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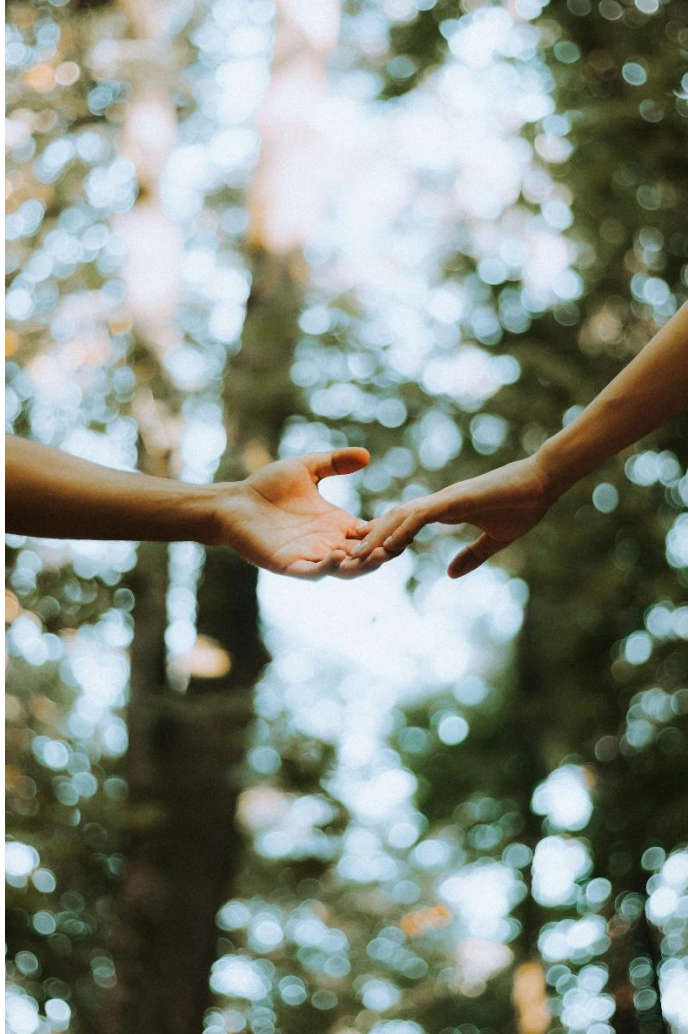


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**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

*November 16, 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](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

*Covenants of Eternity*

Kevin G. Pace

WELCOME

Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley

***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

Bette Felton

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

One: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.  
Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy.

**All: Then it was said among the nations,  
“GOD has done great things for them.”**

**GOD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.**

One: Restore our fortunes, Lord, like streams in the Negev.  
May those who sow with tears reap with songs of joy.

**All: Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow,  
will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.**

*Based on Psalm 126*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Bette

One: Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

\*OPENING HYMN

*O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines*

See next page.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Todd

*Following the Time With Children,*

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

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## O Day of Peace



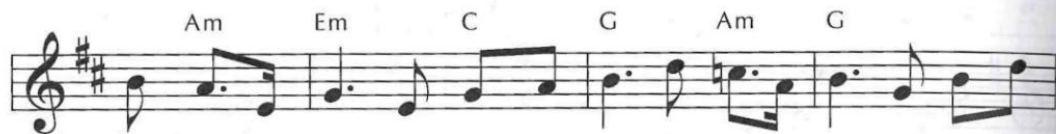
1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our  
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and  
 fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate  
 graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies



fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's  
 shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of



grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.  
 peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

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NARRATOR 1: In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there.

NARRATOR 2: But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

NARRATOR 1: Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah.

NARRATOR 2: But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law,

NAOMI: "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband."

NARRATOR 1: Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her,

RUTH: "No, we will return with you to your people."

NAOMI: "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me."

NARRATOR 1: Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said,

NAOMI: "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

NARRATOR 2: But Ruth said,

RUTH: "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you!  
Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my  
people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die-- there will I be buried.  
May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me  
from you!"

NARRATOR 1: When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she  
said no more to her.

