



# DANVILLE

Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



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**Transfiguration Sunday**  
**Third Sunday of Black History–Black Futures Month**  
*February 15, 2026*

## 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

*Lord You Are Welcome*  
Elana Bolds, vocals

Clarence McClendon

Lord, You are welcome in this place (x3), have Your way.

Move by Your Spirit in this place (x3), have Your way

Send Your anointing in this place (x3), have Your way

Heal and deliver in this place (x3), have Your way

## 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

Jen Faught

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

One: Come to me and wait.

I will give you instructions and commandments in written form.

**All: We come to you and we wait, to see and hear what you will say.**

One In days past, I wrote on stone tablets,  
but now I write my words upon your heart that you may teach them.

**All: We offer our hearts to receive your words and what we learn,  
we'll teach others.**

One: Heaven is open above you and the kin-dom is within you.

**All: Wherever we go, the kin-dom comes.**

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jen

One: Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

## \*OPENING HYMN

*We Shall Overcome*

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.*

# We Shall Overcome

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United States traditional

John 8:31–32; Rom. 12:21; 2 Cor. 13:11

1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -

2 We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in

3 We are not a - fraid, we are not a -

4 Our God will see us through, our God will see us

come, we shall o - ver - come some day;

hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;

fraid, we are not a - fraid to - day;

through, our God will see us through some day;

(1-6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,

we shall o - ver - come some day,

we'll go hand in hand some day.

we are not a - fraid to - day.

our God will see us through some day.

5 The truth shall make us free . . . some day.

6 We shall live in peace . . . some day.

*This anthem of the 1960s civil rights movement was frequently sung at mass meetings and marches. Several sources have been cited as its origins, including the spiritual "No more auction block for me" based on the tune known as Sicilian Mariners; an old Baptist hymn "I'll Be All Right"; and part of the text from C. A. Tindley's gospel hymn "I'll Overcome Someday."*

Tune: WE SHALL OVERCOME Irr.  
United States traditional  
Harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Exodus 24:12–18](#)

Jen

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

## MODERN LESSON

Jen

“Patience is power.  
Patience is not an absence of action;  
rather it is “timing”—  
it waits on the right time to act,  
for the right principles  
and in the right way.”

— Fulton J. Sheen

## SERMON

*While We Wait...*

Pastor Todd

## ANTHEM

*I Know I've Been Changed*  
Miguel Atkins-Whitley, tenor

*African-American Spiritual*  
arr. W.C. Petty &  
M.R. Holland II

### Refrain:

I know I've been changed, I know I've been changed,  
The angels in Heaven done signed my name.

If you don't believe that I've been redeemed,  
Just follow me down to the Jordan stream. (Refrain)

I stepped in the water and the water was cold,  
It chilled my body but not my soul. (Refrain)

## TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Todd

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

**All: Hear our prayer**

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

Jen

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, using the QR Code on the back cover.*

Offertory

*A Change is Gonna Come*  
Elana Bolds, vocals

Sam Cooke

I was born by the river in a little tent  
Oh and just like the river I've been running ever since  
It's been a long, a long time coming  
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it will.

It's been too hard living but I'm afraid to die  
Cause I don't know what's up there beyond the sky  
It's been a long, a long time coming  
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it will.

I go to the movie and I go downtown  
Somebody keep telling me don't hang around  
It's been a long, a long time coming  
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it will.

Then I go to my brother  
And I say brother help me please  
But he winds up knockin' me  
Back down on my knees.

There been times that I thought I couldn't last for long  
But now I think I'm able to carry on  
It's been a long, a long time coming  
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it will.

\*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 Todd

\*CLOSING HYMN

*This Little Light of Mine*

African-American Spiritual

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (x3)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine (x3)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine (x3)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Todd

POSTLUDE

*Summerland*

William Grant Still

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

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# WORSHIP NOTES

Today's returning musical guest is DCC friend **Elana Bold**s, the visionary behind Visions of Hope Outreach in Richmond and creator of the Put the Guns Down movement. Elana, a promoter and singer-songwriter, is a Community Organizer and Event Planner for the cities of Richmond and Oakland. She has been recognized multiple times for her work over the past 29 years that has made a profound impact in the community.



