



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

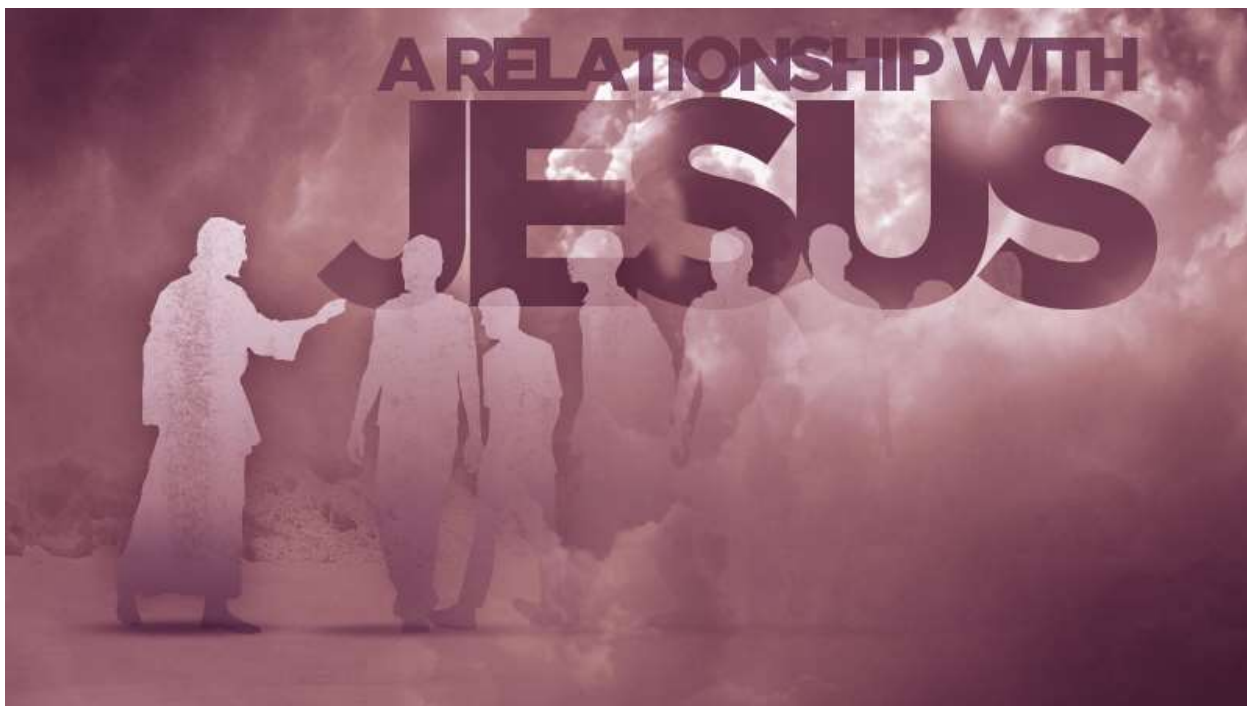
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NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 1, 2017

10:00 a.m.



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Children are always welcome at our worship services.

A drop-off Nursery is available to children age 2 and younger,
in the Nursery School wing starting at 9:45 a.m.

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gary M. Morello, Associate Minister

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN**

“AMAZING GRACE”



1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

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AMAZING GRACE (cont'd)

Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

Tell her that her sins I cov - er, And her war - fare now is o - ver.
Let the val - leys rise to meet him And the hills bow down to greet him.
And all flesh shall see the to - ken That his word is nev - er bro - ken. A - men.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beloved people of God, come to claim your identity.
Inheritors of glory, gather to worship our Creator.

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!
How generously you have blessed us, O God!

The beauty of heaven and earth is God's gift.
The awesome mystery of new life is entrusted to us.

We are committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.
We have witnessed this good news transform the lives of so many.

Trust in God and experience the gift of transformation.
Pray, and then watch God's truth move mountains within your soul.

How awesome are the promises of God!
How glorious is God's love!

