



DANVILLE

Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Indigenous Peoples' Heritage Day

October 26, 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

Does the Journey Seem Long?

WELCOME

Rev. Carol Barriger

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

Kyra Kennedy

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

One: Come, all of you who are struggling or burdened.

Many: Come, all of you who are crippled by pain and suffering.

One: Come to worship a God who sees you in your essence.

Many: Come to worship a God to whom you are not invisible.

One: God has placed God's hand on you for healing and restoration.

Many: Praise God who lavishes such love on us.

One: Let us place our spirits in God's embrace.

**Many: Worship God in confidence and peace. Let us celebrate
the healing presence of God here in this place and in all our lives. AMEN.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Kyra

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

*OPENING HYMN

Broken, Bitter, Bruised We Come

See next page.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Lauren Jewett

Following the Time With Children,

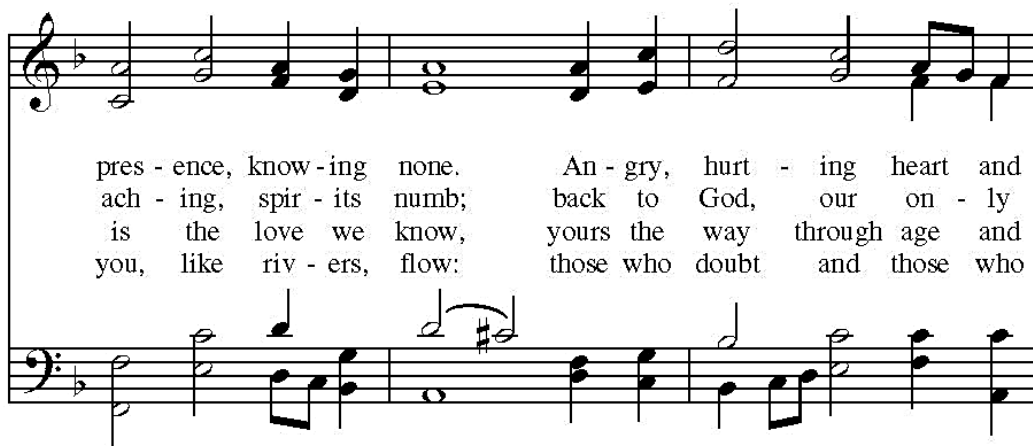
children are invited to meet their teachers in the back of the sanctuary for Godly Play.

Broken, Bitter, Bruised We Come

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1. Bro - ken, bit - ter, bruised we come, need - ing
 2. Un - be - liev - ing, still we come, bod - ies
 3. Je - sus, where else could we go? Your love
 4. As the a - ges come and go, lives to



pres - ence, know - ing none. An - gry, hurt - ing heart and
 ach - ing, spir - its numb; back to God, our on - ly
 is the love we know, yours the way through age and
 you, like riv - ers, flow: those who doubt and those who



mind, pray - ing God is just and kind.
 home, bring - ing all, we come, we come.
 youth, yours the words of love and truth.
 know, none - the - less will find it so.

BAXTER CREEK
 7.7.7.7.

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On another Day of Resting, Creator Sets Free (Jesus) was teaching at a gathering house. There was a woman there who had a spirit of weakness for eighteen winters. Her back was bent and twisted so she could not stand up straight. When Creator Sets Free (Jesus) saw her, he told her to come to him and said "Honored woman, you are set free from your weakness." He put his hands on her and right away she stood up straight and gave thanks to the Great Spirit. The headman of the gathering house was offended because Creator Sets Free (Jesus) had healed on the Day of Resting. He stood up and told the people, "Are there not six other days to do your work? Come on one of those days to be healed, not on the Day of Resting." "You who wear false faces!" he said to the headman. "Is there anyone who would not untie his horse on the Day of Resting and take it to a watering hole? This woman is a daughter of the Father of Many Nations (Abraham). Accuser (Satan), that evil trickster, has kept her this way for eighteen winters. Why should she not be set free on the Day of Resting? The enemies of Creator Sets Free (Jesus) were put to shame by his words, but the hearts of the people jumped for joy because of the wonderful things he was doing.

MODERN LESSON

Stand Firm in Faith
By Kelli Ritter

Alene Riley

When the winds howl loud and waters rise,
And shadows fall to cloud my skies,
A voice within begins to say,
"Stand firm in faith; you'll find your way."

The mountains shake, the earth may break,
But strength within will not forsake.
Though trials press and doubts appear,
My heart holds steadfast, free from fear.

The road is rough, the path unclear,
Yet trust will guide me, not despair.
For every valley, light is near,
A promise whispers, "Do not fear."

Though waves may crash and darkness fall,
I will not stumble through it all.
Hope is my anchor, love is my guide,
Faith is the flame I hold inside.

When storms may rage and battles roar,
I'll stand unmoved, my soul restored.
For grace upholds and mercy leads,
My faith will grow through every need.

So let the night or trials stay,
With God, I'll walk each step, each day.
Through every storm, my song remains:
"I stand in faith, unbowed, unchained."

