



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

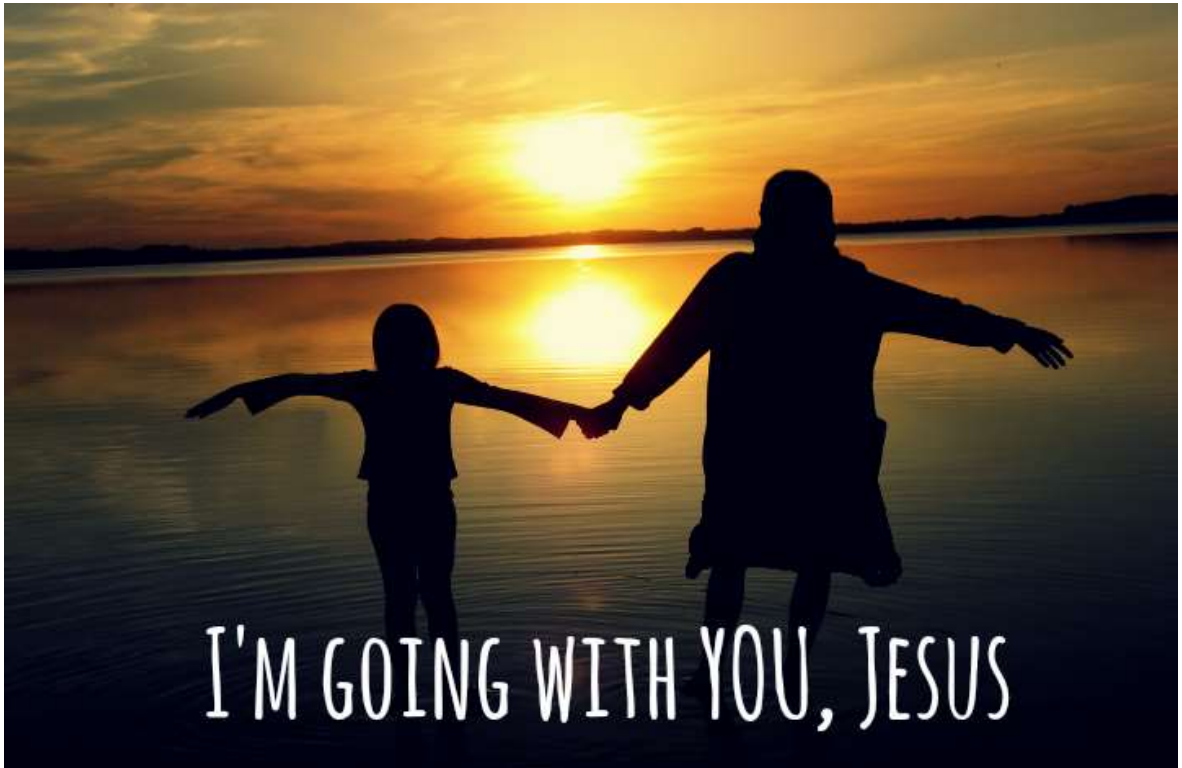
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January 15, 2017

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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

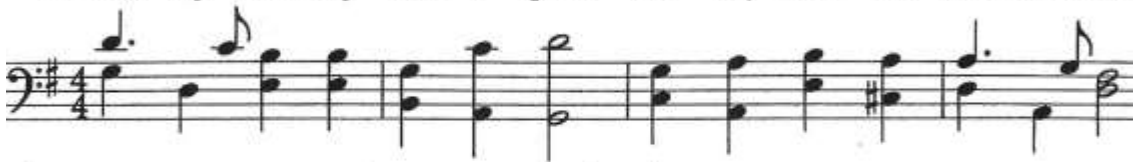
PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN

“TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE”



1 Take my life, and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee
2 Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love
3 Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no long - er mine
4 Take my love: my Lord I pour At thy feet its treas - ure store



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for thee. A - men



***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Dale Rosenberger, Senior Minister

Have you understood God's thoughts toward us?
Have you listened to glad news of deliverance?

**We are here to receive God's message.
Our hearts are open to the word we will hear.**

Listen, all who are near and all who are far away;
God is calling us as servants and as saints.

**Usually we do not think of ourselves in that way.
We resist lowly roles, but we do not aspire to sainthood.**

Do not be afraid to serve God with your whole being.
Neither fear the call to join the saints of Jesus Christ.

