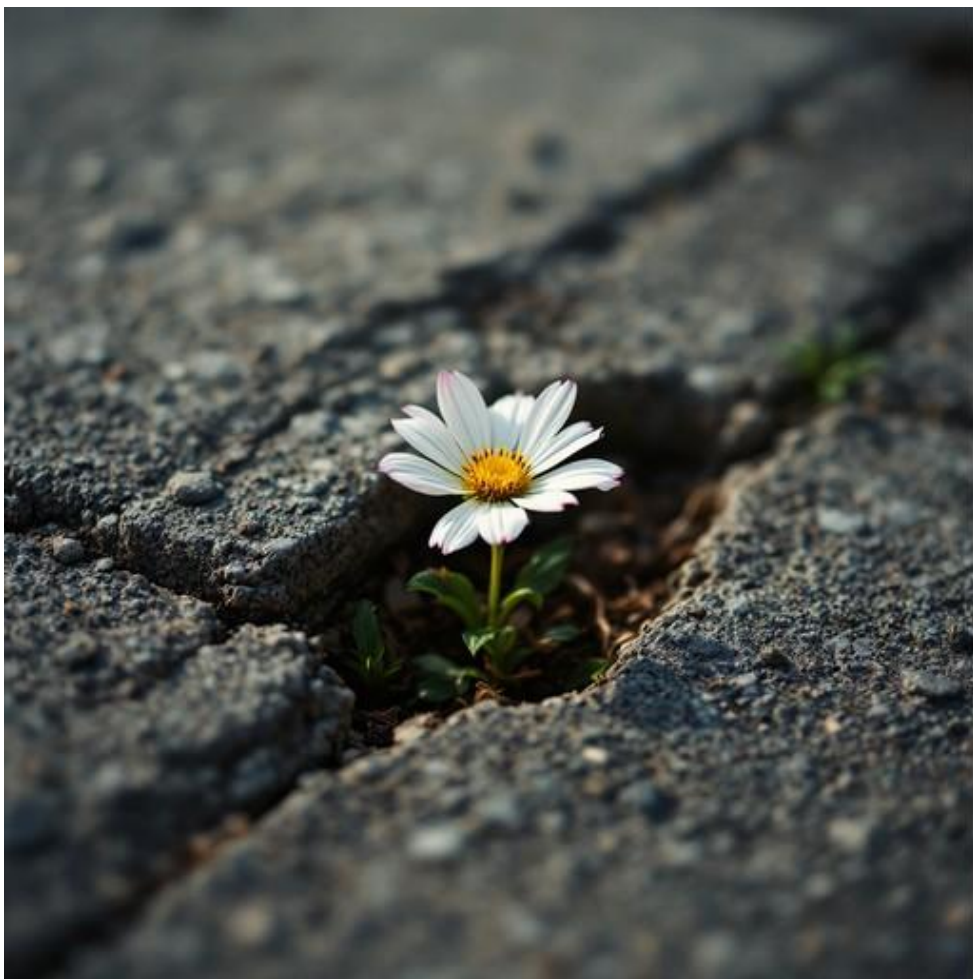


 DANVILLE
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 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

In Egypt under Pharaoh the Israelites were bound

Henry T. Smart

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

Karol Mead

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

One: God calls us out of the shadows and into the wide-open space of grace.

All: We move forward, leaving fear behind.

One: Be of good courage and let God strengthen your heart,
all those who hope in God.

All: We lift our eyes and steady our feet.

One: In the shadow of God's wings, we sing for joy,
encountering strength that overflows.

All: With gladness and brave spirits, let us worship God together!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Karol

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

*OPENING SONG

God of Grace and God of Glory

See next page.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Lauren

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

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8:7.8.7.8.7.7.
 John Hughes, c. 1907

Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught at Union Theological Seminary from 1915 to 1946. This hymn was written for the opening service and dedication of Riverside Church, New York City, which he served for twenty years.

Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. And he said to his people, “Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we; come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel. So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor. And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage—in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve was with rigor.

Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah; and he said, “When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.” But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive. So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?”

And the midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are lively and give birth before the midwives come to them.”

Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and grew very mighty. And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them.

SERMON

The Joy of Living with Courage

Rev. Kim Risedorph

ANTHEM

Courageous Soul

Ann Ruane

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Lauren

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

Karol

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

Will You Come and Follow Me

Scottish 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

Pastor Lauren

*CLOSING HYMN

Go Forth For God

See next page.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Kim

POSTLUDE

*The Joy of the Lord is my strength,
my courage and hope to renew...*

Lanta Wilson Smith

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

TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER



Rev Dr Kim Risedorph is a retired Methodist pastor who now works as an end-of-life doula. She also finds glimpses of the Divine in yoga, reading, biking and walking

Upcoming Pastoral Schedule

As a reminder Pastor Todd is away for the month of August using a combination of vacation time and study leave and Pastor Lauren will be accessing vacation and study leave August 12th–28th.

