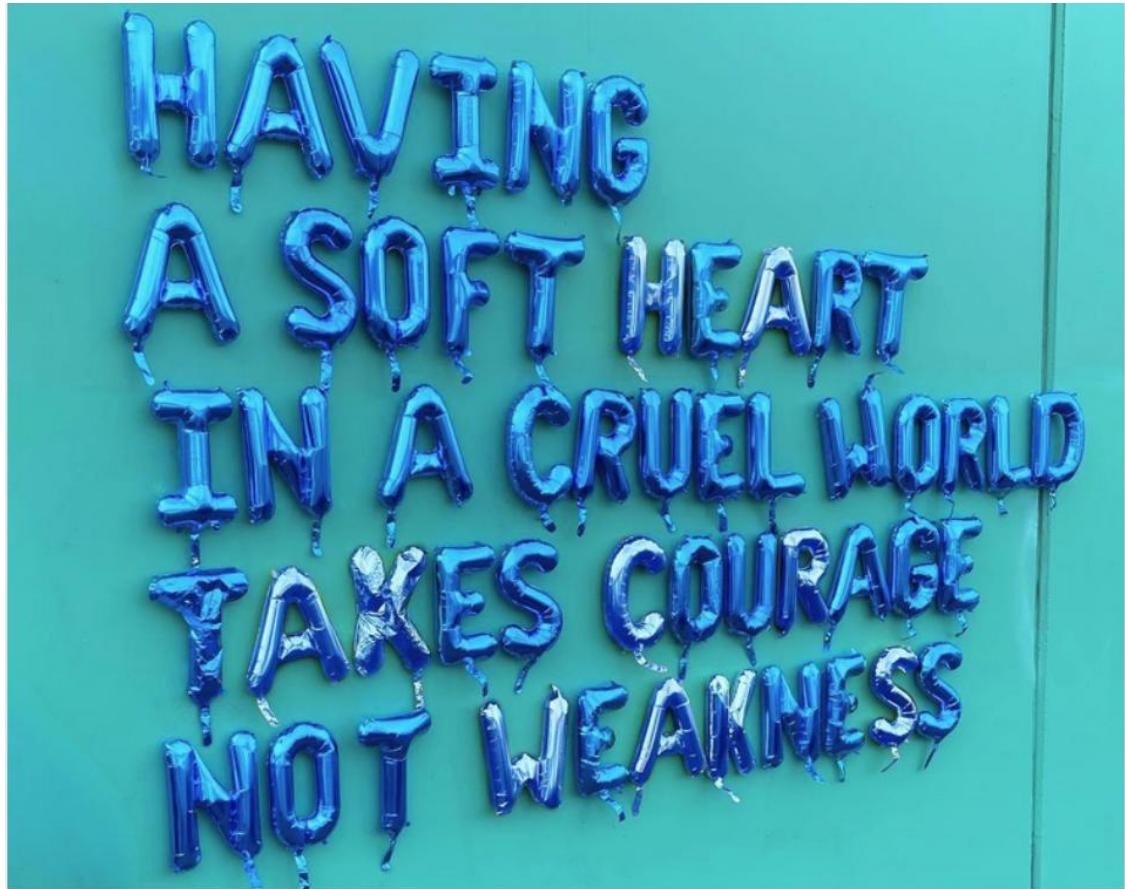




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**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Day**

November 2, 2025

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) 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

Love One Another

Luacine Clark Fox

WELCOME

Rev. Lauren Jewett

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

Jenn O'Neal

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

One: Love isn't just one thing;

All: it's fierce and soft, intimate and collective,

One: wild and sincere and deliberate and just.

All: Love can be more chaos than order.

One: Love can be a boundary.

All: Love can be conflict.

One: It's complicated. It's multifaceted.

All: Love is hard work.

One: Love is natural.

All: Love is a process and practice.

One: Though its paths are many and varied, love always leads to life.

All: Love is an ever-unfolding thing we are all still figuring out.