SERMON

You Are Set Free

Rev. Melissa Tumaneng

ANTHEM

Humble Yourself in the Sight of the Lord

Bob Hudson

*Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord.
Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord,
And God shall lift you up, higher and higher,
And God shall lift you up.*

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Carol

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.**

MISSION MOMENT

Julie Dominguez

Muwekma Ohlone Preservation Foundation Chair

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

In Humble Reverence

Kevin G. Pace

*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

WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Lauren

*CLOSING HYMN

We Humans Build to Frame a Life

We humans build to frame a life with meaning, love, and feeling,
but time or hate can bring collapse and loss can leave us reeling.
Let faithful souls from rubble rise to find new ways from sorrow,
and slowly, slowly form a shape to welcome God's tomorrow.

For ev'rything our hands construct will one day fall and crumble.
The God who is a carpenter creates from scrap and jumble.
And we can join the work of God to raise a new creation,
that what we do will long endure upon a firm foundation.

We dedicate ourselves today amid life's change and danger
to build with God a house of peace for friend and foe and stranger.
Here may the peoples come and go, delight in shared endeavor,
set free from terror, hate and war, alive in God forever.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Melissa

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

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TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER



Rev. Melissa Tumaneng was born in Chicago, Illinois, to Filipino immigrants. She understands firsthand the costs of assimilating and acculturating into the dominant society. She works daily to re-claim her cultural identity and authenticity.

She is a graduate of Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA, with a ministerial calling to chaplaincy. She spent the last 10 years in hospice in both supervisory and individual roles. She currently works for an agency supporting adults and pediatric hospice patients and families. Melissa is a Board Certified Chaplain (BCC) with the Association of Professional Chaplains. Melissa has served on the NCNC Conference Council for over 8 years. Prior to seminary, she earned an MBA from University of San Francisco, SF, California. Melissa worked over 25 years in software quality assurance and management and considers her leadership work in “ad-minister-ation” an equal calling. Melissa is beyond thrilled to serve NCNC-UCC as an Associate Conference Minister of Pastoral Care and Churches in Transition.

Rev. Melissa is a member of DCC and serves our church in a four way covenant relationship.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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
11:15am–1:00pm	Congregational Meeting and Potluck
1:00pm–3:00pm	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

Monday	5:00pm–6:30pm	Dayspring Trunk or Treat
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 6.**

Greeters: Dianne Dorn and Anne Seiler

Ushers: Kristin Chambers and Nancy Halseth

Candlelighter: Kristin Chambers

Liturgists: Kyra Kennedy and Alene Riley

Fellowship Host: Eileen Ackley

Flowers: Mary Kay McClure

Sound Tech: Randy Jang

Tech Minister: Eileen Ackley

Lock Up Duty: Brett Clark

Children's Ministers

Godly Play: Trish Moosbrugger and Sereen Mahmood

Youth Ministers:

Youth Group: Donna Lenhardt, Chris Sonnemann, and Pastor Lauren

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Indigenous Peoples Heritage Offering

Three years ago, we elected to support an annual offering in honor of local Indigenous Peoples, and this year we have again selected the Muwekma Ohlone Preservation Foundation to receive our offering. Our Indigenous Peoples Heritage offering will support their work to preserve and honor the cultural heritage of the Muwekma Ohlone people. Learn more about the Foundation and their work [here](#).



We will be receiving this offering during worship today. Please write "Indigenous Peoples Offering" on your check made out to DCC and place it in the offering basket, using an Offering envelope if you wish. Or select *Indigenous Peoples Heritage Offering* in the online [DCC Donations page](#) or text give to 855-940-3756.

The Anti Racism Team and The Outreach Commission

Children - Join us for Godly Play today



This Sunday we continue the stories of God's people with the story of Samuel. All children are welcome to join Trish and Sereen in our beautiful Godly Play room to hear this story about a young person who learned to listen for God's voice.

Today after Worship in Kairos Hall Congregational Quarterly Meeting and Potluck



Join us today for our quarterly meeting and potluck. The quarterly meetings provide an opportunity to catch up with friends and gain insight to what's happening within the Church and our broader community. Visitors are also encouraged to come to get a closer look at what DCC is all about!

Looking forward to seeing you there!
Alene and Heidi, Co-Moderators

College Care Packages

The DCC Deaconate together with the DCC Youth are letting our college students know how much they are missed by sending care packages from our church family. Gift boxes will include snacks, notes from the congregation and the always popular Starbucks cards. Don't you help make this annual tradition possible by giving a much-appreciated donation? Look for Chris Sonnemann today. Thank you.



Tomorrow from 5:00pm–6:30pm **Dayspring Preschool Annual Trunk or Treat Needs YOU**

The Dayspring Preschool Trunk or Treat event is a fun way for DCC members to participate in the life of our campus preschool! The fun is set for tomorrow, from 5:00pm–6:30pm. You can sponsor a decorated car trunk and give out treats to the kids, or you can donate items or help at their Halloween carnival that happens at the same time inside Kairos Hall! Click on the link to participate! [Trunk or Treat Sign Up](#)



Sunday, November 2nd 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 November 2nd. We'll be gathering at noon (or whenever you get there) at Luna Loca in the Danville Livery and would love for you to join us!

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!

Please RSVP to Wilson Jackson at 925-819-0222, or email him at wrajchev@netzero.com to let him know you'll be attending.



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.

Wednesday Morning Prayer

Pastor Carol 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 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 at lauren@danvillechurch.org or phone at 510-684-9183.



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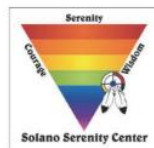
“Meet the Folx”

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



DCC members took part in the No Kings Rally on Saturday afternoon and attended worship on Mt. Diablo on Sunday morning.

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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