**Lord You Are Welcome** is a contemporary gospel song written by Kurt Lykes and popularized by Bishop Clarence E. McClendon & The Harvest Fire Mega Mass Choir. It was released on the album *Shout Hallelujah*. The song is characterized by its soulful, worshipful, and high-energy appeal, focusing on inviting the presence of God.

The song "We Shall Overcome" has left an indelible mark on American culture. Part gospel hymn, part protest anthem of the civil rights movement, the origin of the song had been in doubt, until recently.

Published in 1947 as "We Will Overcome" in the People's Songs, the tune had been attributed to folk singer Pete Seeger, who heard Black tobacco workers singing a similar tune during a strike in the 1940s. Though Seeger never claimed to write it, many credited him for bringing it forward and turning it into one of the most popular theme songs during the protests in the 1960s.

Others have linked the origins of "We Shall Overcome" to a Reverend Charles Albert Tindle, a Methodist minister who published a song called in 1901 called "I'll Overcome Someday," and to formerly enslaved workers who would often sing of overcoming while they worked.



The **Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay** serves as pastor and teacher to First Congregational UCC of Wellington, Ohio and is the Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ. She is a public theologian and worship scholar-practitioner with a particular interest in the proclamation of the word in gathered communities. Rev. Dr. Lindsay attended the University of Pennsylvania and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics with a concentration in Marketing. In 2012, she graduated with honors from Ashland Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in Evangelism and Church Renewal.

The Doctor of Worship Studies at The Robert E. Webber Institute of Worship Studies was conferred upon Rev. Cheryl in June 2018.



The **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** was a Baptist minister and civil rights activist who had a seismic impact on race relations in the United States, beginning in the mid-1950s. Among his many efforts, King headed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Through his nonviolent activism and inspirational speeches, he played a pivotal role in ending legal segregation of Black Americans as well as the creation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. King won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, among several other honors. Assassinated by James Earl Ray, King died on April 4, 1968, at age 39. He continues to be remembered as one of the most influential and inspirational Black leaders in history.

**I Know I've Been Changed** is a traditional African American spiritual that emerged in the early 20th century, with its earliest known printing in the 1915 collection National Jubilee Melodies. It is a song rooted in Baptist and Pentecostal traditions, symbolizing personal conversion, baptism, and the transformation of a new life.

**This Little Light of Mine** is well-known in many parts of the world with variations in lyrics and melody. Participants in the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 60s sang this powerful anthem as they faced their oppressors with strength and dignity. The lyrics are easily adaptable and well-suited to improvisation. Christian church groups commonly sing "This Little Light of Mine," though the song's message is not explicitly religious. The origins of "This Little Light of Mine" are unknown. Listen to this [7-minute podcast titled "How the Civil Rights Movement Transformed This Little Light of Mine"](#), featured on NPR's *All Things Considered*.





Many exceedingly talented musicians of color have contributed to our classical music culture, and **William Grant Still** (1895–1978) endures among the greatest of them all. He was born into a musical golden era—early 20th-century America, where jazz, pop, classical, and even film music overlapped as never before—just as he was born into the vile system we now call Jim Crow. Because of all the firsts he managed to achieve, he became known as the Dean of African American Composers. William Grant Still’s contributions to music were posthumously honored with his induction into the Mississippi Musicians Hall of Fame in 1999. His pioneering spirit, innovative compositions, and unwavering dedication to his craft have solidified his place as a trailblazer in American music history. William Grant Still’s journey from a young musician in Mississippi to a trailblazing composer is a testament to his remarkable talent and enduring legacy. His groundbreaking achievements have left an indelible mark on American music, inspiring future generations to embrace diversity and creativity in their artistic pursuits.