Written by m. jade kaiser of *enfleshed*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jenn

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

*OPENING HYMN

For All the Saints

See next page.

For All the Saints

William W. How, 1864; alt.

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 2 You were their rock, their refuge, and their might:
 3 Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold,
 4 Ringed by this cloud of witness-es di-vine,

world their steady-faith con-fessed, your name, O Je-sus,
 hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you
 saints who no-bly fought of old, and share with them a
 strug-gle, they in glo-ry shine; yet in your love our

be for-ev-er blessed.
 were their one true light.
 glo-rious crown of gold. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 faith-ful lives en-twine.

Tune: SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

This traditional All Saints Day hymn originally consisted of eleven stanzas written for the Sarum Hymnal (1869) and set to a tune by that name, Sarum. It has grown in popularity since it was later paired with the enduring Sine Nomine in The English Hymnal (1906).

TIME WITH CHILDREN & COMMUNION

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

Pastor Lauren and Rev. Carol Barriger

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor Lauren

SURSUM CORDA

One: God be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift up our hearts to God!

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor Carol

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Pastor Carol & Pastor Lauren

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Lauren

**All: Holy One, we are grateful that you love us so extravagantly,
feed us by your grace, and never give up on any of us.
We will carry that revolutionary love into the world
to bless and welcome all, yes, even those who hate us, continuing the work
of radical love and justice to which we are called by Jesus, our Christ. Amen**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 6:20-36 (First Nations Version)

Jenn and Max Posadas

Creator Sets Free (Jesus) looked out over the crowd of his followers and began to teach them about the ways of Creator's good road. "Creator's blessing rests on you who are poor and in need. The good road is yours to walk.

"Creator's blessing rests on you who hunger now, for you will be filled to the full. "Creator's blessing rests on the ones who weep now, for your sorrow will turn into laughter.

"Creator's blessing rests on you when you are hated and rejected, looked down on and treated as worthless, all because you have chosen to walk the good road with the True Human Being.

“When this happens, let your hearts be glad and jump for joy! The spirit-world above will honor you, for this is the same way your ancestors treated the prophets of their day. You are walking in their moccasins now!” Here is what he said to the privileged among the people: “Sorrow and trouble will be the end of you who store up possessions for yourselves, for you have already had a life of ease. Sorrow and trouble will be the end of you who eat your fill now. You will go hungry later. Sorrow and trouble will be the end of you who are laughing about this now, for your own trail of tears is coming. Sorrow and trouble will be your end, when others say only good things about you, for that is what our ancestors said about the prophets who told lies.”

“Hear me, you who are listening now, I am telling you to love your enemies, do good to the ones who look down on you, return blessing for cursing, and send up good prayers for the ones who give you trouble and pain.

“If someone slaps you on the side of your face, show the strength of your heart and offer the other side. In the same way, if a thief takes your coat, offer your shirt also.

“When someone in need asks, do not hold back. Do what you can to help. If someone takes what is yours, let them keep it.” “Here is another way to see what I am saying: Help others in the same way you would want them to help you.

“Where is the honor in only showing love to the ones who do the same for you? Why should you be given respect for doing good to the ones who do you good, or for lending only to the ones who can repay you? Even tribal tax collectors and outcasts do these things.

“Instead, show love and respect to your enemies, help them when they are in need without asking them to repay you. This will show that you are children of your Father from above, for he is kind and takes pity on the ones with bad hearts, even when they do not thank him for it.

So then, show kindness to others in the same way as your Father the Great Spirit.

In the midst of pain, I choose love.

*In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love.*

In the midst of war, I choose peace.

*In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score
I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.*

When my world falls down, I will rise.

*When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,
I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.*

In the midst of pain, I choose love.

*In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love.*

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Carol

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

All: Hear our prayer

Prayers of the People

Remembering the Saints

One: Timeless God, you have been with us throughout ages,

Bearing witness to the ways in which the story of us
has been woven together piece by piece, life by life.

