

 DANVILLE
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 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

Just As I Am

William B. Bradbury,
arr. Jennifer Cook

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

Matthew Bassett

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

One: Moses asked God, "Who am I to free your people?"

All: And God said, "You are the one I am sending."

One: Moses asked God, "And who are YOU to deliver the Israelites?"

All: And God said, "I Am Who I Am."

One: We are enough as we are, and God is enough now and forever –
and that is enough.

All: Let us worship the Lord!

adapted from Rev. Katey Schwind's blog: *Stumbling Gracefully*

*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

Spirit I Have Heard You Calling

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.*

Spirit, I Have Heard You Calling

Words and music by Thew Elliot

1. Spir - it, I have heard you call - ing, like a
 2. Now I see you all a - round me, now I
 3. Since you moved u - pon my wa - ters, since you

mem - 'ry long grown dim, cry - ing from cre - a - tion's
 hear you call my name. Now I speak the words you
 spoke and set me free, I have yearned for this com-

mo - ment, seek - ing
give me, now I
mu - nion, for your
voice from deep with - in.
feed cre - a - tion's flame.
fire in - side of
me!

I have
You are
Now your

heard you in my long-ing. I have
 speak - ing through my long-ing. You are
 love de - lites my long-ing. Now your

The musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is presented on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The melody consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some notes beamed together. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of two sharps. It begins with a bass clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The bass line consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are written below the staves, with the words 'The Rose Tree' at the beginning and 'Now I feel you mov-ing' at the end.

heard you in my pain. Now I feel you mov-ing
 speak - ing through my pain. Now I feel you mov-ing
 love shines through my pain. Now I dance in end-less

in me, feel you burn - ing like a flame.
 in me, and I'll nev - er be the same.
 un - ion, sing - ing out cre - a - tion's name!

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

MODERN LESSON

Matthew

Earth's crammed with heaven
And every common bush afire with God;
But only he who sees, takes off his shoes—
The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries,
And daub their natural faces unaware
More and more from the first similitude.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning from *Aurora Leigh*

SERMON

Pastor Lauren

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDcHf_6NcMg

*God is calling to her people, God is calling to us all.
Are we listening? God is still speaking,
God is calling to us all.*

*"I will pour out my Spirit, I will pour out my power
Share my dreaming, shower you with visions,
I will pour out my power."*

Chorus:

*Pour out justice, overflowing! Pour out mercy for this hour!
Pour compassion on your people, let your Spirit flow with power!*

*Love is moving through this body, Love is moving in this place.
Breathing through us, helping us grow stronger
Love is moving through this place. (Chorus)*

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

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

I Hear Thy Welcome Voice

John Purifoy

*Doxology

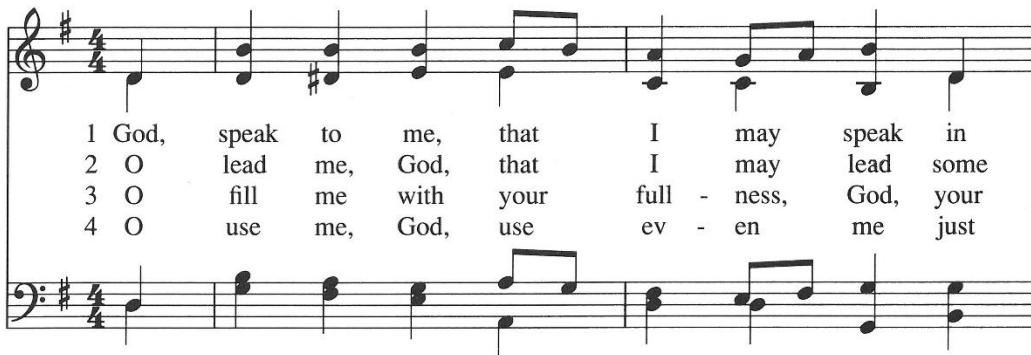
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*Offertory Prayer

*CLOSING HYMN

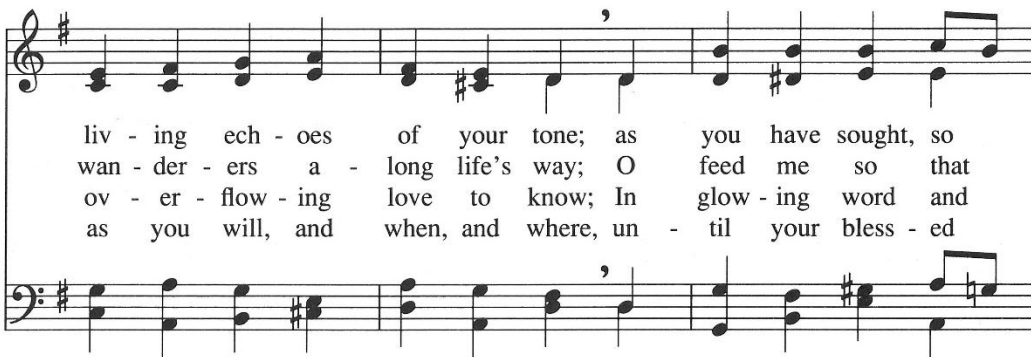
God, Speak To Me That I May Speak

#531



1 God, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2 O lead me, God, that I may lead some
 3 O fill me with your full - ness, God, your
 4 O use me, God, use ev - en me just