SERMON

*Covenantal Transformation*

Rev. Dr. David Vásquez-Levy

ANTHEM

*Song of Ruth*

David N. Childs

*Entreat me not to leave you, or to return from following you;  
Where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge;  
Your people shall be my people, and your God shall be my God;  
Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried, Where you lie;  
May the Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts me from you.*

TIME OF PRAYER

Rev. Lauren Jewett and Pastor Todd

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

**All: Hear our prayer**

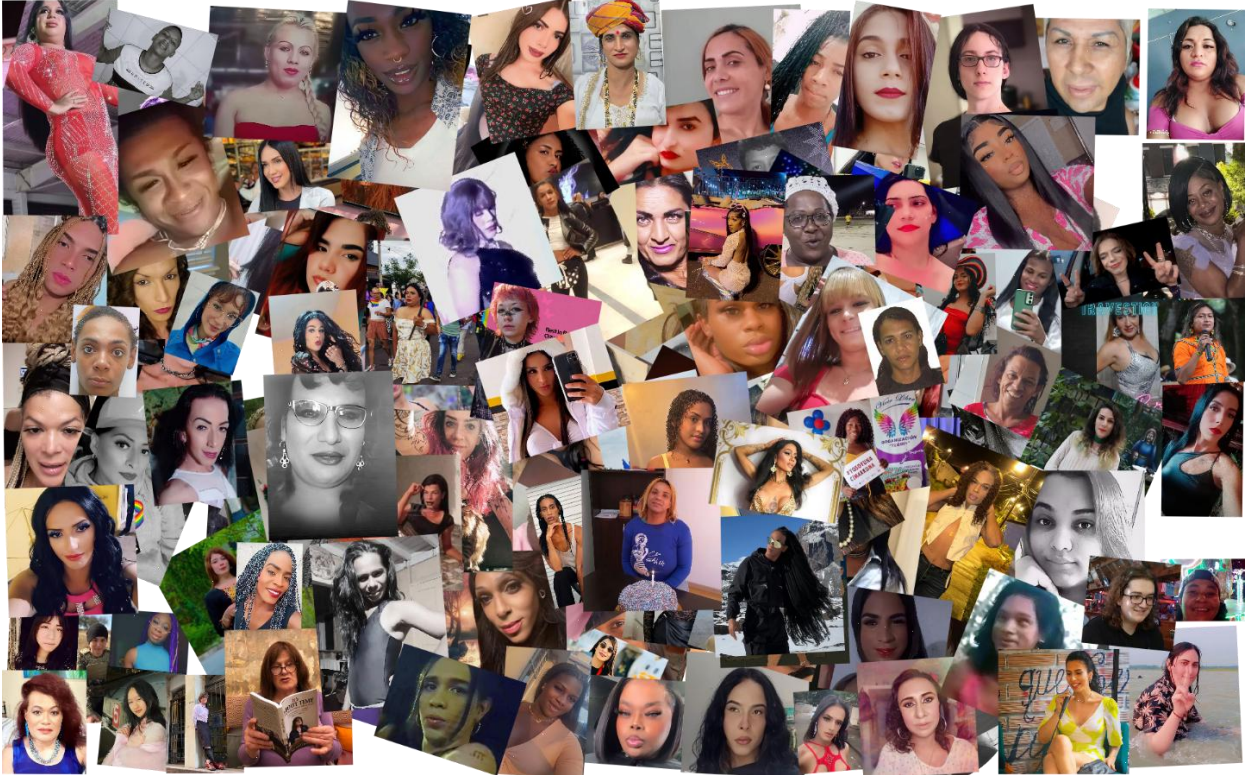
Trans Day of Remembrance and Resilience

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| 1. Ra'lasia Wright                    | 18. Norah Horwitz             |
| 2. Roy Mora                           | 19. Kelsey Elem               |
| 3. Aziza Barnes ("Z")                 | 20. Shy'Parius Dupree         |
| 4. Cam Thompson                       | 21. Karmin Wells              |
| 5. Meka Shabazz                       | 22. Charlotte Fosgate         |
| 6. Jonny Adamow                       | 23. Jonathan Joss             |
| 7. Parker Savarese                    | 24. Tessa June                |
| 8. Elisa Rae Shupe                    | 25. Jax Gratton               |
| 9. Aubrey Dameron                     | 26. Hope Lyca Youngblood      |
| 10. Tahiry Broom                      | 27. Laura Schueler            |
| 11. Sam Nordquist                     | 28. Emma Slabach              |
| 12. Ervianna Johnson                  | 29. JJ Godbey                 |
| 13. Amyri Dior                        | 30. Christina Hayes           |
| 14. Linda Becerra Moran               | 31. Lily-Dawn Harkins         |
| 15. Jordan "JJ" Maye                  | 32. Gabrielle Nguyen ("Cam")  |
| 16. Katelyn Rinnetta Benoit           | 33. Kia-Leigh Tabitha Roberts |
| 17. Kaitoria Le'Cynthia Bankz ("Kai") | 34. Kamora Woods              |



