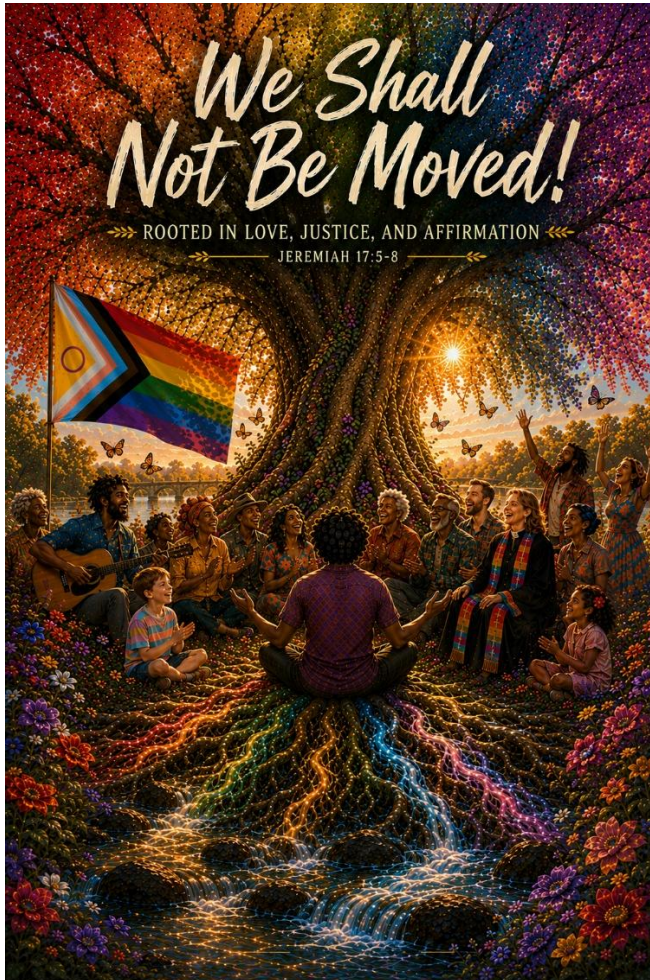




# DANVILLE

Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ



*We Shall  
Not Be Moved!*

ROOTED IN LOVE, JUSTICE, AND AFFIRMATION  
JEREMIAH 17:5-8

**PRIDE SUNDAY**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

*June 21, 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](mailto: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

PRELUDE

*We Are A Rainbow*

David Kai

WELCOME AND GATHERING PRAYER

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.*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Lauren Jewett

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

One: The peace of Christ is not fragile politeness  
It is the fierce peace of justice, truth, and love.

**All: The peace of Christ makes room for all of us.**

One: Let us share signs of peace and remember every body, every story,  
every beloved child of God belongs in the circle of grace.  
The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Salgu Wissmath

One: Beloved, some of us came here tired, or carrying grief.

**All: But we are still here.**

One: Some of us came with joy in our bones and rainbows in our spirit.

**All: And we are still here.**

One: In a world that tries to erase queer stories,

**All: We shall not be moved.**

One: In a time when trans and nonbinary lives are targeted,

**All: We shall not be moved.**

One: When fear tells us to be silent,

**All: We shall not be moved.**

One: When shame tries to pull us from the truth of who God made us to be,

**All: We shall not be moved.**

One: We are rooted in love.

**All: We are rooted in justice.**

One: We are rooted in affirmation.

**All: We are rooted in God.**

One: Like trees planted by living water,

**All: We shall not be moved.**

One: Come, let us worship the God who sees the vulnerable, strengthens the weary, and calls the church into holy courage.

**All: Rooted in love, justice, and affirmation, we worship with joy.  
We worship with courage. We worship together.**

\* OPENING SONG

*We Shall Not Be Moved*

African-American Spiritual

We shall not, we shall not be moved.  
We shall not, we shall not be moved.  
Just like a tree that's planted by the water,  
We shall not be moved.

We're young and old together, we shall not be moved...  
We're all genders together, we shall not be moved...  
We're all in this together, we shall not be moved...  
We're all races together, we shall not be moved...  
We're fighting for our freedom, we shall not be moved...  
Voices raised together, we shall not be moved...

