



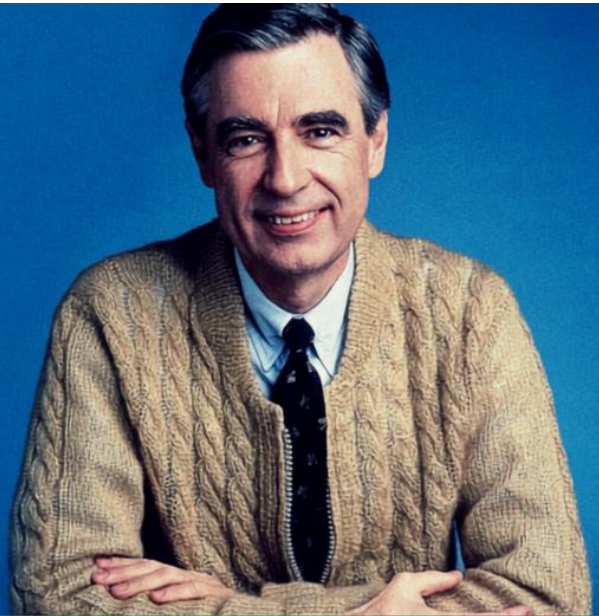
DANVILLE

Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

That Mad
You Feel

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 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

God, We've Known Such Grief and Anger

Trad. Dutch hymn

WELCOME

Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley

Please sign the sheet in the blue pad, pass it to another, and place it in the offering plate.

To offer a special prayer, please fill out a Prayer Card, which will be collected during Prayer Time.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bette Felton

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

One: We bring all we are to worship God:

All: our hopes and our losses,

One: our faith and our questions.

All: our unique gifts and selves.

One: Just as we are, this very day,

All: we bring our praise to God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Bette

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

*OPENING SONG

Come and Find the Quiet Center

See pages 4–5.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Blessing of the Backpacks

Pastor Todd



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

Come and Find the Quiet Center

Descant

Ah _____

1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the
 2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the
 3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen

Ah _____

crowd - ed life we lead, find the room for hope to
 heat and slows the pace, God it is who speaks and
 to each oth - er's pain, let our loves and fears un -

en - ter, find the frame where we are freed: Clear the
 names us, knows our be - ing, touch - es base, mak - ing
 rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain: There's a

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BEACH SPRING

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Ah _____ Ah _____

cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes that we can
 space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the
 place for deep - est dream - ing, there's a time for heart to

_____ Ah _____

see all the things that real - ly
 sun, rais - ing cour - age when we're
 care, in the Spir - it's live - ly

_____ Ah _____

mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
 shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
 schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

If you answer people in a kind way, it stops them being angry. But if you say cruel things, it makes people angry. When wise people speak, they show that knowledge is good. But when fools speak, they only say foolish things.¹ Remember that all of us belong to one another, like parts of the same body. When you are angry, do not do anything bad as a result. Once the day comes to an end, do not continue to be angry. Do not give the Devil a chance to hurt you like that.²

Understand this, my Christian friends: We must all be careful to listen. We should not be too quick to speak. We should not get angry quickly. God wants us to do what is right. But when someone is angry, they do not do those right things.³

¹Proverbs 15:1–2; ²Ephesians 4:25b–27; ³James 1:19–20 Easy English Version

MODERN LESSON

Words from Fred Rogers

Chris

“People have said, “Don’t cry,” to other people for years, and all it has ever meant is, “I’m too uncomfortable when you show your feelings. Don’t cry.” I’d rather have them say, “Go ahead and cry. I’m here to be with you.”