35. Nathaniel Pabón Cruz (“Nata”)  
36. Arty Cassidy Beowulf Gibson  
37. Dream Johnson  
38. Rosa Machuca  
39. Blair A. Sawyer  
40. Aurora Pellegrina (“Alexa”, “Luna”)  
41. Onyx Cornish

42. Kasí Rhea (“Kaeyy Holmes”)  
43. Robyn James Post  
44. Blake Sturm  
45. Blaze Aleczaender Balle-Mason  
46. Scarlett  
47. Tiara Love Tori Jackson



TDor HYMN

### *Say Their Names: A Trans Day of Remembrance Hymn*

Every day, we will remember. Say their names. (Say their names.)  
With a love so fierce and tender, say their names. (Say their names.)  
In the morning, noon, and night, in our sadness and our fright,  
We will honor and uphold them. Say their names. (Say their names.)

They were funny, kind, and clever. Say their names. (Say their names.)  
They will live in us forever. Say their names. (Say their names.)  
We'll continue on their path for we understand the task.  
We will build a world of justice. Say their names. (Say their names.)

They were wonderfully created. Say their names. (Say their names.)  
Let their worth not go unstated. Say their names. (Say their names.)  
In their beauty, they were free as they lived who they must be.  
We are glad and we are grateful. Say their names. (Say their names.)  
  
May our lives become a witness. Say their names. (Say their names.)  
May our sorrow birth resistance. Say their names. (Say their names.)  
We will work in hope and care till there's freedom everywhere  
And each life becomes a blessing. Say their names. (Say their names.)

- Amanda Udis-Kessler

Pastoral Prayer

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

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

*We Remember*

Jeff Klepper

\*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

*Enviado Soy de Dios /The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*

See next page.

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Vázquez-Levy

All around us worlds are dying and new worlds are being born;  
all around us life is dying and life is being born. The fruit ripens on the tree,  
the roots are silently at work in the darkness of the earth against a time  
when there shall be new lives, fresh blossoms, green fruit. Such is the growing edge!  
It is the extra breath from the exhausted lung, the one more thing to try  
when all else has failed, the upward reach of life when weariness closes in  
upon all endeavor. This is the basis of hope in moments of despair,  
the incentive to carry on when times are out of joint and men have lost their reason,  
the source of confidence when worlds crash and dreams whiten into ash.  
The birth of a child—life's most dramatic answer to death—  
this is the growing edge incarnate. Look well to the growing edge!

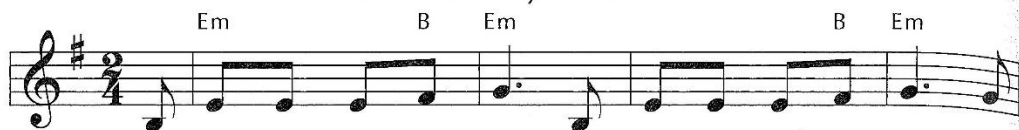
—Howard Thurman

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

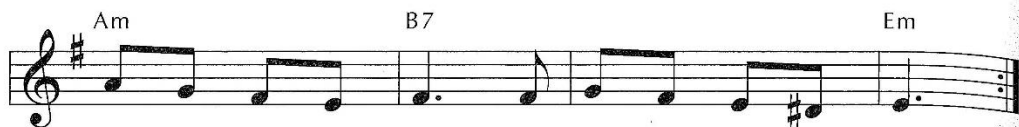
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# 747 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

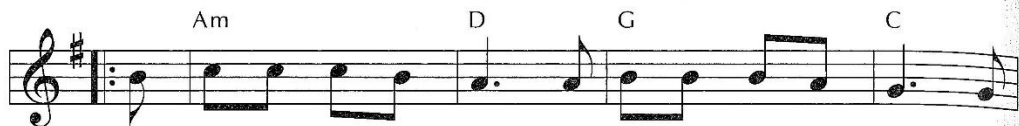
*Enviado soy de Dios*



The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to  
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa -



make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.  
ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.



The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to  
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un



do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that  
mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor; me



falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help  
ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad. A -



us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.  
yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.