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Lauren

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5–8

Matthew Bassett

Thus says the Lord:  
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.  
They shall be like a shrub in the desert  
and shall not see when relief comes.  
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.  
Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.  
They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

SERMON

*We Shall Not Be Moved!  
Rooted in Love, Justice, and Affirmation*

Rev. Derek Terry

ANTHEM

Elana Bolds, vocals

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

Nicole Santamaría

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, and include "El/La" in the description line.*

Offertory

*I'm Going to Sit at the Welcome Table* African-American Spiritual

\*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

BLESSING OF GODSPEED

Pastor Todd

Ina Nierotka

Congregational Response:

**We offer you our encouragement and prayers as you embark upon this new journey.**

**We give thanks for your witness among us.**

**May the God of grace accompany you and bless you 'til we meet again. Amen.**

WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Todd

\*CLOSING HYMN

*We Are the Church Alive*

See next page.

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Derek

# We Are the Church Alive

Words and Music by:  
JACK ST. JOHN and DAVID PELLETIER

C G/B Am G/B Em<sup>7</sup> C F Fmaj<sup>7</sup> G(sus<sup>4</sup>) G C G/B C D/C

1. We are the Church A-live, Christ's pre-sence on this earth; We give God's Spi - rit  
 2. Church A-live, Our faith has set us free; No more en-slaved by  
 3. Church A-live, All praise to God on high. Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior,

6 G/B Em C G/D D<sup>7</sup> G G/B C Dm<sup>7</sup> C/E F G G<sup>7</sup> C

bo - dy in the act of our new birth. As yield-ed o - pen chan - nels for  
 guilt and shame we live our li - ber - ty! We fol - low Christ's ex - am - ple and  
 Com-fort - er, we laud and mag - ni - fy Your name, Al - migh - ty God of love; Pray,

11 F E(sus<sup>4</sup>) E Am Am<sup>9</sup>/G F G/B C F G/B C C/E

God's de - scend - ing dove, We shout and sing, with joy we bring God's  
 free - dom now pro - claim, De - stroy - ing myths of doubt and fear in  
 give us life that we May be Your church, the Church A - live, for

15 Dm<sup>7</sup> C/E F<sup>6</sup> G 1.2.C 3.C

all in - clu - sive love, 2. We are the  
 Je - sus' migh - ty name. 3. We are the  
 all e - ter - ni - ty.

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



Founded in 1972, the **ONA Coalition** ([openandaffirming.org](http://openandaffirming.org)) has helped the UCC reach each of its milestones on the journey towards acceptance and justice for its LGBTQ+ and same-gender-loving (SGL)\* members. From General Synod's first resolutions advocating for the civil rights of homosexual citizens to the church's historic affirmation of marriage equality, the Coalition has been a spur to the conscience of our beloved church. By claiming our right to participate fully in ministry and fellowship, by reminding UCC members of the injustices that continue to prevail in wider society, by providing leadership for the growing Open and Affirming movement, the Coalition has been an effective agent for change in the UCC.



The **Rev. Derek Terry** (he/him) serves as the Executive Director of the Open and Affirming Coalition and as Part-time Pastor of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Cincinnati, Ohio—an Open and Affirming congregation. A passionate and dynamic leader, Rev. Derek is known nationally as a pastor, artist, speaker, writer, and activist committed to justice and inclusion.

With a background that bridges ministry, advocacy, and creative expression, Rev. Derek brings a powerful voice to conversations on civil rights, racial and social justice, LGBTQ+ inclusion, income inequality, body positivity, and courageous living. For two years he served the Coalition as Program Director, playing a key role in developing resources, supporting congregations, and strengthening the movement for LGBTQ+ inclusion in the United Church of Christ.

In addition to his work with the Coalition and his local church, Rev. Derek is a fashion and art enthusiast, creative, and bold advocate for marginalized communities. He preaches and teaches in diverse communities, calling people to deeper compassion, creative resistance, and a more inclusive vision of church.