SERMON

That Mad You Feel

Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley

ANTHEM

Teach Your Children
Crosby, Stills & Nash

Graham Nash

*You, who are on the road
Must have a code that you can live by
And so, become yourself
Because the past, is just a goodbye*

*Teach, your children well
Your father's hell, did slowly go by
And feed, them on your dreams
The one they pick's the one you'll know by*

*Don't you ever ask them why
If they told you you would cry
So just look at them and sigh
And know they love you*

*And you of tender years (Can you hear and do you care?)
Can't know the fears (And can you see?)
That your elders grew by (We must be free)*

*And so please help (To teach your children)
Them with your youth (What you believe in)
They seek the truth (Make a world)
Before they can die (That we can live in)*

*Teach, your parents well
Their children's hell, will slowly go by
And feed, them on your dreams
The one they picks, the one you'll know by*

*Don't you ever ask them why
If they told you you would cry
So just look at them and sigh
And know they love you*

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

Bette

Invitation to Giving

For those of you who have already made a gift by check or automated giving, we are grateful. If you would like to make a gift today, please place it in the offering plate or give using our web site or donate using your mobile device, using the QR Code on the back cover.

Offertory

Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor

Dan Damon

*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	<i>Be Now My Vision</i>	See next page.
*BENEDICTION		Pastor Todd
POSTLUDE	<i>Just As I Am</i>	William B. Bradbury

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

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	Journeys in Faith Second Hour–Long-Range Planning

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	9:00am	Men’s Coffee and Donuts
Tuesday	4:00pm–6:00pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday	10:00am	Wednesday Morning Prayer

TODAY'S EMMAUS TEAM

Today’s Emmaus Team is **Team 3**. Next week’s Emmaus Team is **Team 5**.

Greeters: Linda Elsdon, Lily Kovach, Sandra Lepley, and Trish Moosbrugger

Ushers: Miguel Atkins-Whitley, Ron Elsdon, Randy Jang, and Bob Kovach

Candlelighter: Miguel Atkins-Whitley

Liturgists: Bette Felton

Flowers: Janis Jang, Sandra Lepley, and Judy Schreib

Fellowship: Miguel Atkins-Whitley, Randy Jang, Janis Jang, Trish Moosbrugger, and Judy Schreib

Sound Tech: Reuben Shank

Tech Minister: Carol Bassett

Lock Up Duty: Tom Sonnemann

Godly Play: Jen Faught and Anne Seiler

Be Now My Vision

Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.

Unison

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—
ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,
Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
You and you on - ly are first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Tune: SLANE 10.109.10.
Traditional Irish melody
Harm. David Evans, 1927

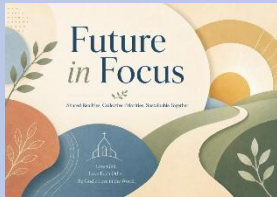
Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. David Evans arranged the Irish melody for this text in 1927.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginning Tuesday, July 21, Pastor Todd will be attending the TFAM Leadership Conference, returning to the office on Tuesday, July 28. Pastor Lauren will be away July 19–22 conducting an OWL training and then leaves for Camp Tam on July 25. Reach out to them directly for any pastoral care needs.

Anne-Marie will be on vacation July 22–28. The church office will be closed July 22–27.



Today after worship

Future in Focus: DCC in a Changing World Faithful Instincts, Future Pressures, & Shared Discernment

Please join us for 75-90 minutes of lively, interactive conversation and reflection in Kairos Hall. We will turn inward and forward: inward at the many faithful instincts already living among us and forward at several possible futures DCC may be called to meet. We'll discover how our differing instincts offer a shared toolkit we need one another for and we will consider what various futures might ask us to carry forward, to adapt, or to learn. Come with your stories, experiences, questions, and hopes — and with your honest instincts. We look forward to listening deeply to one another as we begin, together, to discern our paths ahead.

Sunday, August 2nd at noon **Monthly Lunch Bunch**

Come join the after-church-lunch-bunch on Sunday, August 2nd at noon at Café Esin in Danville. 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 wjrachev@netzero.com to let him know you'll be attending.



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](#).

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.



Pictures of the Week

Last Sunday, Diane Stein, Allison Sands, Leo and Isabella Facini joined us for worship, Lily Kovach and Isabella enjoyed spending time together, Heidi Bridgeman was our candlelighter, Bette Felton shared an announcement about Party with a Purpose, and we started our summer series with Pastor Todd channeling Mr. Rogers.

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.

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