



PRELUDE

The Fruit of the Spirit

arr. J.K. Bailey

WELCOME & BREATH PRAYER

Rev. Lauren Jewett

Please sign the sheet in the blue pad, pass it to another.

Place your signed sheet in the offering plate.

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Williams

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

One: We come into this space weary from the noise and rush of the world. Let us quiet our hearts and remember the steady love of our God and the presence of God's Spirit at work among us.

All: We come seeking the steady ground of God's steadfast love. We rest in the truth that God is reliable, enduring, and true through every season.

One: When our days are fragile and our words are sharp, God meets us with a holy calm.

All: Holy One, cultivate your gentleness in our hands and in our speech. Plant your faithfulness deep within our bones so we may trust you more fully.

One: Come, let us worship the God who tends to our souls with tender mercy. Come, let us praise the Spirit who cultivates rich and living fruit in our lives.

All: With quiet trust and gentle spirits, we offer our worship to you today!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Bill

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

*OPENING SONG

Strong, Gentle Children

See insert.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Lauren

*Afterward, children are invited to
meet their teachers in the back of the sanctuary for Godly Play.*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

[Proverbs 3:3-4](#)

Bill

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck;
write them on the tablet of your heart.
Then you will find favor and high regard
in the sight of God and of people.

[Philippians 4:5](#)

Bill

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

MODERN LESSON

Sandra Lepley

Our thoughts are not harmless.
Thoughts manifest as actions, which in turn develop into habits,
and our habits ultimately harden into character.

– Frank Ostaseski

SERMON

*Gentleness and Faithfulness:
Strength Under Control, Loyalty in Hard Times*

Rev. Jess Shine

ANTHEM

People of Peace

Carey Landry

Refrain:

*To be people of faith in times of doubt;
to be people of hope in times of despair;
To be people of peace, people of peace,
O Lord, your instruments of peace.*

*Where we encounter hatred, let us bring your love,
Where hurt has been oppressive, your healing care,
Wherever there are people who are needing to be free,
Make your church an instrument of peace. (Refrain)*

*To heal the broken-hearted, to comfort those who mourn,
To go to those in prison, bring freedom to the bound,
To be a light for all who struggle to be free,
Make your church an instrument of peace. (Refrain)*

*In giving to the hungry, in satisfying thirst,
In welcoming the stranger, in comforting the ill,
In feeding those who hunger for justice and for truth,
Make us all your instruments of peace. (Refrain)*

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

Sandra

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Faithful

Todd Beaney

*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

*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 the website, or scan the QR code using your mobile device.*



WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Lauren



Missed a service or just want to watch it again?

Check out our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/@danvillechurch5074

Chorus:

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea*

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” (Chorus)

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
And you goaded your people with a law and a land;
When they were confounded by their idols and lies,
Then you spoke to your prophets to open their eyes (Chorus)

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
And down in the city you called once again,
When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind (Chorus)

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes
With bold new decisions your people arise (Chorus)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Jess

*People of God, carry the light out with you as you depart in hope and love.
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Today's Guest Preacher



As a Ritualist, Coach, and Community Chaplain, **Rev. Jess Shine** (he/they/elle) facilitates personal development and transformational connections. Anchored in a passion for people and clarifying communication, Jess offers wisdom for seekers and skeptics drawn from 25 years of leadership and accompaniment. Rev Jess offers individual and organizational coaching, hosts a weekly podcast on spirituality and life development called FluidSpirit (available on [Patreon](#) and [Spotify](#)), and is guest faculty at The Chaplaincy Institute (an interfaith seminary and community that launched in Berkeley, CA). Rev. Jess is a descendant of Mexican peoples, as well as Indian and Northwestern European immigrants. Their spirituality is most deeply experienced through relationships, reading, music, wine, travel, theological conversations, sports, and food!

Space for REFLECTION

*Use this page to follow along with the sermon
and take it home to continue and reflect.*

This week, we've combined the fruits of "gentleness" and "faithfulness."
How these fruits complement one another?

How does our own individual and communal sense of gentleness and faithfulness
fit in with God's long-term vision of justice for the world?

What is the relationship between these fruits and our call to enter into solidarity
alongside those who are marginalized or oppressed?

What is the most important thing you heard in worship today?

How will you cultivate faithfulness and gentleness this week?

What's HAPPENING

Queering Fall

Tuesday, September 30 | 2:00pm

In this panel discussion, faith leaders from the Lavender Interfaith Collective will offer a lively and thoughtful overview of LGBTIQ+ perspectives on a variety of Fall holy days across diverse traditions. See Wingspan or the QR code for more information.

