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*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**

Maxim Pakhomov

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dale Rosenberger, Senior Minister

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*HYMN**

**“WE, YOUR PEOPLE, GOD, CONFESSING”** (*omit v. 3*)



1. We, your peo-ple, God, con-fess-ing Je-sus Christ your Son as Lord,
2. We, your peo-ple, God, re-joic-ing in your vast cre - a - tive power,
3. We, your peo-ple, God, com-mun-ing through the Ho-ly Spir - it, here,
4. We, your peo-ple, God, re - ceiv-ing gifts of min-is - try out-poured



gath - er here in com-mon wor-ship prais-ing your In - car-nate Word.  
bind our-selves, each with the oth-er, cov - e - nant in love this hour.  
joined to - geth - er as dis - ci-ples, in o - be-dience now draw near.  
in the light of ho-ly scrip-ture are set free, re - freshed, re - stored.



(continued)

WE, YOUR PEOPLE, GOD, CONFESSING (*continued*) (*omit v. 3*)



Through the power of Christ with-in us we are strength-ened to pro-claim  
Through bap-tis-mal rite we en-ter, ris-ing, new-ly born to be  
At the ta-ble where the em-blems of Christ's sac-ri-fice are spread,  
In the bonds of faith we serve you, God of all, whom we a-dore.



gos-pel truth in wit-ness, ser-vice of-fered in Christ's ho-ly name.  
u-ni-fied with your whole peo-ple here in per-fect lib-er-ty.  
here we cel-e-brate his pres-ence with the cup and bro-ken bread.  
Yours the bless-ing, yours the glo-ry, one God, reign-ing ev-er-more!



**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

As we gather from many scattered places of life,  
God's voice calls us, the very God who names us.

**We all yearn to be truly known for who we are;  
not for what others think we are supposed to be.**

Reach out to claim all the gifts God has given you,  
unlike any other. We are gifted, singly and together.

**Once we are affirmed as belonging to God,  
the Spirit inspires and empowers us to live.**

(All uniting)

**God uniquely and distinctively gifts each of us;  
but no one of us is greater than the community.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Mr. Morello

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

ACTS 8:14-17

Marianne Lauer, Deacon (8:30)  
, Deacon (10:00)

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**\*HYMN**

“I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY”

1. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be  
3. When you heard the won - der of the word I was  
5. In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too  
7. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you  
there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the  
old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you  
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

(continued)

I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY (*continued*)



were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.  
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.  
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.  
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.



2. I was there when you were but a child, with a  
 4. If you find some-one to share your time and you  
 6. When the eve - ning gen - tly clos - es in and you



faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you  
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your  
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have



wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.  
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.  
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.





**GOSPEL LESSON**

LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

Rev. Rosenberger

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

**SERMON**

"REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM AND BE GRATEFUL"

Rev. Rosenberger

**OFFERTORY**

"THE SHEPHERD'S FARWELL"

Hector Berlioz

*(10:00 only)*

Senior Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY** *(10:00 only)*

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** *(10:00 only)**(unison)*

**We pray, O God, that our gifts would invite your delight. We bring them for all seeking to grasp themselves in light of how you see us rather than how others perceive us. May the weary find hope, the broken find healing, and the captives enjoy new freedom as we become who you made us to be. Let no idol stand between us and you, we pray. Amen.**

# RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

(see insert)

GREETING

BLESSING OF THE WATER

\*REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

\*BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE WATER

SERVICE OF WATER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

LORD'S PRAYER ("debts....debtors")

\*HYMN

"WADE IN THE WATER"

Wade in the wa - ter, (chil - dren,) wade in the  
wa - ter, chil - dren, wade in the wa - ter,  
God's a - going to trou - ble the wa - ter. O wa - ter.

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WADE IN THE WATER (continued)

1. See that host all dressed in white,  
 2. See that band all dressed in red,  
 3. Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?  
 4. If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

(Hum)

God's a-going to trou-ble the wa-ter; the lead - er looks like the  
 God's a-going to trou-ble the wa-ter; looks like the band that  
 God's a-going to trou-ble the wa-ter; the Ho - ly Ghost a -  
 God's a-going to trou-ble the wa-ter; just fol - low me down to

(Hum)

Is - ra - el - ite, God's a - going to trou - ble the wa - ter.  
 Mo - ses led, God's a - going to trou - ble the wa - ter.  
 com - ing on me, God's a - going to trou - ble the wa - ter.  
 Jor - dan's stream, God's a - going to trou - ble the wa - ter.

D.C.

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Rosenberger

POSTLUDE

Mr. Pakhomov



TODAY'S USHERS are Mary Ann Freeman, Marianne Lauer (8:30 a.m.) and Anne MacInnes.

## **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 loves ones 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](mailto: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](mailto:KHansen@uccdarien.org).

### **FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR, DANIEL HAGUE**

Sunday, January 15 is a **Show Up And Sing Sunday**.

Meet in Chapel at 9 a.m., learn the anthem of the day and sing at the 10 am Service.

See you then.

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS, 5:00 P.M.**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9**

Board of Christian Education, 7:30 p.m. in the Office Wing Mtg. Room

Board of Deacons, 7:45 p.m. in the Circle Room

Board of Stewards, 7:45 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11**

Night Owls, 6:00 p.m. in the Church Kitchen

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12**

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room

Senior Choir, 8:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

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



Youth Ignite Group!!

Join Us for

Our Second "Darrien 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



## **WELCOME TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

We are an accepting community where faith in Christ makes a difference. We welcome you to worship with us wherever you are on your journey. As a spiritual home, our hallmarks are education, fellowship and pastoral care. Children have a special place in our church family, and are embraced with love, guidance and opportunities for spiritual growth. We are a church of conscience, unafraid of the issues of today and serving as a reconciling force among different faiths.

Sunday services are at 8:30 am and 10:00 am

Visit us at [www.uccdarien.org](http://www.uccdarien.org).



**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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