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

8:30am–9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
9:30am–10:45am	Worship (In-person and Zoom)
10:45am–11:15am	Time of Fellowship in Koinonia / breakout room
After worship	Congregational Quarterly Meeting and Pancake Breakfast
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 and Donuts
<b>Tuesday</b>	4:00pm–6:00pm	Finance Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am	Wednesday Morning Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:00pm	Pastor Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00am–noon	OWL Adults
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00pm–3:30pm	Spirited Sisters
<b>Friday</b>	5:30pm–8:00pm	TGIF at the Feltons

# TODAY'S EMMAUS TEAM

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

Greeters: Dee Brook, Shii Stickler, and Chris Wang

Ushers: Chris Callison, Bob Howell, and Dottie Howell

Candlelighter: Chris Wang

Liturgist: Jen Faught

Fellowship Host: Barb DeBarger

Sound Tech: Steve Bridgeman

Tech Minister: Doug Leich

Lock Up Duty: Tom Sonnemann

**Godly Play:** Kim Michaud

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

In observance of Presidents' Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

## BLACK HISTORY | BLACK FUTURES MOMENT

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history.

African Americans have played a central role in shaping U.S. history. From slavery and its abolition to the Great Migration, the civil rights movement and military, scientific, cultural and political achievements, explore key moments, milestones, facts and figures in Black History. Explore [the HISTORY channel's Black History Month](#) website and enjoy an incredible journey of learning and incorporating the history of people of African descent.



### Come Join Godly Play this Sunday!

Children are invited to Godly Play this Sunday to hear the Parable of the Mustard Seed (the first Godly Play story many of us ever heard). We'll wonder together about this tiny seed that grows into a big tree, the birds that make their nests there, and the person who planted the seed. And then hopefully you and your

family can join us for the pancake breakfast!



*Today after worship*

### Pancake Breakfast/Congregational Meeting

Immediately after worship, we'll gather for a delicious breakfast, provided by our Community Life commission. This will also be a time to hear church news, connect with one another, and maybe get better acquainted with someone you haven't had the chance to chat with yet, all while enjoying a terrific feast before Lent begins. All are welcome: church members, friends, friends of friends...See you there!

*This Friday from 5:30pm–8:00pm*

### **TGIF at the Felton home**



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 Jim and Bette 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.
- If you can't make this one – the next TGIF will be March 20th.



*Next Sunday at noon*

### **Special Lunch Bunch gathering to say “Arrivederci amore, ciao”– Please join us!**

Following a special Godspeed blessing for Leo, Allison, and Izzy Facini during worship Sunday, February 22nd, come join us for lunch to bid them farewell as they will be moving to the Detroit area for work. We'll be gathering at noon at Luna Loca's in the Livery in Danville and would love for you to 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 [wrajachev@netzero.com](mailto:wrajachev@netzero.com) to let him know you'll be attending. If you haven't let us know ahead of time, come anyway.



### **Second Hour with Kira Lee Recap and Ways to Get Involved**

Journeys in Faith would like to thank Professor Kira Lee for bringing us education, inspiring us to seek justice, encouraging us to follow the Spirit, and reminding us that our hope grows stronger when we work together. For those of you who missed this important Anti-Racism conversation, you can access the video [here](#).

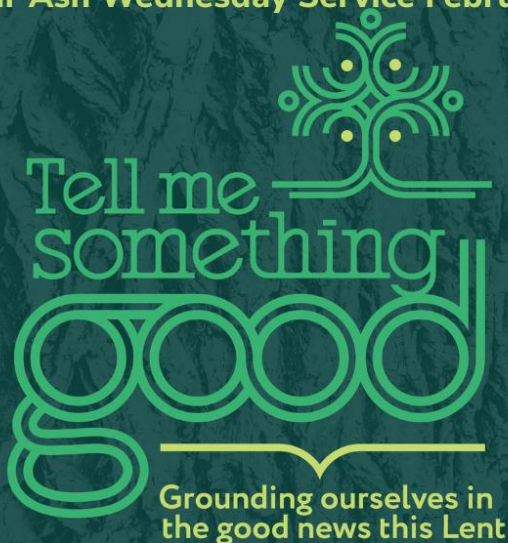
Note: A few technical difficulties resulted in a less-than perfect recording; turning on closed-captions should help when the audio is

difficult to hear.