***OPENING PRAYER**

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***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the be-
gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men. A - men

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

NUMBERS 6:22-27

Kristin Desautelle, Deacon

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:
Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites:
You shall say to them,
The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

***HYMN**

“AT THE NAME OF JESUS”

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AT THE NAME OF JESUS (*omit verse 2*)

In unison

1 At the name of Je - sus Ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion Sprang at once to sight
 3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, To re - ceive a name
 4 Bore it up tri - umph - ant, With its hu - man light,
 5 In your hearts en - throne him; There let him sub - due

Ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 All the an - gel fa - ces, All the hosts of light,
 From the lips of sin - ners, Un - to whom he came.
 Through all ranks of crea - tures, To the cen - tral height,
 All that is not ho - ly, All that is not true.

'Tis the Fa - ther's pleas - ure We should call him Lord,
 Thrones and dom - i - na - tions, Stars up - on their way,
 Faith - ful - ly he bore it, Spot - less to the last,
 To the throne of God - head, To the Fa - ther's breast;
 Crown him as your cap - tain In temp - ta - tion's hour;

Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.
 All the heav - en - ly or - ders, In their great ar - ray.
 Brought it back vic - to - rious, When from death he passed;
 Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.
 Let his will en - fold you In its light and power. A - men.

EPISTLE LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Mr. Morello

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

SERMON

“THIS YEAR’S GREATEST INVESTMENT”

Mr. Morello

OFFERTORY

“AVE MARIA”
“Hail Mary, Full of Grace...”
Daniel Hague

Franz Schubert

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low; Praise
God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*unison*)

In the name of Jesus, who emptied himself for us, we pour out our gratitude in these symbols of commitment. In joyful obedience, we give as we have been blessed. We want to participate with our Creator in reaching out to sisters and brothers who have not expected God's care. We offer our lives in humble gratitude to you, amazing, majestic God. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

CALL TO PRAYER

(Leader)	The Lord be with you.
(Congregation)	And also with you.
(Leader)	Lift up your hearts.
(Congregation)	We lift them up to the Lord.
(Leader)	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
(Congregation)	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

***SANCTUS**

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”
*Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord!*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

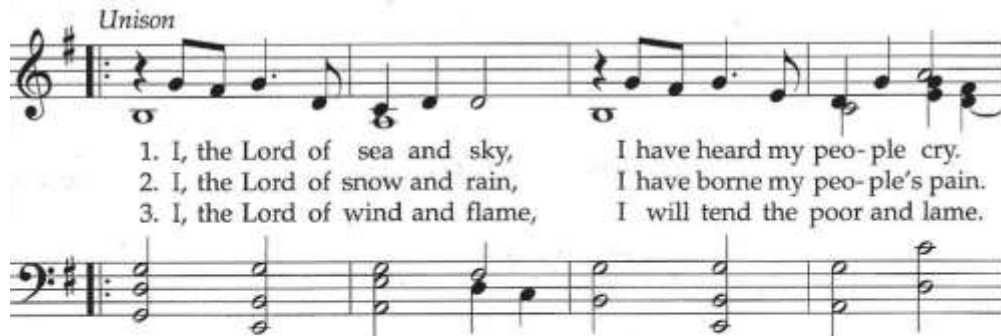
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SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

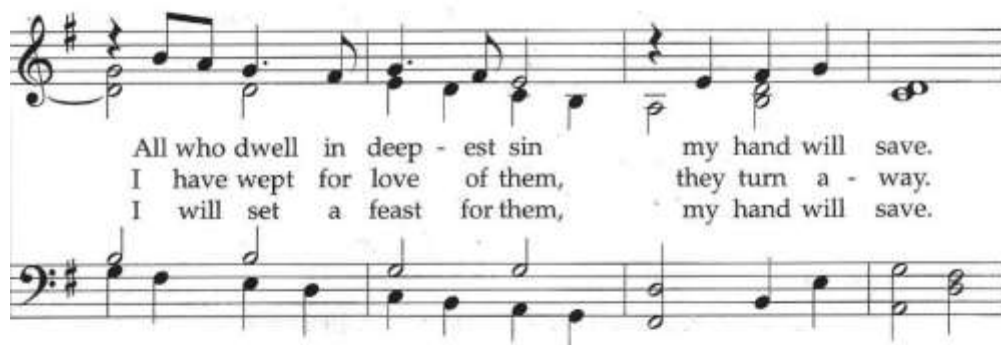
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*unison*)

