



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

January 18, 2015

8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

***“We have flown the air like birds
and swum the sea like fishes, but
have yet to learn the simple act of
walking the earth like brothers....”***

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Children are always welcome at our worship services.
A drop-off Nursery is available to children age 2 and younger,
at the new Two's classroom starting [at 9:45 a.m.](#)

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

PRELUDE

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dale B. Rosenberger

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN #426**

“THE VOICE OF GOD IS CALLING”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(responsively)

God has made us one body with many members
to be ministers of reconciliation. This is our calling.

**God calls us to share our diverse gifts
empowered by God's unifying Spirit.**

God longs for us to be united in love
and to manifest the Spirit in many ways.

**We offer praise and worship, service and witness
charged by God to become a beloved community.**

***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 AND DISMISSAL

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

MICAH 6.6-8

Lou Converse, Deacon (8:30)

Al Nickerson, Deacon (10:00)

***HYMN #415**

“IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST”

EPISTLE LESSON

II CORINTHIANS 5.16-21

Rev. Rosenberger

SERMON

“BELOVED COMMUNITY:
DISPATCHES FROM A QUIET REVOLUTION”

Rev. Rosenberger

“Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.”

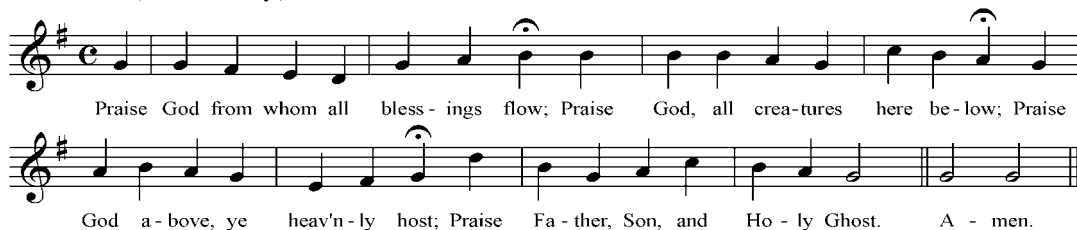
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

OFFERTORY

“WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS”
Senior Choir

arr. Harold M. Best

***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)

O God, we offer all of the gifts at our disposal--wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discernment, hospitality, and finances--in working with you and each other for peace and justice to flow like a mighty stream. Take these emblems of our sacrifices to build your reign in our lifetime. Amen.

***HYMN**

“O FOR A WORLD”

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***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

POSTLUDE

Mr. Pakhomov

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TODAY’S USHERS are Lou Converse (8:30 a.m.), Al Nickerson, Jay Robbins and Lauren Ryder.

LOOKING FOR A NEW CHURCH?
ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!

Want to learn more about becoming a member of First Congregational Church? Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Join us at noon on Saturday, January 24 for a conversation on what membership means at FCC. This informational gathering is open to anyone who would like to understand how the church can play a more meaningful role in their lives.

Lunch and child care available.

If you'd like to learn more about this gathering, please contact Rev. Rosenberger at drosenberger@uccdarien.org.

“O FOR A WORLD”

1. O for a world where ev - ery - one re -
2. O for a world where goods are shared and
3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the
5. O for a world pre - par - ing for God's

1. spect each oth - er's ways, where love is lived and
2. mis - er - y re - lieved, where truth is spo - ken,
3. strug - gle with each choice that o - pens us to
4. fool - ish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn; out -
5. glo - rious reign of peace, where time and tears will

1. all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
2. chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
3. u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
4. casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
5. be no more, and all but love will cease.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEDGE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The 2015 pledge committee wishes to thank the congregation for its generosity. We are happy to report that the response to our Pledge Match initiative has been very favorable. Our Pledge Pool goal of \$25,000 was exceeded along with the Match amount. Although we are a bit short of our goal of ten percent growth in gross pledges, we have added 16 new pledgers over last year and have grown gross pledges beyond the levels reached over the past several years. We expect to be able to announce final totals in the next week or two.

We still await replies from a few members and are hopeful of more good news in the days ahead. **If you haven't replied yet, please do so as soon as possible.** Every little bit helps to improve on an already good result. Again, many thanks to all.

COMMUNITY YOGA SESSION

Wendy Mulligan will teach another "For Donation" Yoga/Meditation class, on Thursday January 22nd from 9:45 -10:45 in the Circle Room. Donations of any amount are welcome. Funds will be given to Person-to-Person's Fuel Bank to keep people warm this winter. Please bring your own mats. RSVP to wwmulligan@gmail.com.

2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you made a pledge for 2015, your Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up and can be found on the stage, in the Parish Hall.

LOOKING FOR A TEEN TO HIRE?

At long last, we have a Teens for Hire list available for all members looking for a babysitter, a pet sitter, or some yard or tech help. We'll be updating the list as additional teens come forward, but for now, if you are in need of help, please contact Karen Brennan at KBrennan1567@gmail.com. Karen can supply you with cell phone information, e-mails, and addresses, including elementary school districts so that you can plan your pick-ups and drop-offs accordingly.

The First Congregational Church of Darien
invites you to a series of Sunday afternoon

Come As You Are Services

January 11, January 18, January 25, and February 1
4:30 p.m. in the Circle Room of Parish Hall

We know that traditional Sunday morning worship doesn't work for everyone so we will be offering a *Come As You Are* worship service this winter on Sundays 4:30 p.m. We'll begin this four-week experiment on January 11 and see where we go from there. 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 Youth Minister Justin Inners, with a short message and a combination of contemporary music, familiar hymns, upbeat choruses and prayerful songs.

Join us wearing jeans and sneakers, t-shirts and winter boots, or whatever else you have on; whether you're coming from the slopes, the city, a game or just hanging out at home, come just as you are to this welcoming and friendly worship service.

Our last trial Sunday will conclude with a potluck dinner. We may watch the Super Bowl together if we can figure out the TV, or at the very least we'll get you home for in time for kickoff.



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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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Church Offices Closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

Church Council, 8:00 p.m. in the Circle Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

Yoga Class, 9:30 a.m. in the Circle Room

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

Senior Choir, 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

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

“Come As You Are Service” at 4:30 p.m.

Ministers: Every member of the congregation.

Clergy and Staff:

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

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

Sally Bassler, *Lay Minister for Pastoral Care* (cell) (203) 554-1724

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

Kate Nelson, *Church School Director* Justin Inners, *Youth Minister*

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

Dennis Hanlon, *Church Administrator*

Tim Wilson, *Sexton*

Carlos Maya, *Saturday Sexton* Ulises Mendez, *Sunday Sexton*

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