



DANVILLE

Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



Second Sunday in Easter

April 12, 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 guest? Welcome to Danville Congregational Church!

We are glad you have joined us today. We would love to share with you what is happening here. Please leave your information – name, email/phone in the Blue Pew Pad that is passed around early in the service. 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 Welcome Commissioner. We look forward to connecting with 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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley

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

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

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.

OPENING MOVEMENT

[Matthew 11:27, 28–30](#), adapted
The Message

Sandra Lepley

Jesus resumed talking to the people, but now tenderly. “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. [Journey] with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew Bassett

One: Who made this beautiful day?

All: We believe the God, the Creator, made this day—

One: God made this day so we can rest, and reflect, and enjoy;

All: God made this day so we can open the eyes of our hearts and see beauty,

One: And see pain, and see opportunity,

All: and see hope.

One: So let us go into this day with our eyes and hearts wide open,

All: and let us worship God.

—Beth Merrill, adapted

TAIZÉ SONG

My Soul Is at Rest

My soul is at rest in God a-lone, my sal-va-tion comes from God.

The image shows musical notation for a Taizé song. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Nancy Halseth

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

SECOND READING

[Selections from Psalm 62](#)

Chris Sonnemann

For GOD alone my soul waits in silence;
from GOD comes my salvation.
GOD alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall never be shaken.
For GOD alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from GOD.
GOD alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
On GOD rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in GOD.
Trust in GOD at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before GOD;
GOD is a refuge for us. *Selah*
Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to GOD,
and steadfast love belongs to you, O GOD.

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THIRD READING

Amy Furber-Dobson

“To rest is a special kind of power. The curse of the world has made for restless minds. Stillness. Silence. Rest. It is much to ask of a person. But stillness makes for a capable mirror. Look down in a rough and fast current and you won’t see a thing. But still water allows you to lean in without danger and really see yourself, and in doing so you may remember a liberty over yourself that is easily forgotten when things are jostling you about.”

– Cole Arthur Riley

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Do not worry....

[Avoid worrying], “What will we eat?”, or “What will we drink?”, or “What will we wear?” People who do not know God are always trying to get these things. But as for you, your Heavenly Parent in heaven knows that you need them. Instead, always think about the things that are important in [God’s Realm of Love]. [Do your best to] do what God shows you is right. Then God will also give you the things that you need each day. So do not have trouble in your mind about what might happen tomorrow. Tomorrow will have its own problems. It is enough for you to be thinking each day about the problems of that day.

CONTEMPLATIVE HEARING

Rest from This Here Flesh
Read by the Author

Cole Arthur Riley

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TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Todd and Pastor Lauren

Introduction

Anthem

There Will Be Rest
Georgia State University Singers
Frank Ticheli, director

Frank Ticheli

There will be rest, and sure stars shining
Over the roof-tops crowned with snow,
A reign of rest, serene forgetting,
The music of stillness holy and low.
I will make this world of my devising
Out of a dream in my lonely mind.
I shall find the crystal of peace – above me
Stars I shall find.

Time of Silent Reflection (see page 15)

Community Prayers

All: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

One: Our God who is in heaven,

**All: And all of us here on earth; The hungry, the oppressed, the excluded.
Holy is your name. May your reign come.**

One: May your reign come and your will be done:

**All: In our choice to struggle with the complexities of this world,
And to confront greed and the desire for power in our selves,
In our nation and in the global community. May your reign come.**

One: Give us this day our daily bread;

**All: Bread that we are called to share, Bread that you have given us abundantly
And that we must distribute fairly, ensuring security for all.
May your reign come.**

One: Forgive us our trespasses;

**All: Times we have turned away from the struggles
Of other people and countries,
Times when we have thought only of our own security. May your reign come.**

One: Lead us not into temptation;

**All: The temptation to close our minds, ears, and eyes
To the unfair global systems that create
Larger and larger gaps between the rich and the poor;
The temptation to think it is too difficult
To bring about more just alternatives. May your reign come.**

One: Deliver us from evil;

**All: The evil of a world where violence happens in your name,
Where wealth for a few is more important than economic rights for all,
Where gates and barriers between people are so hard to bring down
May your reign come.**

One: May your reign come,

All: For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. AMEN!