ENVIADO  
12.12.12.12.12.12

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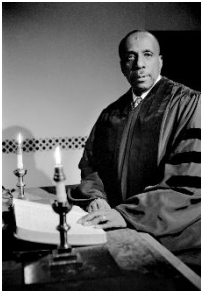


**Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDoR)** was started in 1999 by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998. The vigil commemorated all the transgender people lost to violence since Rita Hester's death, and began an important tradition that has become the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance. In recent years, trans activists remind us this day should not just be about remembering those trans kin lost to violence but also to celebrate the resilience of people of trans experience as they endure in their authenticity and persevere.

We observe TDoR as a part of our worship together as a way to not only mourn the lives of those taken from this life through violence but also as an expression of our faith that people of all gender identities and gender expressions are sacred and to commit ourselves as faithful allies of trans people, encouraging compassion, justice, and resilience.



**Rev. Dr. David Vásquez-Levy** serves as President of Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California. One of the UCC seminaries, PSR is a progressive, multi-denominational seminary and center for social justice that prepares theologically and spiritually rooted leaders to work for the well-being of all. A committed pastor, a nationally recognized higher education and immigration leader, and a sought after speaker, Vásquez-Levy leads at the intersection of faith, higher education, and social change. His innovations have led to increase access in theological education and leadership formation. Originally from Guatemala, Vásquez-Levy has lived in four countries, including working on refugee resettlement in Canada, and taught courses and led international study and service trips across the globe.



**Dr. Howard Thurman** (1899–1991) was an African-American author, philosopher, theologian, educator, and civil rights leader. He served as the first African American dean of chapel at a traditionally white American university and co-founded the first interracial interfaith congregation in the United States—The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco in 1944. As a prominent religious figure, he played a leading role in many social justice movements and organizations of the twentieth century. Dr. Thurman remained a prolific writer and a popular speaker until his death. Among his many books are *Deep River* (1945), *Jesus and the Disinherited* (1949), *Meditations of the Heart* (1953), *The Creative Encounter* (1954), *The Inward Journey* (1961), *Disciplines of the Spirit* (1963) and *With Head and Heart: The Autobiography of Howard Thurman* (1979).

Source: [britannica.com](https://www.britannica.com)

## 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	Journeys in Faith Second Hour
After worship–1:00pm	Youth Group
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

<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am	Men's Coffee
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am	Wednesday Morning Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00pm–8:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00pm–3:30pm	Spirited Sisters

# TODAY'S EMMAUS TEAM

Today's Emmaus Team is **Team 3.**

Greeters: Linda Elsdon and Carol Gilliland

Ushers: Ron Elsdon, Carol Gilliland, Bob Kovach and Judy Schreib

Liturgists: Miguel Atkins-Whitley, Bette Felton, and Nancy Halseth

Fellowship Hosts: Miguel Atkins-Whitley, Janis Jang,

Randy Jang, Sandra Lepley, and Trish Moosbrugger

Flowers: Bette Felton

Sound Tech: Randy Jang

Tech Minister: Amy Furber-Dobson

Lock Up Duty: Tom Sonnemann

## **Children's Ministers**

Godly Play: Nan Karns and Kim Michaud

Next Week's Emmaus Team is **Team 5.**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Children - Join us for Godly Play today

Ms. Nan and Ms. Kim can't wait to share a wonder-full story with you this Sunday. We're going to hear about a man named Jonah who tried to run away from God. It's an adventure story with a big fish, a stormy sea, and an important message about God's love and second chances. Hope to see you there!

## *Today after Worship* **Journeys in Faith Second Hour**

Join us after worship as our guest preacher, Rev. Dr. David Vásquez-Levy leads a Journeys in Faith Second Hour – Leadership in Apocalyptic Times. The World Economic Forum's Global Risks Report stated that we are on the brink of a "polycrisis"—several major crisis like environment and war happening at the same time. We feel it in our bodies, in the fissures in our politics, and in the structures of our organizations. How does the church offer good news to a world that faces a set of risks that feel both whole new and eerily familiar



## **Journeys in Faith Surveys**

If you haven't filled out a Journeys in Faith survey, please grab one from the table in the Narthex and return it to the wooden box. We will collect them after coffee hour this week. You can also fill out the online Google Form: <https://forms.gle/prxQy94ugfWe9phq5>.



## *Wednesday, November 19th from 4:00pm–5:30pm via Zoom* **Anti-Racism Team Meeting**

There will be an Anti-Racism Team planning meeting on Wednesday, November 19th 4:00pm–5:30pm via Zoom. All are welcome to attend! We'll be discussing indigenous peoples and immigrant justice, Visions of Hope sponsorship, anti-racism field trips (past and future) and more.