**EI/La Para TransLatinas** ([ellaf.org](http://ellaf.org)) works towards a world where TransLatinas are protected, celebrated, and loved, where trans/intersex/gender diverse Latinx people are welcome, safe, represented and valued in all spheres of life. **Nicole Santamaría** (she/we/ours), EI/La Para TransLatina's first intersex Executive Director of trans experience, has led the shift in our organizational culture toward a trauma-informed, holistic approach. Her leadership is rooted in 28 years of experience working with survivors of violence (including HIV+ cis and trans women, LGBT women, indigenous communities and people with disabilities in the U.S., Latin America & the Caribbean) as well as her training as an art therapist. She has worked successfully to provide more visibility for EI/La and the TransLatina community through her involvement in various partnerships, as well as her position as a city advisory commissioner in the LGBTQI+ Advisory Committee of the City and County of San Francisco. She has also worked with staff and consultants to create a strategic plan to increase EI/La's capacity and set the organization on a track for sustainable growth not only for EI/La but the entire LGBTQI+ communities at large.



**Salgu Wissmath** (they/them) is a queer nonbinary Korean-American photographer based in San Antonio, TX and Sacramento, CA. Their photo essays and videos explore the intersections of mental health, queer identity, and faith from a conceptual documentary approach. They are committed to documenting the LGBTQIA+ community from a decolonial lens.

Salgu is currently a Press On Freedomways Reporting Fellow. They were a 2022-2024 Hearst Photo Fellow at the San Antonio Express-News and The San Francisco Chronicle and their work has been published in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, NPR, Cal Matters, Texas Tribune, San Antonio Magazine, among others. Their photography has been exhibited in California, New York, Texas, Ohio, Maryland and South Korea. “Divine Identity” previously exhibited at the 2025 Photoville Festival in New York City and the 2026 Creating Change Conference in Washington, DC.

Their photo essay “Black transgender pastor builds community in Sacramento while searching for a place of worship,” SF Chronicle, received a 2025 NLGJA’s Excellence in Photojournalism Award and 2025 Religion Communicators Council Wilbur Award in Photography. They are a 2024 Lauren Brown Fellow, 2021 California Arts Council Emerging Artist Fellow, and a recipient of a 2025 San Antonio Artist Grant.

Salgu is the Communications Director for Diversify Photo and a member of AAJA, NLGJA: The Association of LGBTQ+ Journalists, Trans Journalists Association, Women Photograph, and Authority Collective.

“**We Shall Not Be Moved**” is an African-American spiritual, hymn, and protest song dating to the early 19th century American south. The song describes being “like a tree planted by the waters” who “shall not be moved” because of faith. Secularly, it has gained popularity as a protest and union song of the Civil Rights Movement. This song has stood the test of time by evolving over the course of decades and centuries, and has been covered by Joan Baez , Pete Seeger, Sweet Honey in the Rock, The Seekers, Peter, Paul and Mary, and Public Enemy.

The hymn “**We Are the Church Alive**” was written in 1980 by Jack St. John and David Pelletier, two musicians from [Metropolitan Community Churches](#) (MCC). It was specifically written for the MCC community and emerged during a time when the MCC was grappling with issues of AIDS. The lyrics reflect a desire to heal and find wholeness. It is now sung in churches worldwide. The hymn emphasizes the church as a living body of people, rather than a building, and celebrates the diversity and inclusivity the church exists to display.

## 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
11:15am	Second Hour with Rev. Derek

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>Wednesday</b>	10:00am	Wednesday Morning Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:00pm–3:00pm	Pastor Bible Study

# TODAY'S EMMAUS TEAM

Today's Emmaus Team is **Team 5**. Next week's Emmaus Team is **Team 6**.

Greeters: Joyce Klassen & Michiyo Laing

Ushers: Judy Halden, John Klassen, Kris Lewis, and Kim Michaud

Candlelighter: Sophia Morris

Liturgists: Matthew Bassett, Nicole Santamaría, and Salgu Wissmath

Flowers: Carol Bassett

Fellowship: Carol Bassett, Judy Halden, John Klassen,

Joyce Klassen, Kris Lewis, and Kim Michaud

Sound Tech: Reuben Shank

Tech Minister: Eileen Ackley

Lock Up Duty: Tom Sonnemann

**Godly Play:** Pastor Lauren

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Today at 11:15am*

### **Second Hour with Rev. Derek**

Because we know you're gonna want *more* Rev. Derek while he is with us, join us for a second hour he will be hosting in the sanctuary after Coffee Hour. He will discuss his urgent work within our denomination; the blessing ONA churches offer the communities they are located in; and the urgency of our work in the Church and in the world.