—Adaptation by the Society of the Sacred Heart

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TIME OF GENEROSITY AND PRAYER

Matthew

*As you leave today, you are invited to place your gifts in the basket as you leave.
For those of you who have already made a gift by check or automated giving, we are grateful. You may also [give using our web site](#) or donate using your mobile device, using the QR Code on the back cover.*

*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 MOVEMENT

BREATH PRACTICE

Pastor Todd

INHALE: I will not be silenced by fear.
EXHALE: *A quivering voice is still sacred.*
INHALE: God, my soul trembles.
EXHALE: *Steady me in your arms.*
INHALE: I will meet this fear with rest.
EXHALE: *God, steady me in your arms.*

– Cole Arthur Riley, from *Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human*

Let There Be Rest

See next page.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Lauren

POSTLUDE

Rest

Francesco Blackmore

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

LET THERE BE REST

SABBATICAL
Adam M. L. Tice
and Benjamin Brody

Hannah C. Brown



1. Let there be rest; there is rest for you.
2. Let there be peace; there is peace for you.
3. Let there be joy; there is joy for you.
4. Let there be rest; there is rest for us.



Claim back your breath; there is breath for you.
Trust in your breath; there is breath for you.
Deep - en your breath; there is breath for you.
All will be well when there's breath for us.



Free from the pres - sure, the push - ing, the pain—
Af - ter the strug - gle, re - lease and re - ceive—
Now in the still - ness, re - mem - ber your song;
No long - er driv - en, we'll learn how to thrive;



yes, take your rest, yes, take your rest,
yes, find your peace, yes, find your peace,
yes, feel your joy, yes, feel your joy,
bless - ed ones, rest, bless - ed ones, rest,



yes, take your rest, there is rest for you.
yes, find your peace, there is peace for you.
yes, feel your joy, there is joy for you.
bless - ed ones, rest, there is rest for us.

WORSHIP NOTES



Cole Arthur Riley is the New York Times best selling author of *This Here Flesh - Spirituality, Liberation, and the Stories that Make Us*. In today's podcast episode, Cole shares a meditative reading from the chapter of her book on Rest. We invite you to enter into a place of centering stillness, becoming aware of the Divine within. Feel the wind of the Spirit blowing, as you settle in and listen to this beautiful meditation by Cole Arthur Riley. Cole serves as the spiritual teacher in residence with Cornell University's Office of Spirituality and Meaning Making. She is also the creator of *Black Liturgies*, a space that integrates spiritual practice with Black emotion, Black literature, and the Black body; and a project of The Center for Dignity and Contemplation where she serves as Curator.



There Will Be Rest: On November 8, 2011, the Georgia State University Singers, under the guidance of renowned composer and conductor Frank Ticheli, presented a captivating performance of Ticheli's own composition, "There Will Be Rest." This beautiful piece was brought to life at the esteemed Rialto Center for the Arts, located in Atlanta, Georgia. The combined efforts of Frank Ticheli, the Georgia State University Singers, and the exquisite setting of the Rialto Center for the Arts created an unforgettable musical event, offering a moment of repose and reflection through the enchanting sounds of "There Will Be Rest." Frank Ticheli's composition, "There Will Be Rest," is a captivating and exquisitely crafted piece that offers a combination of difficulty and beauty. With its meticulously woven harmonies and evocative text written by Sara Teasdale, this composition has the power to elicit both calming and chilling effects that resonate throughout the listener's body. The intricate harmonies employed in "There Will Be Rest" demonstrate Ticheli's skillful craftsmanship, showcasing his ability to create rich and nuanced musical textures. The lyrics by Sara Teasdale further contribute to the piece's allure, offering a pleasant and contemplative text that adds an additional layer of depth to the music. The combination of these elements creates a profound musical experience that touches the soul and stirs the emotions of both performers and listeners.