We encourage you to learn more about how to get involved with Faith in Action: East Bay by visiting their web site (<https://fiaeastbay.org/>)

We are grateful to God for the many ways there are to be their hands and feet in this world.

**Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday Service February 18th @ 7:00pm**



### **A Preview of our Lenten Series**

Lent was originally a season for new converts to learn and prepare for their baptism on Easter. During that time, they would study what was central to Christianity. In crafting this series, the Sanctified Art team studied what was central to Jesus' life and ministry: radical welcome, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, nourishment for the hungry, nonviolence in the face of injustice. At the heart of Jesus' teachings, we find liberation, love, mercy, and grace—all of which are meant to be very good news for us all.

Jesus' words are easily distorted and sanitized in our modern world. Following Jesus leads to a richer, more expansive life, but it's not necessarily comfortable. Jesus' ministry can be described as "radical" which comes from the Latin word "radicalis," meaning "root" or "ground." Therefore, the good news should bring us back to our roots. Emulating Jesus and embodying his teachings should ground us in who God created us to be. Can we be "good news" people in a world too often burdened by bad news?

This Lent, let us remember that the good news really is good news. It is joyful—like fine wine saved for celebration. It grows like a mustard seed and smells like perfume poured from an alabaster jar. It tastes like bread passed endlessly through a hungry crowd. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. The good news is alive in the world.

The hope for this series is that it will provide fertile ground for conversation and worship, rooting our hearts and lives in the expansive goodness of God. This Lent, let the teachings of Jesus lead us forward. May the good news inspire us to take action in a world desperate to hear, see, and taste what is good.

## ETHNIC STORYTELLING

Everyone has a story...

A DCC Anti-Racism Spring Workshop

*Beginning in March*

### All-Church Spring Workshop Series –Ethnic Storytelling

For many years, now, DCC has demonstrated a sincere commitment to justice, racial equity, and faithful public witness. We all are now witnessing the level of racism in society that is happening on a daily basis that is causing many of us to question our stories of what is real and true and long for

practices that are spiritually grounding, relationally meaningful, and sustainable.

To revitalize and extend our commitment to Anti-Racism, DCC is offering a new workshop series—*Ethnic Storytelling*—that offers a refreshing entry point into this work. Rather than beginning with what people should “do” or should “know,” this process—facilitated by DCC friend **the Rev. Riana Shaw Robinson**—begins with who we already are: our families, migration stories, losses, values, faith traditions, and survival stories.

*Workshops will be held on the following Sundays during Second Hour (lunch will be provided):*

**March 15**

**March 22**

**March 29**

**April 12**

**April 26**

For white Christians, this deep work is especially valuable. Whiteness often goes unnamed and unexamined, leaving justice work feeling external, intellectual, or burdensome. Naming one’s own ethnic story restores particularity, responsibility, and agency—without centering guilt or defensiveness. By connecting this way with ourselves and others, we can more readily see and identify areas of need and attention in our own world experience.

This process is designed to help us:

- Re-ground justice commitments in faith, relationship, and story
- Reduce burnout by shifting from performative antiracism to formative practices
- Build the spiritual and relational capacity needed for long-term justice engagement

Sign-ups will be held during coffee time in February/March and online.

Participation in each session is suggested but all are welcome no matter how many sessions they can attend. Visitors, friends, and neighbors are always welcome!

For more information, reach out to [Barb DeBarger](#) or [Pastor Todd](#).

## Emergency Contact Request from Diaconate



Dear friends,

We maintain an emergency contact file in the church office for members and friends of our church. Your contact person might be a parent, a child, a friend, or a relative who does not live with you. We are currently updating these forms.

If you have any changes you would like to make, or if you don't have a form on file, please fill out our Emergency Contact Information form (instructions below). This form is to be emailed or sent to our church office. The forms are stored in a locked file in the church office, and this information will be available only for confidential use by our deacons and pastors if the need should arise. Rest assured that we will not be contacting this person except in case of emergency or unusual circumstance.

