



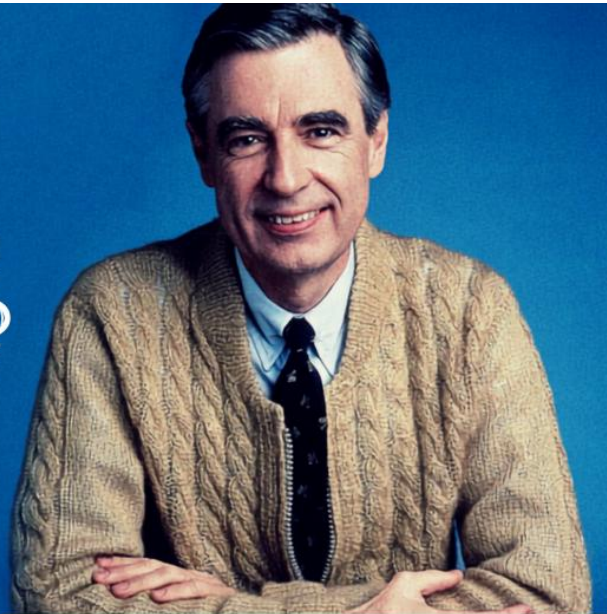
DANVILLE

Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

Won't You Be
My Neighbor?

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 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

PRELUDE

When I Needed A Neighbor

Sydney Carter

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Wilson Jackson

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

One: God calls us to be together as neighbors in faith:

All: to celebrate those who came before us

One: to be in community with those around us

All: and to care for those who will come after us

One: With joy and thanksgiving, let us be good neighbors.

All: With joy and thanksgiving, let us praise the Lord!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Wilson

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

*OPENING SONG

Called As Partners In Christ's Service

See next page.

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

[Ecclesiastes 4:9-12](#)

Wilson

Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other, but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
Let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
Help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor-er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi - sion, words of chal-enge, said with care,



E - qual part - ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
Blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.



Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
John Zundel, 1855
For another key, see 43, 368

One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

MODERN LESSON

Words from Fred Rogers

Chris

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes."

SERMON

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley

ANTHEM

Ebony and Ivory
Stevie Wonder and Paul McCartney

Paul McCartney

*Ebony and ivory live together in perfect harmony
Side by side on my piano keyboard, oh Lord, why don't we?*

*We all know that people are the same wherever you go
There is good and bad in ev'ryone
We learn to live, we learn to give each other
what we need to survive, together alive*

Ebony, ivory – living in perfect harmony...

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

Wilson

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

Love One Another

Luacine Clark Fox

*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

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

See next page.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Todd

POSTLUDE

The Rainbow Connection

Paul Williams &
Kenneth Ascher

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

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

Rom. 12:9–18; Col. 1:24–29

1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

Richard Gillard was born in England and later made his home in New Zealand. Largely self-taught, Gillard has described his musical style as “folk.” This is the best known of his many songs in the United States.

Tune: SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.
Richard Gillard, 1977
Arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham, 1977; adapt.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30am–10:45am Worship (In-person and Zoom)

10:45am–11:15am Time of Fellowship in Koinonia / breakout room

11:15am–12:15pm Commission Meetings

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

TODAY'S EMMAUS TEAM

Today's Emmaus Team is **Team 2.**

Greeters: Anne Elliott and Chris Sonnemann

Ushers: Julie Grenley, Bruce Hixon, Kathie Hixon and Tom Sonnemann

Candlelighter: Julie Grenley

Liturgists: Wilson Jackson and Chris Sonnemann

Flowers: Nan Karns

Fellowship: Sally Baca and Nan Karns

Sound Tech: Steve Bridgeman

Tech Minister: Eileen Ackley

Lock Up Duty: Carol and Matthew Bassett

Godly Play: Pastor Lauren

Next week's Emmaus Team is **Team 3.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Tuesday at 11:30am **Men's Luncheon at Melo's**

There will be a Men's Luncheon on Tuesday, July 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)



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](#).



Meet Our New Deacons – Judy Halden

We have been spotlighting each of our four new deacons. Our final spotlight is on **Judy Halden**.

Judy Halden, her husband Steve, and their two children (ages 10 and 8) joined DCC (then San Ramon Valley Congregational Church, UCC) on 12/12/1982.

Judy grew up in Millbrae on the Peninsula south of San Francisco until she married and moved to Burlingame for two years, then to Sacramento for four years, then to Walnut Creek for two years and then to Danville in 1976.

She worked as a Certified Dental Assistant, has a BA in Psychology and worked in Family Death and Grief Counseling for three years, as a Homeowner Association Property Manager for 12 years, Accounting Manager for a Corporation for 6 years then back to Property Manager for another 15 years.

Since joining DCC Judy has served as the Council Clerk, on the Finance Committee three times, the Dayspring Board, the Pastoral search committee, the Endowment fund committee, Building and Grounds for many years, and Tenant Relations many years.

Judy has served on the Diaconate two previous terms. Those jobs included Attendance and Membership Coordinator and College Student Care Package Coordinator. She looks forward to serving again.



Venezuelan Earthquake Support

On June 24, 2026, two earthquakes of magnitudes 7.2 and 7.5 struck northern Venezuela. Significant damage has been reported across northern Venezuela, including the capital city Caracas and the government of Venezuela has declared a state of emergency. Immediate impacts include loss of shelter, infrastructure, disruption of basic services, and psychosocial distress. Long-term impacts are expected to include prolonged displacement and loss of livelihoods. The Global HOPE team is in working with its partners through ACT Alliance and Global Ministries to accompany those most deeply impacted by this tragedy to provide shelter, mental health and psychosocial support services, food security and nutrition support, and water, sanitation and hygiene support in the immediate future and plans are being developed for long-term accompaniment and recovery support. You can learn more about these efforts and how to donate [here](#).

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.



Summer Backpack and School Supplies Drive

We're in the midst of 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. Thanks to the generous donors who provided backpacks for twelve K-8 students, delivered to Hope Solutions on Thursday, July 9th.

Shelter, Inc. provided us with the names of ten students who were all “adopted” by folks at DCC – providing each student with a new backpack and school supplies. Additional backpacks for any grade level are also needed. 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.

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.

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 Ackley](#) or [Doug Leich](#)

Pictures of the Week



Last Sunday, members attended an Anti-Racism coffee chat, we lifted our prayers for the country during the Time of Prayer, and former member Carol Gerich joined us in Worship.

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





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- ★ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
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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.

Maria Arroyo, Dayspring Preschool Director

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