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	Ethnic Storytelling Workshop
Noon	Monthly Lunch Bunch at Esin
1:30pm–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

Tuesday	11:30am	Men's Luncheon
Tuesday	1:00pm–3:00pm	Diaconate Meeting
Wednesday	10:00am	Wednesday Morning Prayer
Wednesday	10:00am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wednesday	7:00pm–8:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00pm–3:30pm	Spirited Sisters

TODAY'S EMMAUS TEAM

Today's Emmaus Team is **Team 5**. Next week's Emmaus Team is **Team 1**.

Greeters: Joyce Klassen and Kris Lewis

Ushers: Carol Bassett, Judy Halden and Michiyo Laing

Liturgists: Matthew Bassett , Amy Furber-Dobson, Sandra Lepley and Chris Sonnemann

Fellowship Hosts: Carol Bassett, Barbara Carillo, Michiyo Laing, Kris Lewis

Candlelighter: Matthew Bassett

Flowers: Carol Bassett

Sound Tech: Steve Bridgeman

Tech Minister: Amy Furber-Dobson

Lock Up Duty: Carol Bassett and Matthew Bassett

Godly Play: Barb DeBarger

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Continues today

All-Church Spring Workshop Series –Ethnic Storytelling

Join us after worship as we continue our *Ethnic Storytelling* workshop series with **the Rev. Riana Shaw Robinson**. Workshops will be held on the remaining Sundays during Second Hour (lunch will be provided): **April 12, and April 26** For more information, reach out to [Barb DeBarger](#) or [Pastor Todd](#).

Sunday, April 12th

Monthly Lunch Bunch at Esin

Join the monthly lunch bunch after church on Sunday, April 12th (the second Sunday in April due to Easter being on the 5th). We'll be gathering at noon at Café Esin 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!



Tuesday, April 14th at 11:30am

Men's Luncheon at Melo's

There will be a Men's Luncheon on Tuesday, April 14th at 11:30am at Melo's in Danville. Come join the group for good conversation and food. Please contact Tahir Mahmood if you have any questions. (mahmoods200@hotmail.com or 925-719-7778)

FOCUS
on



our
future
stewardship 2026

Sunday, April 19th after worship in Kairos Hall Stewardship Luncheon is Approaching

Our Annual Stewardship Luncheon and Congregational Meeting are happening on **Sunday, April 19th**, after worship in Kairos Hall. We will enjoy a delicious catered lunch, followed by an update from our Long-Range Planning Task Force as well as information about the proposed Budget for the 2026-27 church year. Everyone will also receive their informational envelopes with information on how you can share your time, talents and treasures to keep

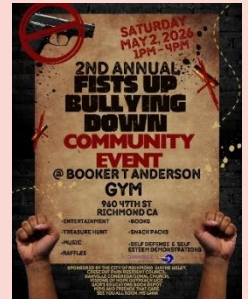
DCC thriving! All are welcome to join us to learn more about how you can support as we Focus on Our Future!

Visions of Hope Support Needed for May 2nd event

Our partners at Visions of Hope are holding another event to support the Richmond community! Their annual "Fists Up, Guns Down" event has been re-named "Fists Up, Bullying Down," and is designed to give the children in the community a day of fun, learning and love. It will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, from 1:00pm–4:00pm at the Booker T. Anderson community center in Richmond. DCC has been asked to help with a few things for this event:

- New or gently used children's books for all ages, 0-12
- Food for snack bags--granola bars, crackers, fruit snacks, pretzels, etc.
- \$\$ for prizes
- Support at the event to hand out bags, snacks and prizes

If you are able/interested in supporting this event, please contact Barb DeBarger, Carrie Hrousis or Doug Leich, and/or sign up on the signup sheet during coffee hour. If you wish to donate, please do so on the church's donation website--click on "Visions of Hope."



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](#).

Pictures of the Week



What a busy, contemplative, joyful week at DCC!

We held our reflective Agape Feast and Maundy Thursday service, delivered 27 Easter baskets to Hope Solutions, participated in our 38th annual Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch, and worshipped with a hope-filled Easter service where we blessed our new playground.

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



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.



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JOHN KENDALL BAILEY, music director

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“How will I cultivate rest as a *spiritual practice* this week?”

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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.

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