Today we name that it is because of the saints who have gone before us,
that we are; because they struggled for justice,
and gave so that others could live more freely—

All: We would not be, if not for them.

One: In gratitude, we name the saints who yearned for righteousness
and whose sacrifices have contributed to a more just society:

[You are invited to name them aloud or in the silence of your heart.]

Because of those who loved and nurtured us, we give thanks.

We are because they were. In gratitude,
we name the saints who shaped our lives and our being:

[You are invited to name them aloud or in the silence of your heart.]

One: We also hold in remembrance those taken from us by injustice,
Those who never knew their own belovedness,
those who passed on our faith, who gave us art, song, and poetry.
We are because they were.

[You are invited to name them aloud or in the silence of your heart.]

We know all these saints were imperfect, too.
There is no life that is not messy and contradictory,
often betraying the very justice and love we seek to embody.
Yet, you, O God, promise that our labor to Love is never in vain.

All: **May we lean on the witness of those who have gone before us,
drawing on the love, justice, community, and faith
that weaves us together, generation after generation—
past, present, and future.**

Adapted from a prayer written by the writers of enfleshed.com

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

Jenn

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

Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil

John Bell

Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness; Life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.

Oh, victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.

*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

Christ, Your Words of Love Confound Us

Christ, your words of love confound us, even as we give you praise,
for the lessons that you teach us seem so far from this world's ways.
How can we love those who hate us? How can we love enemies?
What of people who abuse us? How can we love even these?

Make us mindful: love is action, not a feeling that uplifts.
In each daily situation, love's the greatest of all gifts.
It's the wiser, stronger person who will break the chain of hate.
Love can usher in redemption; love can make a people great.

Faced with those who seek to hurt us, make us confident and free:
you don't call us to be helpless but to stand with dignity.
God, when others are demanding, may we know they matter more
than our money or possessions. May we share, not keeping score.

If we love just those who love us, where's the giving? Where's the grace?
Even hateful people do this; they have friends that they embrace.
May we do, God, unto others as we'd have them also do.
You have shown us: Love is action. May we love, and make things new.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Lauren

Please remain in your pews until the light has been taken out of the Sanctuary. Thank you!

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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| 8:30am–9:15am | Choir Rehearsal |
| 9:30am–10:30am | Worship (In-person and Zoom) |
| 10:30am–11:00am | Time of Fellowship in Koinonia / breakout room |
| After worship–1:00pm | Youth Group |
| Noon | Monthly Lunch Bunch |
| 1:30pm–3:30pm | Celebration Bells Rehearsal |

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.

Godly Play (for children ages preschool through 5th grade) is offered immediately following the Opening Hymn. All children are invited to participate in Godly Play.

THIS WEEK AT DCC

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| Tuesday | 9:00am | Men's Coffee and Donuts |
| Wednesday | 10:00am | Wednesday Morning Prayer |
| Wednesday | 7:00pm–8:30pm | Choir Rehearsal |

TODAY'S EMMAUS TEAM

Today's Emmaus Team is **Team 1**.

Greeters: Don Brockman, Sharon Brockman, and Sereen Mahmood

Ushers: Bob Howell, Doug Leich, Sandy Leich, and Tahir Mahmood

Candlelighter: Dottie Howell

Liturgist: Jenn O'Neal & Max Posadas

Fellowship Hosts: Dee Brook, Barb DeBarger, and Nancy Dowell

Flowers: Chris Callison

Sound Tech: Jim Felton

Tech Minister: Carol Bassett

Lock Up Duty: Dee Brook

Children's Ministers

Godly Play: Trish Moosbrugger and Sarah Percy

Youth Ministers:

Youth Group: Nancy Halseth and Pastor Lauren

Next Week's Emmaus Team is **Team 2**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Children - Join us for Godly Play today

Do you know any saints? Come to Godly Play this Sunday with Trish and Sarah to hear about some of the saints of the church -- special people who have loved God and been God's love in the world. Hope to see you there!

