

*Jesus
Lives!*



He is risen,
as he said.
Matthew 28:6



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EASTER DAY
THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION
APRIL 5, 2015

*For parents that wish to remain with their children
the church Library has a live audio feed of the worship service.*

*To ensure the sanctity and safety of our Easter celebration, parents are asked to keep their
children from playing with the balloons - until the completion of our worship service!*

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

PRELUDE

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

WELCOME

The Rev. Dale Rosenberger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN # 182**

“CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY”

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Rev. Rosenberger

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and earth had passed away.

**A voice said, “See, the home of God is with mortals.
God is to dwell among them; God shall be with them.”**

“Behold, I make all things new. It is done!
I am Alpha and Omega, beginning and end.”

**Death will be no more; mourning and crying will stop,
God will dry our every tear, as former things pass on.**

We celebrate our risen Lord’s presence and
affirm the gifts of love, hope, joy and peace.

**Together we discover the meaning of life, know the
power of love, and celebrate new life in Christ. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND DISMISSAL childcare is available in the Circle Room, for the care
of infants and children 3rd grade and younger.

LORD’S PRAYER (debtors...debtors)

**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.**

* LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION (*responsively*)

Rev. Rosenberger

Christ died for all of the world, in order that the living may live
for something bigger than just ourselves, even God’s new era.

Praise God, bringing life out of death, hope out of despair.

If then any of us are in Jesus Christ, we are a new creation;
for the former things have passed away, we are made new.

Praise God, bringing life out of death, hope out of despair.

For we who were once in darkness now dwell in the light,
routing all shadows of fear, chasing all specters of doubt.

Praise God, bringing life out of death, hope out of despair.

(*continued*)

We walk, then, as children of light; for the fruits of the light are goodness, justice and truth; all the godly things lasting forever.

Praise God, bringing life out of death, hope out of despair.

So if we live, we live to the Lord God, or if we die, we die to the Lord. And whether we live or die, we belong to God. This is real freedom.

(All respond, singing...)

*Thine is the glory, Risen conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, Risen conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won. Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

ISAIAH 25:6-9

Gary Holmes, Deacon (9:00)

Mary Ann Freeman, Deacon (11:00)

***HYMN #199**

“CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS”

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 16:1-8

Rev. Rosenberger

SERMON

“IS IT TRUE?”

Rev. Rosenberger

OFFERTORY

“AND THEN SHALL YOUR CHRIST RISE UP”
Senior Choir

F. Mendelssohn

***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** (*all uniting*)

O Risen Christ, you blaze new paths of life beyond death. As we look to you, we see those you touched in Galilee: the troubled in search of calm, the wounded in seeking their healing, the hungry in need of bread, and the lost waiting to be found. Work these offerings, as our youth reach out to such as these. Through our giving, let your love blaze new paths of life beyond death. Because we know your love will endure forever; everything is changed here and now. So we rejoice to give! Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL SINGING OF THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS FROM “MESSIAH”**

After the service, kindly leave copies of the “Hallelujah Chorus” score in the pews

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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TODAY’S USHERS are:

(9:00 a.m.) Karen Brennan, Lou Converse and Gary Holmes.

(11:00 a.m.) Kristin Desautelle, Mary Ann Freeman and Theo Osgood.

Today’s Easter offering will support the ministries of our congregation
and also scholarships for the Youth Mission trip to Appalachia
where they will be renovating and repairing homes for a community in need.



EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

In Memory of Jane French
with love, The Berry/Browne family

In Memory of William E. Browne (Poppy)
The Berry family

In Memory of our Grammy, Nana & Grandpa Don
The Brennan Family

In Memory of Elizabeth Woodford Sisson
Karen and Terry Brewer and their family

In Memory of my beloved father, Tom Morrison
Kathy Morrison Cramer

In Memory of John David Buck
The Desautelle Family

In Gratitude for the FCC Church Staff
Karalesa and Ben DiFabio

In Celebration of Leighton DiFabio
Karalesa and Ben DiFabio

In Celebration of Charlotte DiFabio
Karalesa and Ben DiFabio

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EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

*In Memory of Aicha and Aline Knowlton
The Gabriel Family*

*In Memory of Loved Ones
The Grune Family*

*In Celebration of Our Parents; Kae Jacobs and Ashley & Hoyt Ammidon
Philip and Eliot Jacobs*

*In Memory of Jay Winfield Jacobs
Philip and Eliot Jacobs*

*In Gratitude for Friends and Family
The Mannings*

*In Honor & Memory of Philip Abbé Morehouse
Bill and Polly Morehouse*

*In Memory of Loved Ones
Seth and Linda Morton*

*In Gratitude for Family and Friends
Theodora S. Osgood*

*In Memory of Our Parents and Loved Ones
Donna and Vincent Rajczewski*

*In Memory of Rev. Alfred Schmalz and Kathryn Schmalz
The Schmalz-Nelson Family*

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EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

*In Memory of Martica Sturges Ruhm
Marny Smith*

*In Memory of Elizabeth Tuttle
Mandy Teare*

*In Memory of Our Parents
Marc and Barbara Thorne*

*In Gratitude for the Extraordinary Music of Our Church
The Wetmore Family*

*In Memory of Bill Wetmore
The Wetmore Family*

*In Memory of Priscilla and Neil Howland
The Wetmore Family*

*In Memory of Ben Lord, Patricia Lord and Nancy Wilkinson
Amy and Bruce Wilkinson*