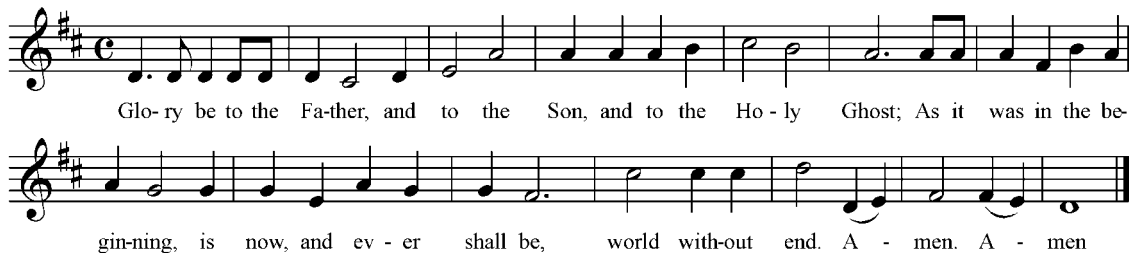
**We trust that God will strengthen us for our tasks.
We are ready to be led into new responsibilities.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

***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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & DISMISSAL (10:00 only)

Rev. Rosenberger

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 49:1-7

Phil Meyer, Deacon (8:30)
Dave Miller, Deacon (10:00)

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
But I said, 'I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,
and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—
he says,

'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
'Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'



1. Lord, you have come to the sea shore,
2. Lord, see my goods, my pos - ses - si - ons;
3. Lord, take my hands and di - rect them.
4. Lord, as I drift on the wa - ters,



1. nei - ther search - ing for the rich nor the wise,
2. in my boat you find no pow - er, no wealth
3. Help me spend my - self in seek - ing the lost,
4. be the rest - ing place of my rest - less heart,



1. de - sir - ing on - ly that I should fol - low.
2. Will you ac - cept, then, my nets and la - bor?
3. re - turn - ing love for the love you gave me.
4. my life's com - pan - ion, my friend and ref - uge.



O, Lord, with your eyes set up - on me,



gent - ly smil - ing, you have spo - ken my name;



all I longed for I have found by the wa - ter,



at your side, I will seek oth - er shores.

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 1:35-42

Mr. Morello

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

SERMON

"WHEN THE JOURNEY BEGINS"

Mr. Morello

OFFERTORY

"SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER"

Walford/Bradbury

(10:00 only)

The Show Up and Sing 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** *(unison) (10:00 only)*

God of the saints in every age and time, we are grateful for the privilege of being numbered among them as we invest our gifts from you. Because of your generosity, we have not lacked for anything we really need. Grant now that our words and deeds may follow our offering into loving service in your world. Amen.

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 when my life is al - most gone,
 and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

*BENEDICTION

Mr. Morello

POSTLUDE

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TODAY'S USHERS are Lou Converse, Phil Meyer (8:30), Dave Miller and Mandy Teare.

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!

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.

DAY WINGS

Day Wings will meet on Thursday, January 26th in the Circle Room at 12:30.

Marny Smith is going to share some of her long-time experience and knowledge in land preservation in our area.



Aloha

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



The First Congregational Church of Darien Presents:



Join us for our Sunday afternoon Worship Service,
on **Sunday, January 22 at 4:30 p.m.**

Key elements of the service include:

A casual and more contemporary worship service, lasting about 45 minutes. Designed for people of all ages, from teens and young adults, to families with young children and empty-nesters. Led by our Associate Minister Gary M. Morello, with a short message and a combination of contemporary music, familiar hymns, upbeat choruses and prayerful songs.

A CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHUCH OF DARIEN

You are hereby called to the First Congregational Church of Darien, United Church of Christ, 14 Brookside Road, for the first portion of the Annual Meeting of the church scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2017 immediately following our 10 o'clock service of worship.

The purpose of this meeting of the congregation is to:

- * receive the 2016 financial reports.
- * receive the recommendations of Church Council for the 2017 budget.
- * address any other business or concern relating to the life of our congregation, that may properly be brought before the assembled congregation.

CHURCH CALENDAR

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Church Offices Closed in observance of the MLK Jr. Holiday

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

Music Committee, 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room
Care, Connect, Communicate, 6:30 p.m. in the Morehouse Room
Church Council 8:00 p.m. in the Circle Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

(services led by Rev. Kent Saladi – UCC CT. Conference Minister)

Worship Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class, 11:15 a.m.
“Come As You Are” Worship, 4:30 p.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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