*Wednesday, June 24th from 1:00pm–3:00pm*

### **Pastor Bible Study**

In advance of the United States Semiquincentennial, Pastor Todd will be hosting a special **Pastor's Bible Study** on **Wednesday, June 24th, 1:00pm–3:00pm**. We will be discussing how people of faith can faithfully respond to America's 250th Birthday and the blight of 'Christian' Nationalism.



Though we have celebrated another successful Valley Pride, there's still a **lot** going on during PRIDE MONTH to celebrate and make your allyship visible.

**TODAY**—Our rainbow-hued special PRIDE SUNDAY worship promises to be a rich celebration of God's unconditional love for all their children.

Following our Pride Sunday service, you are invited to the fifth annual **Drag Church** in the Castro at 6:30pm. The service features area drag artists leading participants in song, sacred texts, and an inclusive communion ceremony—where glitter and grace meet and the Gospel shows up in heels. **The Rev. Blessya Hartz** will be offering the homily. Email Pastor Todd if you plan to join us. [Thanks to DCC's Leslie Dent for making the rainbow Challah for communion!]

**Friday, June 26**—Join Pastor Todd, Miguel and other allies lifting up and celebrating the Trans community at the annual **SF Trans March**. We gather at 5pm in Dolores Park for the 1-mile march to the Transgender Cultural District. Email Pastor Todd if you'd like to join us.

**Sunday, June 28**—The **Rev. Casey Tinnin** returns to DCC as our guest preacher for the final Sunday of Pride Month.



### Meet Our New Deacons - Ron Elsdon

In each of the coming weeks, we will spotlight each of our four new deacons. This week, we spotlight **Ron Elsdon**.

Coming originally from Northumberland, the least populated part of England, with its wild, windswept landscape, and rugged North Sea Coast, it's perhaps not surprising that Ron and Linda felt such an affinity for Northern California and its natural beauty. Their family, his wife Linda and their children Mark and Anna, moved here in 1994, after about fifteen years on two occasions in the Chicago area and three years in Atlanta. Ron and Linda are blessed with two children, their spouses, and four grandchildren aged from twelve to twenty-two, all of whom bring much light to this world.

Their spiritual journeys have included several progressive faith communities emphasizing social justice. Social justice has been central to volunteer activities that have included adult literacy tutoring, supporting those in prison approaching reentry, and pastoral listening. This complemented Ron's work that began in engineering research, progressed through business management, and evolved into career counseling and organizational consulting in private practice.

Ron is grateful for the opportunity to serve as part of the Diaconate. Since first coming to DCC in 2024, this has been such a welcoming community. Linda and Ron joined DCC on 2/23/2025. As a deacon, Ron will endeavor to support this strong sense of community, while fostering the values of inclusion and affirmation that infuse our church life.



## Summer Backpack and School Supplies Drive

It's time for our annual **Summer Backpack and School Supplies Drive** to provide new backpacks stuffed with school supplies for children of homeless, formerly-homeless and at-risk families now living in **Shelter, Inc.** and **Hope Solutions** housing.

**Shelter, Inc.** has provided us with the names of ten students for "adoption" by folks (individuals, families or groups) at DCC who are ready to shop for a new backpack for him or her and a [complete set of grade-appropriate school supplies](#). Completed backpacks should be **delivered to DCC by 11:00am Sunday, July 19th**, and the Outreach Commission will take care of delivering them to Shelter, Inc. Here are the remaining adoptees:

Child's Name	Gender	Age	Grade	Favorite Color/Character
Angelo	Male	6	1st	Red/Bluey
Zamire	Male	9	5th	No choices made
David	Male	13	8th	Red/Spongebob

If you want to "adopt" one of these Shelter, Inc. students, please contact [Doug Leich](#) or [Eileen Ackley](#) to select your student and they will provide you with Shelter, Inc.'s checklist of recommended items to include in the backpack.

Shelter, Inc. is also requesting **\$50 gift cards** (Target or Kohl's) for uniforms or clothing and shoes, and you can sign up for these separately. Donations of any amount by check made out to DCC, with "backpacks" in the memo line will be used to purchase gift cards for Shelter, Inc. students. Shelter, Inc. also has online sign-ups [here](#) and [here](#) to provide separate school supplies and [here](#) to provide a monetary donation.

