26th Sunday after Pentecost | November 22, 2026



PRELUDE *The Fruit of the Spirit* arr. J.K. Bailey

WELCOME & BREATH PRAYER Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley

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 Karol Mead

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

One: We began with a seedling, a little soil,
and the hope that something might grow.

All: And look what has grown among us!

One: Through seasons of joy and sorrow, patience and uncertainty,
we have tended this orchard together.

**All: We have received nourishment, offered care,
and made room for one another.**

One: Not every branch bears the same fruit.
Not every tree grows at the same pace.

All: Yet each has a place in the orchard of God's love.

One: Today we gather in gratitude—
not because everything has been easy
or everything is complete,
but because life continues to flourish among us.

**All: With grateful hearts and open hands,
let us worship the God who calls us into
beloved community!**

*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 HYMN *Come, O Thankful People, Come* #422

1. Come, O thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in as the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the blessings of the field, all the stores the gardens yield,
all the fruits in full supply ripened 'neath the summer sky,
All that spring with bounteous hand scatters o'er the smiling land,
all that liberal autumn pours from its rich o'erflowing stores.
3. These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all blessings flow;
and for these our songs we raise, grateful vows and solemn praise.
Come, then, thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Pastor Todd

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 3:15–17 Sydney Bertelsen
Easy English Bible

Christ has given you peace in your minds. So let that peace rule your thoughts.

God has chosen you to be like one body, as their people. So God wants you to live together in peace. Thank God for everything that they give to you.

Let Christ's message always be in your thoughts, with all the good things that it brings. Use that message to teach and to warn each other. Be very wise as you do that. And also sing all kinds of spiritual songs to praise God.

Sing psalms and Christian songs. As you sing, thank God from inside yourselves. Show that you belong to Jesus with everything that you do and with everything that you say. Always thank God in the way that you serve Jesus.

MODERN LESSON *Gate A4* by Naomi Shihab Nye Sydney
https://poets.org/poem/gate-4

SERMON *A Harvest of Belonging* Pastor Todd

ANTHEM *Thanksgiving Song* Mary Chapin Carpenter

Grateful for each hand we hold, gathered 'round this table
From far and near we travel home, blessed that we are able

Grateful for this sheltered place with light in every window
Saying, "Welcome, welcome, share this feast; come in away from sorrow"

Father, mother, daughter, son; neighbor, friend and friendless
All together everyone in the gift of loving kindness

Grateful for what's understood and all that is forgiven
We try so hard to be good to lead a life worth living

Father, mother, daughter, son; neighbor, friend and friendless
All together everyone, let grateful days be endless

Grateful for each hand we hold, gathered 'round this table

TIME OF PRAYER Pastor Todd

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

All: Hear our prayer

Trans Day of Remembrance

Pastoral Prayer

All: Thank you.

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.

MISSION MOMENT AND TIME OF GIVING Doug Leich

Invitation to Give

Offertory *Meditation: Giving Thanks* Tim Neumark

*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.

Missed a service or just want to watch it again?
Email the office for the YouTube link.

WORK OF THE PEOPLE Pastor Todd

*CLOSING HYMN *Thank You, God* Gary L. Mabry (1974)
Lyrics adapted, new verse by Pastor Todd

Thank you God for loving me and thank you God for blessing me
Thank you God for making me whole and blessing my soul…

Chorus:
Thank you God for loving me; Thank you God for blessing my soul.
Thank you God for loving me; Thank you God for blessing my soul.

Let us all with one accord sing praises to Christ the Lord
Let us all unite in song to praise God all day long.
(Chorus)

May the love we share today shape all the things we do and say
May our lives bring hope and peace, and let compassion grow.
(Chorus)

Thank you God for loving me and thank you God for blessing me
Thank you God for making me whole and blessing my soul…
(Chorus)

*BENEDICTION Pastor Todd

People of God, carry the light out with you as you depart in hope and love.
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*Rise in body, mind, or spirit.

Space for REFLECTION

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

Looking back over these twelve weeks, where have you noticed something growing—in yourself, in another person, or in our community?

Who has helped cultivate the conditions in which you have been able to flourish?

What has surprised you about where love, joy, patience, or hope have appeared—even in difficult circumstances?

What might we need to release, tend, or make room for so that more people can find belonging and flourish among us?

As we look toward what is still becoming, what are you most grateful for—and what do you hope we will continue to cultivate together?

What's HAPPENING

Greening of the Church

Today | after worship

All are invited to stay after the service today to help with the Greening of the Church.

Men's Coffee and Donuts

Tuesdays | 9:00am

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

Thanksgiving Offering

Sunday, November 22

The Outreach Commission has designated our Thanksgiving offering to be shared equally between Shelter, Inc and Monument Crisis Centers. ***We will receive this offering during worship today****, but your offering will be welcome at any time. Please write "Thanksgiving Offering" on your check made out to DCC and place it in the offering basket. To make your offering online, use the QR code and select Thanksgiving offering.*

Monthly Lunch Bunch

Sunday, December 6 | noon

Come join the lunch bunch at noon at the Peasant and the Pear in Danville, Please RSVP to Wilson Jackson at 925-819-0222, or email him at wrjachev@netzero.com.

Spirit of Giving Hope Solutions

The ***Spirit of Giving*** *is Hope Solutions' annual holiday gift program that brings joy and holiday cheer to families and individuals in our community who may not otherwise have the resources to celebrate the season with gifts.* ***Gifts will be due by December 6th*** *and our Outreach Team will provide more information during worship*

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.*

Visions of Hope Peace Party

Saturday, December 19 | 3:00pm

Visions of Hope is sponsoring a holiday event called "Holiday Peace Party," at the Multicultural Center in Richmond. This event is a fun holiday party for the children in the Crescent Park neighborhood in Richmond. All of DCC is invited to attend!

Advent Flowers

The Worship Commission extends the opportunity for you to honor or commemorate the memory of someone by donating Advent flowers to fill our sanctuary. In addition, the Endowment Committee invites you to remember a loved by making a donation using the form in the Narthex or on Wingspan.

Save the DATES

Luncheon and Cookie Exchange:

December 13 | after worship



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

Preaching SCHEDULE

Next Sunday..... Pastor Todd
December 6 ..... Pastor Todd
December 13 ..... Pastor Lauren

**Rise in body, mind, or spirit.*

Note to Worshippers

Please take note of the emergency exits around you and locate the nearest one to you. Be aware of others' personal space and space yourselves out in the sanctuary accordingly. Remember to 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. We ask that your silence your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary. If you would like to use one of our listening-assistance devices, 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

11/22 SUNDAY

8:30AM Choir Rehearsal
9:30AM Worship In-person and Online
10:45AM Fellowship (Koinonia Hall)
11:00AM Greening of the Church
11:45AM Council Meeting

11/24 TUESDAY

9:00AM Men's Coffee and Donuts



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