### [Click here to access the form on our website](#)

- Click on “Members” (upper right corner)
- Enter the password: Noah (the password is case-sensitive)
- Find “Emergency Contact Form” on the list of documents to download
- Download the form to your computer (remembering where you stored it!)
- Go to the form and complete all fields
- Print or save the completed form
- Email ([office@danvillechurch.org](mailto:office@danvillechurch.org)), mail, or bring the completed form to the church office.

If you prefer, you can ask the office to print a copy for you and either have Anne-Marie mail it to you or pick it up at the church office to fill out and bring back.

Thank you from The Diaconate

## *Saturday, March 14th at 1:00pm* **Visions of Hope—Homeless Outreach Event!**

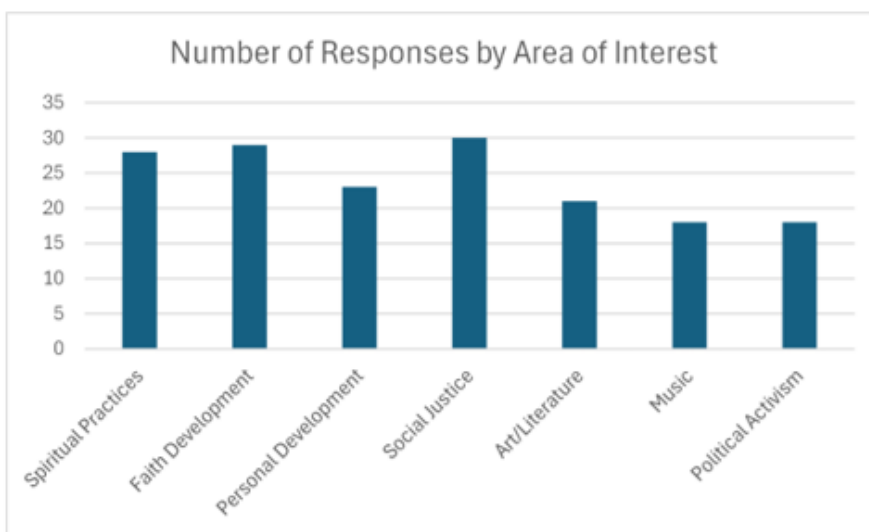
Our partner congregation, Visions of Hope, is holding an outreach event for unhoused people in Oakland on March 14th, beginning at 1:00pm on MLK Drive near the 27th St. Exit. They are creating 100 “blessing bags” for distribution, including snacks and toiletries. They are also collecting clean and useable clothing and shoes for adults, which they will distribute at the same time. If you are able to assist with this project, either by donating supplies/clothing and/or by helping distribute the bags, please sign up on the clipboard after church, or send an email to Barb DeBarger, [bdebarger@gmail.com](mailto:bdebarger@gmail.com). Here are the specific items needed—please bring items to the church office or to Koinonia during coffee hour by March 7th:

- Donations of adult-sized clothing and shoes (used okay, but clean and good condition)
- Donations of suitable food-- crackers, canned meat/sausages, snacks, small juice boxes and small bottled water—items able to fit into gallon Ziploc bags
- Gallon-sized Ziploc bags
- \$\$ to pay for a U-Haul van to transport items to the park and for lunch (collection envelope at church or give online to DCC's Visions of Hope Sponsorship Fund <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZCT3/campaign/C-15G87>.)
- Distribution volunteers—we will organize a carpool from DCC for those interested in helping at the event and also announce parking arrangements soon.



## Journeys in Faith Survey Summary

The Journeys in Faith committee is thankful for the forty-nine people who responded to our survey in the fourth quarter of 2025. The committee designed the survey to gather information about sessions that would interest the congregation, and the preferred time for the sessions. The high response rate means that the survey results are representative of the congregation. Of those responding, 59% attended a Journeys in Faith session during the prior year, 69% were female, 90% were white, the average age was seventy, and the average time at DCC was nineteen years. People attended Journeys in Faith sessions because they were interested in the topic and for education. Conflict with other commitments was the primary reason for people not attending. Most respondents liked the sessions in the second hour after the service, though there were other suggestions. Social justice is the topic area of greatest interest followed by faith development and spiritual practices as shown here:



**Most interest in social justice, then faith development and spiritual practices**

We appreciate the suggestions included with the survey feedback and the eight people who expressed an interest in facilitating a session now or in the future.