**Hope Solutions** also has an option for you to shop for a backpack and items on a checklist of school supplies. Sign up at the [Hope Solutions Backpack Drive 2026](#) sign-up web page (please type "Danville Congregational Church" in the My Comment box) and follow [Hope Solutions' instructions](#), except that you may **deliver your completed backpack to DCC by 11:00am Thursday, July 9th**, and the Outreach Commission will deliver it to Hope Solutions. Or you may support Hope Solutions' backpack drive with a [monetary donation here](#).

To sign up, or for more information, look for the backpack sign-up table during our Time of Fellowship after worship. If you have questions, or want to report your participation in DCC's back-to-school backpack project, please email [Eileen](#) or [Doug](#).

## 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



Last week, we welcomed four new members as part of New Member Sunday - Elana Bolds, Ina Nierotka, Jon McKinsey, and Sally Train.

The service also included a Call to Action Litany, led by members of DCC.

*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)*

## 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.



**DANVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH PRESENTS**

# **PARTY WITH A PURPOSE DANCING UNDER THE STARS FOR HOPE SOLUTIONS**

**FOOD | MUSIC | DANCE**

- ★ Saturday, August 1, 2026
- ★ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- ★ Supporting Hope Solutions
- ★ Live Music by Other People's Money
- ★ Heavy appetizers & soft drinks, wine and beer included
- ★ Address: 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd, Danville

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## Volunteers Needed for White Pony Express

Now more than ever, many of our neighbors cannot afford to feed and clothe themselves or their families. Volunteer opportunities for individuals, families, or groups to serve the community are available at White Pony Express (WPE). WPE, headquartered in Concord, is a nonprofit that rescues fresh surplus food from supermarkets, restaurants, and farmers markets. This food is then delivered free to organizations that feed the hungry free of charge. Hundreds of volunteers make WPE possible, including some DCC members. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit [whiteponyexpress.org/volunteer](http://whiteponyexpress.org/volunteer), call or email Mandy Nakaya at 925-818-6361, [mandy@whiteponyexpress.org](mailto:mandy@whiteponyexpress.org).

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POLISH AIRS

MARNIE  
BRECKENRIDGE  
soprano



DANIEL  
GLOVER  
piano



# Valley PRIDE

## Pride Flag Raising and Community Event

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As we continue to observe PRIDE Month approaches, we celebrate the presence of our LGBTQIA+ neighbors—those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, asexual, or another identity or orientation.

LGBTQIA+ people are valued members of our communities. They are our children, neighbors, relatives, colleagues, and friends. They come from all backgrounds and ethnicities and are part of families of all configurations. They are part of the populations of our schools, faith communities, and neighborhoods.

Yet all too often, they are misunderstood, excluded, and discriminated against. And tragically many LGBTQIA+ people—especially for our youth—experience violence against their bodies or spirits through bullying in school; discrimination in the workplace or religious spaces; by other community members and officials; or through the healthcare system.

But a strong community values all its members and engages in goodwill for all people, lifting up LGBTQIA+ people with compassion and affirmation. That is the sole reason for PRIDE.

This belief undergirded the third annual VALLEY PRIDE ([www.srvalleypride.org](http://www.srvalleypride.org)) held on Saturday, June 6. This free event—part education, part community building, and part celebration—brought together LGBTQIA+ people and their allies from across the San Ramon Valley. Valley Pride was supported by a coalition of organizations, including the Town of Danville, Discovery Counseling Center, PFLAG Danville-San Ramon Valley, the SRV Diversity Coalition, and DCC.

Through the inspiring stories of LGBTQIA+ people, their loved ones, and allies along with lessons shared by folk who provide support to our neighbors and their families, the community gathered to lift up and proudly celebrate the dignity of these members of our San Ramon Valley communities. Because when we value all our neighbors—regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression—our communities become stronger, safer for our children and all community members, more joyful, and a better place to live.

*Sumita Bhandari, ED, Discovery Counseling, [www.discoveryctr.net](http://www.discoveryctr.net)*

*The Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley, Senior Pastor, Danville Congregational Church, an open and affirming church of the United Church of Christ. ([danvillechurch.org](http://danvillechurch.org); [ucc.org](http://ucc.org)),*

*Anuradha Gupta, President, PFLAG Danville-San Ramon Valley ([srvpflag.org](http://srvpflag.org))*

*Krista Glaser, Steering Committee Member, SRV Diversity Coalition*

**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**

**Stacey Perez, Administrative Assistant**

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