[Anti-Racism Team Meeting Link](#) - Meeting ID: 892 1616 3521 Passcode: Justice

## **DCC Endowment Looks to Put Funds to Work**

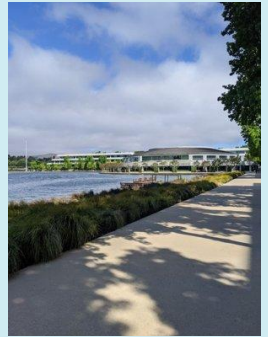
If you have an idea for a program or activity that you'd like to see at DCC, the DCC Endowment Fund could be a source of funding to make it happen. Fill out the [Endowment Fund Request for Program Support](#) and send your idea or proposal to the DCC office or to DCC Endowment Committee Chair Pat McGrath. **Please submit your proposal no later than November 24, 2025 for consideration**



*Saturday, November 22nd at 8:30am*

### **Gratitude Walk at Annabel Lake**

Start your Saturday morning with intention and community! Join us for a gratitude walk at Annabel Lake in San Ramon's Bishop Ranch on Saturday, November 22nd at 8:30am. We'll gather at the southern end of the lake near the volleyball court for a brief reflection before setting out on our walk together. Whether you prefer to stroll at your own pace or simply sit and take in the peaceful lakeside setting, you're welcome to participate in whatever way feels right for you. For parking information or any questions, please reach out to Kim Michaud at [kcmichaud@yahoo.com](mailto:kcmichaud@yahoo.com).



### **Thanksgiving Offering Sunday, November 23rd**

Each year our **Thanksgiving offering** is a chance for us to express our gratitude for the blessings we have received throughout the year by making a special gift to people who are less fortunate. This year, the Outreach Commission has designated our **Thanksgiving offering to be shared equally between the Alameda County Community Food Bank and the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano**, two of the key providers of food assistance in our region.

The Food Banks are essential services providing a lifeline to our neighbors hardest hit by federal budget cuts and government-shutdown disruptions in CalFresh benefits. In response to the increased need, the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano and the Alameda County Community Food Bank are increasing the quantities of food distributed. Addressing the immediate nutritional needs of children, adults and seniors is core to their missions, and few organizations meet those needs as efficiently as they do.

Please join us in thanking God for the many blessings we have received by making a Thanksgiving offering to help our neighbors who are food insecure. We will be receiving our Thanksgiving offering during worship on Sunday, November 23rd, but of course your offering will be welcome at any time. Please write "Thanksgiving Offering" on your check made out to DCC and place it in the offering basket, using a Thanksgiving Offering envelope from the pew rack if you wish. To make your offering online, go to the [DCC Donations page](#). Or text give to 855-940-3756 and select Thanksgiving offering.

Have a happy Thanksgiving!

Chris Sonnemann **Outreach Commissioner**

### **Wednesday Morning Prayer**

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



## The Multi-Action Faith Coalition Resources to help fight Hunger Crisis

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits have not been funded for November. The resulting challenge is immediate and devastating. This delay wipes out the food security of 107,000 Contra Costa County residents, over half of whom (55%) are children and seniors. A pause in these crucial benefits

forces the most vulnerable among our neighbors to make difficult trade-offs between essential needs, like rent and food.

As faith communities, there are ways we can respond, see below.

- Help people find local food resources - [read our post](#).
- Support our local food distribution organizations—[read our post](#).

## Dayspring Scholarship Fund Needs Support



The Dayspring Preschool Scholarship Fund helps pay for the tuition for students in our community who may not have the financial means to afford preschool education. Studies overwhelmingly show that children who receive early education do better in school overall, have increased graduation and college-going rates and are better contributors to society. We have a fund dedicated to pay for the tuition of two students each year who qualify for assistance, and that fund needs donations!

If you are looking for a good cause to donate to on "Giving Tuesday" this year, please visit our website, click the "GIVE" button on the top right, and select the Dayspring Scholarship Fund to share your good fortune with others, and help sponsor a child to have a great chance at life!

## Castro Valley High School Drama Department Presents *A Musical by Dolly Parton*

*November 16th at 2:00pm*  
**9 to 5: The Musical**



Megan Trant Photography

Castro Valley High School's Drama Department is excited to present 9 to 5: The Musical, inspired by the classic Dolly Parton film and filled with great music, humor, and outstanding student performances. DCC's own **Hazel Furber-Dobson** is part of the cast.