*In Memory of Linda & Russell Hoyt and Folker Schulz
Cathy and Oliver Schulz*

*In Celebration of family near, far and no longer with us!
James, Nancy, Ben and Owen Sheed*

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Third Grade Communion Sunday

It's almost that wonderful time of year again when our lucky third graders get to embark on a new religious journey. All third graders are invited to learn all about the communion process in our church. It will begin with two classes held during Church School on **Sunday, April 19th and April 26th** where they will talk about the communion process, create projects and even try breads from all around the world! We will then have a special 11th hour meeting with Rev. Dale Rosenberger on **April 26th** directly following service, where the children will see first-hand how the communion table is set up and listen to Dale speak about our church's beliefs. There will also be an opportunity at the end of this meeting to ask any questions you or your children may have. Finally, on **May 3rd** the third graders will be asked to stay with the congregation for communion where they will have "front row seats" for the special occasion. If you have a 3rd Grader and you would like to participate, please contact Kate Nelson at KNelson@uccdarien.org. Please note that the first Communion class falls on the Sunday coming back from April vacation.

Darien House Tour

We happily invite you to come join us on the House Tour Committee!
Please come see what part you would like to play with our exciting new fundraiser!
Next meeting – April 7, at 9:30 a.m.

Do you have a special skill or connection you would like to contribute to the House Tour?
If so, we are seeking special donations for our Silent Auction! Please contact Karalesa DiFabio at Karalesa@gmail.com or call 917-847-7252

Knitting Ministry Schedule

The Knitting Ministry has extended its schedule into April, and will be meeting on Tuesdays, April 7th and April 14th at 7:30 P.M. in the Morehouse Room. Anyone interested in learning to crochet and/or knit is welcome to join the group. If there are any questions, call Marnie Hodil at 203-655-0888 or e-mail at grhodil@optonline.net.

Tennis Items Wanted

The Confirmation Class is collecting new or gently used and washed, tennis whites and child-sized tennis rackets (21-26") for the participants in the Norwalk Grassroots Tennis program. Look for the bins on the stage in Parish Hall. Thank you for helping us bring tennis gear to inner-city children in Norwalk.

Give the Gift of Family Time to a Fresh Air Child This Summer

Please consider welcoming an inner city child in your homes and hearts this summer and providing them with an experience they will never forget. By having them take part in your family life and the Darien community with all that it has to offer, hosting a Fresh Air child is often just as enriching and rewarding for the families as it is for the child. The weeks for our area are flexible throughout the summer (you can take a child for five days, 10 days, or two weeks) and there are no financial requirements for hosting a child. You can request the gender and approximate age of the Fresh Air child you would like to host. **On Thursday, April 9, there will be an information night at the Darien Library from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Bring your entire family and come learn about the program. Or reach out to two of our own FCC families -- the Brennans at KBrennan15@aol.com or the Foxes at emkfox@optonline.net. Both have been hosting children for multiple summers and can tell you lots about the program!

Nite Owls - Dinner on Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30.

Nite Owls welcomes any women to join for dinner and fellowship.

This month we are having a spring dinner. Please RSVP by April 6 to Debbie Nelson, dcnelson@optonline.net.

Classics Book Group

The FCC Classics book group will meet on Wed. April 8 at 3:00 p.m.

Catcher in the Rye will be discussed.

Share Your Skills!

Add your unique talents to the leadership of our church by joining one of our four Boards. We invite you to feel the reward of deeper involvement at FCCD.

Board of Deacons: Responsible for our worship services, including the order of worship, the music, the scripture readings, communion, ushers, greeters, and feedback to the clergy, as well as our church's membership. Meets the 2nd Monday of each month - Evening Meetings.

Board of Stewards: Handles our church's finances, including the budget, investments, restricted funds, as well as maintaining and improving the buildings and grounds. Meets the 2nd Monday of each month - Evening Meetings.

Board of Christian Education: In charge of the Church School, adult education programs, special events (the Sunday Sundae ice cream social, the Blessing of the Animals, the Advent Workshop, etc.) and youth programs. Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month - Evening Meetings.

Board of Christian Outreach: Researches local nonprofits, allocates church charitable funds to these groups, organizes hands-on mission projects and our ongoing relationship serving the Norwalk Emergency Shelter. Oversees the In May We Help campaign, Christmas Dove Box program, and monthly FoodFirst Sundays. Meets the 2nd Monday of each month - Evening Meetings.

"MEET NEW PEOPLE", "FEEL REWARD", ENGAGE IN DISCUSSION OUTSIDE YOUR CURRENT SPHERE", "HAVE FUN!" **
*****(words of current board members)***

Your participation in the volunteer leadership of our church is an important and rewarding part of being a member of this congregation. **Ideally, each family is represented on at least one board.**

We look forward to helping you find the committee that best suits your current interests and talents! Send me an email to talk about the Committee that is right for YOU!

Leila Wetmore, Nominating Chair
203-662-9397

Leila@leilawetmore.com



CHURCH CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 6

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

Classics Book Group, 3:00 p.m. in the Morehouse Room
Nite Owls, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

No Bible Study
Senior Choir, 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

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, *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*

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