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 on today at noon at Luna Loca in the Danville Livery. If you have joined us before, please come again! If you haven't been able to make it before, please join us. Note: Please come prepared to pay for your meal with check, cash, Paypal or Venmo. Thanks!

Next Sunday after worship Second Hour with Pastor Todd



On Sunday, November 9th after worship, Pastor Todd will be sharing about his time during his Sabbatical with DCC . Check back here for more details to come next week but save the date for this special Second Hour in the Sanctuary.



Friday, November 14th from 5:30pm–8:00pm TGIF at the Felton residence

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 – wherever you are on your Friday journey into the weekend...

- Hosted by Bette and Jim Felton – Danville. Full address is in the church directory. Contact [Bette](#) with any questions.
- 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.

DCC Council Posting of Approved Meeting Minutes

We received a request to make minutes of DCC council meetings available to members of the congregation. We have now put a procedure in place:

- Approved minutes will be physically posted in Koinonia Hall
- They will also be posted to the Members section of the website. To access online, sign in as Member. On the “Protected: Members Only” page, select “Council Meeting Minutes”. You will see a list and can select the meeting minutes you wish to view.

As the minutes will not be posted until they are approved by council, there will be a one-month lag. If you have any questions or comments, reach out to your Co Moderators!

Alene and Heidi

DCC Endowment Looks to Put Funds to Work



If you have an idea for a program or activity that you'd like to see at DCC, the DCC Endowment Fund could be a source of funding to make it happen. All you need to do is fill out the [Endowment Fund Request for Program Support](#) and send your idea or proposal to the DCC office or to DCC Endowment Committee Chair Pat McGrath. The DCC Endowment Fund committee will evaluate your request and decide based upon its value to our church community. So, send along an idea today! **Please submit your proposal no later than November 24, 2025 for consideration.** To learn more about the DCC Endowment Fund and how you can support it, reach out to Pat McGrath or committee members Joy Davis, Syd Dent, or Bette Felton.



*Thursday, November 6th at 7:00pm
Building Bridges Between Jews and Palestinians
Featuring Dr. Yasmeen Abu Fraiha
in conversation with Rabbi Jennie Chabon*

The Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County in conjunction with Temple Isaiah and Saint Matthew is co-sponsoring A New Israel Fund Interfaith Event in partnership with Congregation B'nai Tikvah on Thursday, November 6th at 7:00pm at Congregation B'nai Tikvah in Walnut Creek. For more information and to register, [please click here](#).

Wednesday Morning Prayer

Pastor Todd facilitates morning prayer on Wednesdays at 10:00am via Zoom. We will engage in centering prayer and then pray for those requests we have received. To join use this [link](#).

Pastoral Availability

Pastor Todd returns from Sabbatical on November 3rd. He keeps regular office hours remotely on Monday and in the office Tuesday through Thursday. If you would like to meet with Pastor Todd, please reach out to him directly via phone or [email](#).

Pastor Carol keeps regular office hours Tuesdays. If you would like to meet with Pastor Carol, please reach out to her via email at pastorcaroldcc@gmail.com.

Pastor Lauren is available by appointment. You can reach her via [email](#) or phone.



Community Congregational Church, UCC
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Presents

“Meet the Folx” **Meet your Trans and Non-Binary Neighbors**

**A Free Lecture with Members from the Solano Pride
Center, Solano Serenity Center, and the Louise
Lawrence Trans Archive**

Sunday, November 16 at 4:00pm

The event is free and open to the public!



Pictures of the Week



Rev. Melissa Tumaneng took the pulpit at DCC last Sunday and DCC members hosted trunks for Dayspring's Trunk or Treat last Monday.

If you'd like to submit a picture to be considered for the pic of the week, email anne-marie@danvillechurch.org.

Ministers—The Entire Congregation

Church Staff

The Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley, Senior Pastor

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

The Rev. Carol Barriger, Sabbatical Support Minister

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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