Visit [www.cvcfa.com](http://www.cvcfa.com) for more information and to purchase tickets.

Castro Valley Center for the Arts

Nov 7,8,13,15 7PM

Nov 9,16 2PM

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(U.S. Premiere, written 200 years ago)

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Choral/Orchestral works featuring vocal soloists  
Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols, Shauna Pallihee,  
Joseph Meyers & Sepp Hammer

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 3:00 PM**  
**HERBST THEATER**  
401 Van Ness Ave. San Francisco  
FREE ADMISSION (donations accepted)  
[www.sfcivichmusic.org](http://www.sfcivichmusic.org)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 7:30 PM**  
**FIRST CHURCH UCC, BERKELEY**  
Dana St and Durant Ave, Berkeley  
Tickets available at [www.choranova.org](http://www.choranova.org)

**TRANSGENDER DAY  
OF  
REMEMBRANCE**

**THURSDAY, NOV 20TH**  
**TODOS SANTOS PLAZA | 6-7PM**

**THEIR NAMES . OUR VOICES . ONE COMMUNITY**



**30** **RAINBOW**  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
(LAFOLIO, CA 94601)

**JOHN MUIR  
HEALTH**

**BLACKHAWK  
Chorus**

**A  
YULETIDE  
SYMPHONY**

with special guest  
**DIABLO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

December 13th, 7:00pm  
Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church

*Saturday, December 13th at 7:00pm*  
**Blackhawk Chorus presents "A Yuletide Symphony"**


The Blackhawk Chorus will be performing "A Yuletide Symphony" on Saturday, December 13th at 7:00pm at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church. Three of DCC's Choir members, **Alene Riley, Karol Mead, and Heidi Bridgeman** are members of this 100-voice choir and promise a delightful evening on Dec 13th!! For more information and the ticket link, visit [www.blackhawkchorus.com/events](http://www.blackhawkchorus.com/events).

*Dougherty Valley  
Dance Academy*

**IMPRESSIONS OF THE  
NUTCRACKER**

*Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 7:00*  
*Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 1:00 & 3:30*

Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center  
FOR TICKETS: (925) 973-3343 or [tickets.sanramon.ca.gov](mailto:tickets.sanramon.ca.gov)

 [www.srvala.com](http://www.srvala.com)

*Saturday, December 13th at 7:30pm and*  
*Sunday December 14th at 1:00pm and 3:30pm*  
**SRVDA's "Impressions of the Nutcracker"**

"Impressions of the Nutcracker", featuring **DCC's own Sabrina Jackson-Kimball**, brings the holiday spirit to life with an exciting fast-paced production that incorporates multiple styles of dance while following the traditional storyline of the Nutcracker! In just over an hour, this beloved story ballet performance will delight and entertain the whole family!

Tickets can be purchased through the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center Box Office (Tuesday–Friday, 12:00pm–5:00pm) 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon, CA 94582 ; (925) 973-3343; [tickets.sanramon.ca.gov/](http://tickets.sanramon.ca.gov/)



## Pictures of the Week



Last Sunday, we welcomed back Pastor Todd, bid Godspeed to Pastor Carol, reaffirmed Pastor Lauren, and heard about Pastor Todd's sabbatical time during second hour.

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

## Pastoral Availability

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



# Friendsgiving Gathering

*We Choose L♥VE!*



**Date: 11/23/2025 (Sun)**

**Time: 5:00pm - 6:30pm**

**Beth Chaim Congregation**

**1800 Holbrook Dr., Danville, CA 94526**

The I-SRV (Interfaith - San Ramon Valley) invites you to a family friendly gathering solidarity, compassion, healing and gratitude. This will be a moment for mutual support, reflection, and nourishing harmony among us.

Potluck! Please bring a sweet or savory finger food to share, and your favorite beverage.

Sign Up: [ISRV.love/Friends](https://www.isrv.org/love/friends)

Call for compassion: Nonperishable food donations will be collected for the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano. For full information, including requested food items, please visit [ISRV.love/Food](https://www.isrv.org/love/food)

I-SRV is a community of diverse spiritual traditions and congregations who are committed to learning, sharing, listening, and acting together.

interfaithsrv.org email: [I.SRV.events@gmail.com](mailto:I.SRV.events@gmail.com)

***Ministers—The Entire Congregation***

***Church Staff***

**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**

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



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