College Care Packages

The Diaconate is continuing in the “tried and true” tradition of sending care packages to our college students. Won’t you take the time to write a quick “hi,” make a much-appreciated donation, or both after church? Look for Dottie Howell, Judy Halden, or Mary Kay McClure in Koinonia after the service.

Monthly Lunch Bunch

Sunday, October 4 | noon

We’ll be gathering at Kaia’s in Danville. Note: Please come prepared to pay for your meal with check, cash, Paypal or Venmo. Please RSVP to Wilson Jackson.

Future in Focus Survey

*The DCC Listening Phase Survey is open — takes about 10–15 minutes. No wrong answers, confidential, responses shared only in summary. See Wingspan or the Website for the survey link. **Please respond by end of day Wednesday September 30th.***

Gathering of the Ohlone People

Sunday, October 4 | 10:00am–3:00pm

The Anti Racism Team is supporting a field trip opportunity to visit the annual “Gathering of the Ohlone People” free event, at Coyote Hills Regional Park. We will be organizing two carpools at 9:00am and 11:00am. Please indicate your interest in attending or carpooling on the sign-up form during Coffee Hour. For more information on the event, please visit the East Bay Parks website.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4 | during worship

Bring a picture of your pet to worship or email a photo to office@danvillechurch.org by 9/30 to be included in the slideshow

Celebration of Life for Sandy Leich

Saturday, October 10 | 2:00pm

Please join in celebrating the life of long-time DCC member, Sandra Leich. The service will be held in the Sanctuary followed by a reception in Kairos Hall..

Men’s Coffee and Donuts

Tuesdays | 9:00am

Join the men’s group for coffee and discussion Tuesdays at 9:00am in Koinonia Hall.

Morning Prayer

Wednesdays | 10:00am

Pastor Todd facilitates morning prayer on Wednesdays at 10:00am via Zoom and in the Sanctuary. Contact the office or see Wingspan for the link.

Save the DATES

2nd Hour with Rev. Molly Baskette

Sunday, October 4 | 11:15am

Long-Range Planning Task Force

Sunday, October 18 | after worship

Quarterly Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 25 | after worship



Use the QR code above to access all the information about these activities.

Preaching SCHEDULE

Next Sunday Rev. Molly Baskette
October 11 Pastor Todd
October 18 Pastor Lauren
October 25 Pastor Todd

Note to Worshippers

Please take note of the emergency exits around you and locate the nearest one to 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. Worship time is generally 70 minutes—75 on Communion Sundays, the first Sunday of each month.

First-Time Guests

Welcome to Danville Congregational Church! *We are glad you have joined us today.* We’d love to share with you what is happening at DCC. If you’re willing, provide your contact information on the Guest Info cards available in the Narthex or on one of the sheets in the blue pew pads passed around early in the service. Our Welcome Commissioner, Joyce Klassen, and our pastors are glad to connect with you and share more about DCC. [Feel free to ask any of our members as well!] We look forward to connecting with you!

Land Acknowledgement

DCC 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.

Open and Affirming Congregation

DCC is an Open and Affirming church, welcoming **all** of God’s people—of diverse race, age, gender, sexual orientation, family status, economic condition, and physical, mental, and emotional ability.

Emerging Anti-Racist Church

Since 2020, DCC has been on a journey of healing and solidarity as we strive, as an expression of our faith, to undo systems of white supremacy within the Christian church and in the wider culture. We realize this work will never be finished but strive to become *Anti-Racist* as a community, in our worship, and our ministry together.

Families with Children

Godly Play (for children ages preschool through 5th grade) is offered immediately following Time With Children. All children are invited to participate in Godly Play. Our nursery is available for those who wish to access it.

Prayer Requests

The DCC Prayer Team prays daily for those in need of prayers. To submit a prayer request for yourself or someone else, contact a pastor or send an email to prayers@danvillechurch.org. Requests are kept confidential unless specified otherwise.

Pastoral Availability

Pastor Todd keeps regular office hours remotely on Monday and in the office Tuesday through Thursday. To meet with Pastor Todd, reach out to him directly via phone or text (510.710.1280) or at todd@danvillechurch.org. **Pastor Lauren** keeps regular office hours Tuesdays and Wednesdays and remotely on Thursdays. You can reach Pastor Lauren by phone or text (510.684.9183) or at lauren@danvillechurch.org.

