



DANVILLE

Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



by Marc Chagall, 1956

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 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

Medley of Dreams...

WELCOME

Alene Riley

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

Matthew Bassett

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

One: Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

All: We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

One: Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

All: We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

One: Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

All: We long to live lives of holiness and light.

One: God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

All: Come near, people of God! Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Matthew

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

*OPENING SONG

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

See pages 4–5.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Anne Seiler

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

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Seek Ye First

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,
 seek, and you shall find;
 but by ev - ery word

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

SERMON

Dream On

Rev. Karen Lebacqz

ANTHEM

Where Shall Wisdom Be Found

Alan Bullard

*But where shall wisdom be found?
and where is the place of understanding?
Behold, the love of the Lord, that is wisdom;
and to depart from evil is understanding.*

TIME OF PRAYER

Rev. Bob Howell

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

Matthew

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

O Wisdom, Breathed from God

Plainsong melody

*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

Alene

*CLOSING HYMN

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

See pages 8–9.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Karen

POSTLUDE

O God of Wisdom, O God of Truth

François-Hippolyte Barthélémon

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

OUR GUEST PREACHER



Our guest preacher this Sunday is **Rev. Karen Lebacqz**. Rev. Karen is ordained in the United Church of Christ and taught at Pacific School of Religion for more than three decades. Now retired (re-tired—or “just tired all over again!” as she often puts it), she serves as a song and worship leader at Parkside UCC in Sacramento, participates actively in supporting immigrants, and spends most of her time making quilts for Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids (Sacblankets4kids.com).

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Unison, brightly
Refrain

James K. Manley, 1978; alt.

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G D

Last time, end

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 *to Refrain*

bers and rise on your wings."
 ets to o - pen their eyes.
 ple on the rush of the wind.
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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

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

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

Wednesday 10:00am Wednesday Morning Prayer

Saturday 6:00pm–9:00pm Party with a Purpose

TODAY'S EMMAUS TEAM

Today's Emmaus Team is **Team 5.**

Greeter: Joyce Klassen

Ushers: Carol Bassett, Judy Halden, and Michiyo Laing

Liturgist: Matthew Bassett

Flowers: Ginny Ferreira

Fellowship: Carol Bassett, Ginny Ferreira, Judy Halden, and Michiyo Laing

Sound Tech: Brett Clark

Tech Minister: Eileen Ackley

Lock Up Duty: Brett Clark

Godly Play: Jen Faught

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office will be closed Monday, July 27.

Sunday, August 2nd during worship **Back to School Blessing**

The new school year is almost here — with all the anticipation, worry, and excitement that come with it. Join us in worship on Sunday, August 2nd, for our Back to School Blessing, as students, teachers, staff, parents, and our whole church family gather to ask God's blessing over the year ahead.



Sunday, August 2nd at 11:15am in Kairos **Anti-Racism Team Open Meeting**

On Sunday, August 2nd, The Anti-Racism Team will be having a regular planning meeting in person, at church, following the service, at 11:15am. All who are interested in knowing what our team is all about are welcomed to attend--we'll be in Kairos Hall.

We'll be discussing several topics, including what it means to be an "emerging anti-racist church," upcoming activities around Indigenous Peoples Month, and opportunities to help support our next event with Visions of Hope. Come join us!

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 wrijachev@netzero.com to let him know you'll be attending.



Sunday, August 16th from 11:15am–12:45pm **Journeys In Faith Second Hour**

Soul Words

What: A Writing Workshop using personal narrative to explore what gives our lives meaning
Who: Everyone! No prior writing experience is necessary
When: Sunday, August 16th from 11:15am–12:45pm

For more information contact Linda Elsdon (lindaelsdon@gmail.com or 925-768-0617).



Saturday, September 5th from 1:00pm–4:00pm

Visions of Hope Opportunity

Our work with Visions of Hope is coming around again full circle, with the annual "Put the Guns Down" event in Richmond on Saturday, September 5th from 1:00-4:00pm at 4th Street Park. We are seeking support from DCC to help at the event, donate money for bicycles and prizes, and to help purchase food. There's an online sign up form [here](#), or you can sign up after church during coffee hour. Please direct any questions to Carrie Hrousis, Doug Leich or Barb DeBarger.

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](#).



Learning to be brave



Bishop Mariann Budde

Episcopal Diocese of Washington



In conversation with

Adam Russell Taylor

President of Sojourners

August 12th

1pm ET / 10am PT

On Wednesday, August 12 at 10:00am, Sojourners President Rev. Adam Russell Taylor will host a live conversation with Bishop Mariann Budde: *Learning to Be Brave: Speaking Truth to Power in the Public Square*. Drawing from her recent book, [We Can Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith](#), Bishop Budde will reflect on the moments that ask us to choose courage, integrity, and moral clarity. To sign up for this webinar, click [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.

Pictures of the Week



Top: DCC joined New Life Christian Fellowship at Woodminster for a potluck dinner and saw "Carousel" on July 17th. Pictured are: Dee Brook, Karol Mead, Maureen, Carrie & Constantine Hrousis, Bill White, Alene Riley, Paul, Janis & Randy Jang

Bottom (L to R): On Sunday, we blessed the backpacks for Shelter Inc & Hope Solutions. Pastor Todd channeled Mr. Rogers and preached on things we can do when we are mad, such as gardening.

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



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

To buy tickets, scan the QR code
\$50 in advance / \$65 at the door
Free admission for kids under 18
Questions: office@danvillechurch.org

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SOLUTIONS

100% of proceeds benefit families and
individuals experiencing homelessness
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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

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