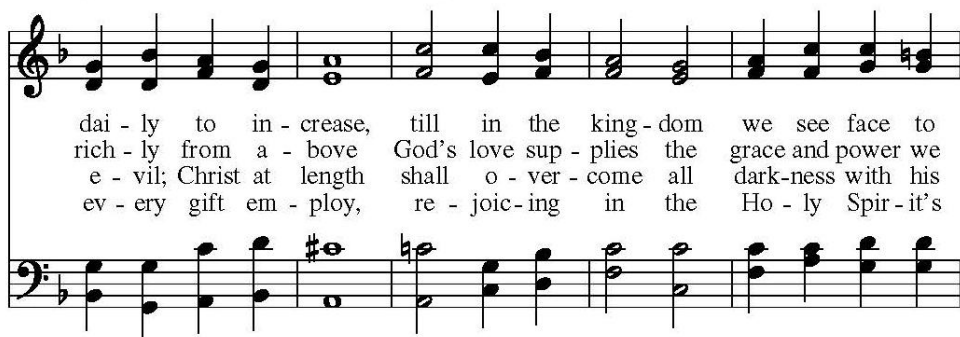
Pastor Todd has arranged for us to be cared for in worship by the Rev. Kim Risedorph (today), DCC member Carrie Hrousis (August 16th), and the Rev. Carol Barriger (August 23rd). Pastor Lauren will preach August 30th. For pastoral needs during this time, please reach out to Pastor Lauren through August 12th and then directly to the church office or the moderators who will connect you with the designated pastoral care provider.



1 Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good
 2 Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strength - en the
 3 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength; hold fast the
 4 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's



cour - age, armed with heaven-ly grace, in God's good Spir - it
 faint, give cour - age to the weak; help the af - flict - ed;
 good, be ur - gent for the right; ren - der to no one
 peo - ple ev - ery day and hour, and serv - ing Christ, our



dai - ly to in - crease, till in the king - dom we see face to
 rich - ly from a - bove God's love sup - plies the grace and power we
 e - vil; Christ at length shall o - ver - come all dark-ness with his
 ev - ery gift em - ploy, re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spir - it's



face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
 seek. Go forth for God, go to the world in love.
 light. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.
 power. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

GENEVA 124
 10.10.10.10.10.

WORDS: J. R. Peasey (1896-1971)
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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	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

TODAY'S EMMAUS TEAM

Today's Emmaus Team is **Team 1**. Next week's Emmaus Team is **Team 2**.

Greeters: Tahir Mahmood and Chris Wang
Ushers: Doug Leich and Tahir Mahmood
Candlelighter: Matthew Bassett
Liturgist: Karol Mead
Flowers: Don Brockman
Fellowship: Nancy Dowell and Sereen Mahmood
Sound Tech: Steve Bridgeman
Tech Minister: Eileen Ackley
Lock Up Duty: Carol and Matthew Bassett
Godly Play: Barb DeBarger and Janis Jang

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday **Join us for Godly Play**

Children are invited to join us in Godly Play this Sunday to wonder about the **Circle of the Church Year**, our colorful circular calendar where every ending is a new beginning. We'll remember together about important days like Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost, the seasons of Advent and Lent where we spend time getting ready, and all of the great green growing Sundays. Come be a part of our circle!



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).

Tuesday, August 11th at 11:30am
Men's Luncheon at Melo's

There will be a Men's Luncheon on Tuesday, August 11th 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)



Sunday, August 30th at 11:45am
New Member Interest Lunch

Curious about joining the DCC family? If so, a time of fellowship for potential new members is planned for Sunday, August 30th at 11:45am. We'll gather at the home of John & Joyce Klassen in San Ramon for lunch and the opportunity to get to know DCC and each other a little better. If you're interested in learning more, please contact Joyce Klassen, Welcome Commissioner at joyce.klassen@comcast.net. Please hold the date of Sunday, September 20th for welcoming new members to our congregation, as part of our worship service.



Wednesday, September 23rd
SF Giants Faith Day Outing

Join your DCC friends along with folx from area UCC churches and help express our expansive faith at the upcoming SF Giants game on **Wednesday, September 23rd** (12:45pm start) and for the 10:00am pre-game discussion on the intersection of faith and sports. Tickets are available for \$14 each and will be available only via the following link through August 24. Reach out to [Trish Moosbrugger](mailto:Trish.Moosbrugger) with any questions. <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Danvillecongregational2>





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.

Pictures of the Week



Above: DCC's Party with a Purpose benefitting Hope Solutions was a rousing success and a good time was had by all!

Below: On Sunday, Carol Gilliland recapped Party with a Purpose; Janis Jang shared her musical gifts at the piano; Pastor Todd wrapped up the Mr. Rogers Summer Series; and Pastor Lauren as well as other DCC members blessed our students before they head back to school.



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

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](#).

Party with a Purpose - Still time to Donate

Last Saturday's Party with a Purpose was a beautiful evening! The preliminary fundraising was **\$16,926.50**. If you did not get to donate, but would like to, you still can. by clicking the donation link [here](#). Thank you for your generosity.



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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