Almighty God, we praise you, and extol you, for you have satisfied us with the food and drink of eternal life. Having been reclaimed in the sacrifice of your Son, we offer ourselves, our bodies and souls, as a holy and precious offering. May our lives be lived for the glory of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

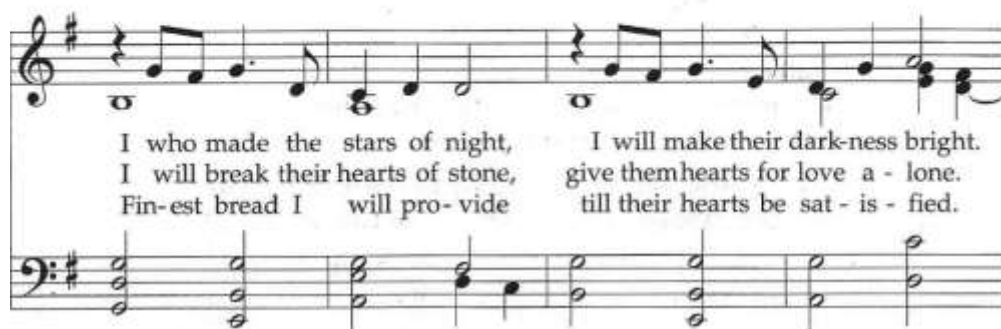
Unison




1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them, they turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.



I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Harmony

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the

night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

hold your peo-ple in my heart. heart. heart, in my heart. heart,in my heart.

***BENEDICTION**

Mr. Morello

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S USHERS are Kristin Desautelle and Phil Meyer.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMPANION HYMNALS - DON'T MISS OUT!!!

The new blue companion hymnals have arrived!! For \$25 each, why not have one or two in your favorite pew with your name or a loved one's name personalized inside?? These new hymnals will complement the Pilgrim Hymnals. Only a limited number are in stock, so do not delay! Stop by and take a look at our display table during coffee hour!!

Questions, please contact kristindesautelle@gmail.com. Thank you!

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

The First Congregational Church Nursery School is offering tours weekdays at 10:00am beginning November 28th for the school year 2017-2018. Please call 203 655-3150 to schedule a tour. There will also be an Open House on January 8th, 2:00 - 3:30. Church members receive priority placement.

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you made a pledge for 2017, your Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up and can be found on the table, outside the church office. If you do not see envelopes with your name, and would like offering envelopes, please contact Karen Hansen at KHansen@uccdarien.org.

In Memoriam

*Please keep Steve, Nancy and the entire Hamson family in your thoughts and prayers,
as they mourn the loss of Steve's mother, Denise Hamson,
who passed away after a long illness.*

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*Also, please keep Gary, Meg~ and the Holmes family in your thoughts and prayers,
as they mourn the loss of Gary's father, Quentin Holmes (North Falmouth Mass.)*



Youth Ignite Group!!

Join Us for

Our Second "Darien United" Event!!

First Cong. Church of Darien, St. Luke's & Noroton Presbyterian

A Winter Luau!!!

Sunday, January 29 - 6 to 8 p.m.
at the Darien YMCA



CHURCH CALENDAR

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

Board of Christian Outreach, 7:30 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room
Senior Choir, 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

Worship Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Every member of the congregation.

Clergy and Staff:

The Rev. Dale Rosenberger, *Senior Minister (emergency pager)* 1-(203) 368-7789

Gary M. Morello, *Associate Minister*

The Rev. Ronald T. Evans, *Pastor Emeritus*

Mary Jo Colman, *Church School Director*

Daniel Hague, *Music Director* Maxim Pakhomov, *Organist*

Teri Manning, *Nursery School Director* Karen Hansen, *Treasurer*

Pamela Toason, *Church Administrator (M, T)* Dennis Hanlon, *Church Administrator (W, Th, Fri)*

Carlos Maya, *Weekday Sexton* Ruth Salazar, *Sunday Sexton*

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