



## THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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### ***SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER***

***April 12, 2015***

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



“When your day is long and the night  
The night is yours alone  
When you're sure you've had enough of this life, well hang on  
Don't let yourself go  
Everybody cries and everybody hurts sometimes...”

R.E.M., “Everybody Hurts”

# ***SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER***

***April 12, 2015***

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

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 that are able are invited to stand.***

**PRELUDE**

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Joseph Pankowski

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*HYMN #79**

“THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(responsively)*

Lord, as we gather together, we acknowledge we are a forgiven people.

**May we, like you, be generous in offering forgiveness to others.**

You forgive us each and every day for the many ways we fall short of your mercy.

**Teach us to embody your grace, your love, your mercy and your forgiveness  
to all those we encounter this day.**

Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies!

**Your righteousness is like the mountains, your wisdom as deep as the sea!**

How precious is your faithfulness to us, O God.

**All may come to take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

**All: Amen**

**\*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 (10:00 a.m. only)**

*After the Children's Message, the children will be dismissed to Church School where they will be learning about the empty tomb.*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

**MATTHEW 26:1-13**

Lou Converse, Deacon (8:30)  
Leo Schlinkert, Deacon (10:00)

**\*HYMN #228**

**"LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING"**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**MATTHEW 26: 14-25**

Joseph Pankowski

**SERMON**

**"JUDAS...WHY?"**

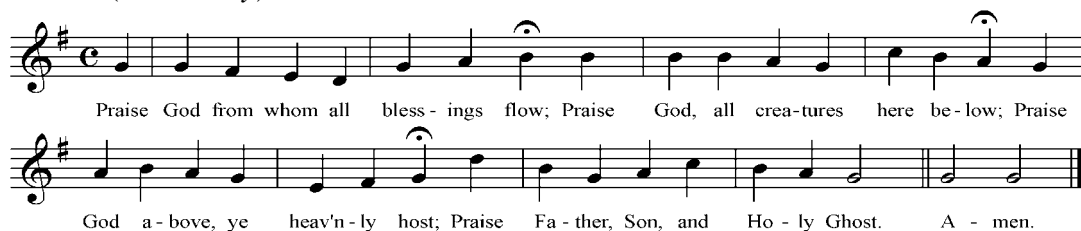
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**OFFERTORY**  
*(10:00 only)*

**"THEN SHALL THE RIGHTEOUS SHINE FORTH" (Elijah)**  
Victor Khodadad, Tenor

F. Mendelssohn

**\*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)

**Lord, we give back to you in thankfulness what you have given to us in kindness. We acknowledge that the world and its resources are not ours but yours, and that you have put us in charge as your trustees. Help us to exercise responsibly the authority you give us in your world. Bless the gifts we now present back to you, so that they may be used in this church's work on your behalf.**

**\*HYMN #251**

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!”

**\*BENEDICTION**

Joseph Pankowski

**POSTLUDE**

Maxim Pakhomov

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**TODAY'S GREETERS** are the Walsh Family.

**TODAY'S USHERS** Lou Converse (8:30 a.m.), Al Nickerson, Leo Schlinkert and Brad Westbrook.

## **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 19<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>** 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 11<sup>th</sup> hour meeting with Rev. Dale Rosenberger on **April 26<sup>th</sup>** 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 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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](mailto:KNelson@uccdarien.org). Please note that the first Communion class falls on the Sunday coming back from April vacation.

### **Knitting Ministry Schedule**

The Knitting Ministry has extended its schedule into April, and will be meeting on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:grhodil@optonline.net).

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Here at First Congregational Church of Darien**

*PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING BLOOD ON Wednesday, April 29th, 2015  
HERE AT THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH – IN PARISH HALL.*

**1:30PM - 6:30PM ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

Blood is a perishable product that can only come from generous volunteers. By donating blood, you can make a difference in the lives of patients in your community and throughout the nation.

- Every two seconds, someone in America needs blood.
- The blood supply must be replenished constantly.
- Red blood cells last on the shelf for 42 days and platelets have a shelf life of only five days.

*Come Join us in Fellowship and give the true gift of life.*

**To schedule an appointment please call**

**1-800-RED CROSS ~ 1-800-733-2767**

**Or visit us online at**

**[Redcrossblood.org](http://Redcrossblood.org)**

## ***Darien House Tour***

You can now purchase tickets for the Darien House Tour at [www.DarienHouseTour.org](http://www.DarienHouseTour.org)!

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 – May 5, 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 use the donation form on the following page and turn it in to the church office or to Karalesa DiFabio or Heather Raker.

the darien house tour  
**HOMES WITH HEART**

Presented by The First Congregational Church of Darien  
14 Brookside Road, Darien CT 06820



## Donor Form

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*All donations are tax deductible.*

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For your records, a donation of \_\_\_\_\_ was made to the Silent  
Auction held at the First Congregational Church of Darien's  
The Darien House Tour: Homes with a Heart- Post Party - June 5, 2015

Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you.  
Karalesa DiFabio  
(203) 203-202-9670  
Silent Auction Chair



## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 14**

Knitting Ministry, 7:30 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 16**

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

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 19**

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*