Ministers

The Entire Congregation

Church Staff

Senior Pastor The Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley
Minister of Youth &
Community Engagement The Rev. Lauren Jewett
Music Director John Kendall Bailey
Office & Communications
Manager Anne-Marie Vanniasinkam

Church Leadership

Co-Moderators Alene Riley & Heidi Bridgeman
Vice Moderator Dianne Dorn
Financial Secretary..... Doug Leich
Acting Treasurer Steve Bridgeman
Clerk Eileen Ackley
Building and Grounds Tom Sonnemann
Children and Youth..... Pastor Lauren
Community Life..... Kyra Kennedy
Dayspring Preschool Nancy Halseth
Journeys in Faith Carrie Hrousis
Outreach Doug Leich
Stewardship..... Barb DeBarger
Welcome and Media..... Joyce Klassen
Worship Tahir Mahmood

Dayspring Preschool Staff

Director Maria Arroyo
Administrative Assistant..... Stacey Perez

Upcoming Gatherings

9/27
SUNDAY

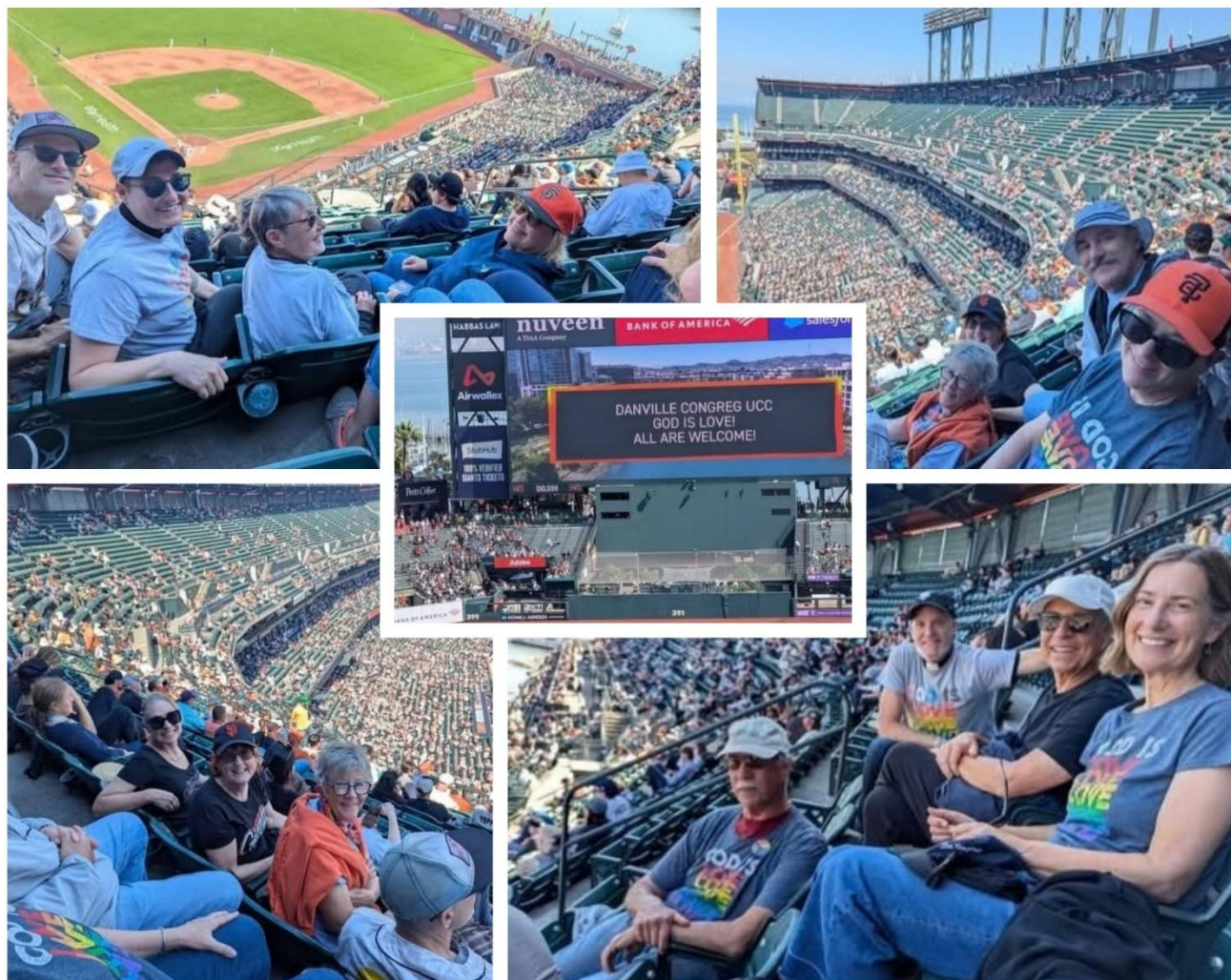
8:30AM Choir Rehearsal
9:30AM Worship In-person and Online
10:45AM Fellowship (Koinonia Hall)
11:15AM Council Meeting

9/29
TUESDAY

9:00AM Men's Coffee and Donuts (Koinonia Hall)

9/30
WEDNESDAY

10:00AM Morning Prayer (Sanctuary or Zoom)
7:00PM Choir Rehearsal



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