The Journeys in Faith committee is integrating the survey results into discussions about the future path forward. Thank you for your contributions! If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Ron Elsdon ([ronelsdon@gmail.com](mailto:ronelsdon@gmail.com)) or Carrie Hrousis ([hrousis@comcast.net](mailto:hrousis@comcast.net)).



## Pictures of the Week

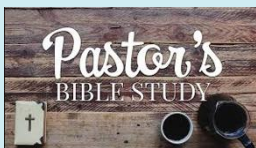


Clockwise from left: Kira Lee of Faith in Action East Bay spoke during the second hour presentation last Sunday; In observance of Black History–Black Futures Month, images of some of the many influential African-Americans were displayed on the altar; Janis Jang and Mary Courtenay join Pastor Todd for Pastor's Bible Study.

*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](mailto:anne-marie@danvillechurch.org).*

## 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](#).



## Pastor's Bible Study Wednesdays at 1:00pm

You are invited to join Pastor Todd from his office each Wednesday at 1:00pm—in person or via [Zoom](#). During January, we will focus on the topic of migration. Meeting ID 885 6171 8426 and password 783855.

## 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.

### *Tuesday, February 17th from 7:00pm–8:30pm* **Immigration Court Discussion at Temple Isaiah**

On Tuesday, February 17th, from 7:00pm–8:30 pm, the Values in Action group at Temple Isaiah is hosting a talk about everything happening with immigration courts. Given the state of the world, this conversation feels even more important. This event will be in-person only because of the sensitivity of the topic. RSVPs are required for security purposes - be sure to do so by February 15th. RSVP using the sign-up genius below: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DAFAD2AA5F49-62019981-immigration#/>

#### **Here are the details:**

*Immigration Court: An Insider's Perspective* with Judge Polly Webber and Ali Saidi  
Temple Isaiah, 945 Risa Rd, Lafayette, CA 94549

Join two distinguished and inspirational experts for a timely and important conversation about the current and rapidly changing state of immigration enforcement in America. Rabbi Torop will be in conversation with retired immigration judge Polly Webber and Ali Saidi, Director of Stand Together Contra Costa.

Judge Webber has nearly 50 years of experience in immigration law, including as president of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Saidi directs the rapid response and immigration legal services program for Contra Costa County from the Office of the Public Defender.

Following the conversation, learn how you can help support the immigrant communities in our area. Please bring a non-perishable food donation to support the Neighbor to Neighbor Food Pantry in Concord. You can find details on the requested items at the RSVP link.

Please contact Rabbi Torop with questions at [rabbi.torop@temple-isaiah.org](mailto:rabbi.torop@temple-isaiah.org).

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# A Lenten Practice Our Whole Lives

For Older Adults (Ages 60ish+)

facilitated by Pastor Lauren and Pastor Todd

## Meeting Dates:

Thursday, Feb 19: 10am-noon

**Saturday** Feb 21: 10am-4pm

Thursday, Feb 26: 10am-noon

Thursday, March 5: 10am-noon

Thursday, March 12: 10am-noon

Thursday, March 19: 10am-noon

Thursday, March 26: 10am-noon

Thursday, April 2: 10am-noon

Register here:



All meetings will be held in-person at DCC.

Please reach out to Pastor Lauren with any questions: [lauren@danvillechurch.org](mailto:lauren@danvillechurch.org)

*The Saturday meeting time is mandatory and we ask that you miss no more than two Thursday sessions, though preference is full attendance of all sessions.*

About Our Whole Lives:

Our Whole Lives helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their relationships, health, and behavior in the context of their faith. It equips participants with accurate, developmentally appropriate information in human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. The program provides facts about anatomy and human development, and helps participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills and understand the social, emotional, and spiritual aspects of sexuality.

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