Tune: CANONBURY L.M.
 Arr. from Robert Schumann, 1872



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan - der - ers a - long life's way; O feed me so that
 ov - er - flow - ing love to know; In glow - ing word and
 as you will, and when, and where, un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with - out de - lay.
 kin - dling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Daughter of the English hymnwriter William H. Havergal,
 Frances Ridley Havergal was a gifted poet and student of several
 languages, including Hebrew and Greek. She also composed
 several hymn tunes. Canonbury was adapted from one of Robert
 Schumann's piano pieces.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Lauren

POSTLUDE

God Is Still Speaking

Barbara Hamm

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

11:45am New Member Interest Lunch at the Klassens

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

Friday 5:00pm–7:00pm Kids' Night Out Movie Night in Kairos

TODAY'S EMMAUS TEAM

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

Greeters: Joyce Klassen, Kris Lewis

Ushers: Judy Halden, Michiyo Laing

Candlelighters: Sienna Morris and Sophia Morris

Liturgist: Matthew Bassett

Flowers: Carol Bassett

Fellowship: Carol Bassett, Ginny Ferreira, Michiyo Laing, Kim Michaud

Sound Tech: Randy Jang

Tech Minister: John Klassen

Lock Up Duty: Brett Clark

Godly Play: Nan Karns and Kim Michaud

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Labor Day Weekend **Service as Worship Sunday**

Following an abbreviated worship service and Holy Communion together on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, we will devote a portion of our worship time to the care of our shared communal space. Over time, tasks like cleaning windows, organizing storage areas, or working on the playground space get deferred—some of them out of budgetary considerations or for lack of volunteers. We will tackle these projects—as well as those that express care and compassion for others—as an act of

worship that can be engaged by people of all ages and abilities. We will also offer opportunities for folx joining remotely.

Afterward, we will share a picnic lunch together (sandwiches, chips, and tea) in Koinonia ... or folx can join the Lunch Bunch outing.

It is said that “many hands make light work.” And those hands joined in work alongside one another offer an additional form of worship that can honor God in the process while also caring for our God-given resources.

This Sunday **Join us for Godly Play**

Children are invited to join us in Godly Play today as we share the story of The Great Family. We will wonder together about Abraham and Sarah's journey of faith and God's promise to bless them. Could it be that we are all part of this great family? Hope to see you there.



Today 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 today 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, Please hold the date of Sunday, September 20th for welcoming new members to our congregation, as part of our worship service.

New Member Interest Lunch



*Sunday, August 30th
at 11:45am
at the Klassens*



**KIDS' NIGHT OUT
MOVIE Night**

PIZZA!
POPCORN!

KIDS OF ALL
AGES WELCOME!

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH
5:00PM–7:00PM IN KAIROS**

RSVP TO OFFICE@DANVILLECHURCH.ORG
QUESTIONS OR WANT TO VOLUNTEER TO
HELP?

CONTACT KIM MICHAUD
KCMICHAUD@YAHOO.COM



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.



Sunday, September 6th at noon
Monthly Lunch-Bunch gathering. Please join us!

Come join the lunch bunch on Sunday, September 6th. We'll be gathering at noon at Clementine's in San Ramon. 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 wriachev@netzero.com to let him know you'll be attending.

Monday, September 14th at 1:00pm via Zoom
Worship Commission Quarterly Meeting

Worship Commission will have its quarterly meeting on Monday, September 14th at 1:00pm via Zoom. Anyone interested in joining the group can get the zoom link from the church office or from Tahir Mahmood mahmoods200@hotmail.com to attend the meeting.



Wednesday Morning Prayer

Pastor Todd facilitates morning prayer on Wednesdays at 10:00am through Zoom in and in the Sanctuary. We will engage in centering prayer and then pray for those requests we have received. To join, 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



Left (Top, Middle and Bottom):
We said goodbye to the Sanctuary Rainbow Ribbons, but we will continue to keep our Pride.
Right (Top to Bottom): Sandra Lepley served as Liturgist and
Pastor Carol Barriger led Time With Children last Sunday.

*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*

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

www.dayspringpreschool.org



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