



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2016

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



THE
RON & JANET EVANS

COMMUNITY CENTER



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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

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dale B. Rosenberger, Pastor/
Mr. Gary Morello, Associate Minister

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN #438**

“O GOD, BENEATH THY GUIDING HAND”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mr. Gary Morello

We gather as God's people to offer our praise.

We come most fully alive as we glorify our God.

May God be gracious to us and bless us.

May God make his face to shine upon us.

Come to this place of prayer; God is calling us.

Come, all who are burdened. Find healing here.

We have brought with us all that weighs us down;

we have come to hear the liberating Word of God.

The Lord God reigns among us and fills the world with light.

We invite you to make a home with the true and living God.

May God's ways be known within and among us.

May God guide all peoples in the ways of peace.

***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 DISMISSAL (10:00 only)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

MICAH 6:6-8
(page 866 NRSV)

Bill Lattimer, Deacon (8:30)
Gary Holmes, Deacon (10:00)

***HYMN #269**

"I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD" (omit v. 3)

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 14:22-25
(page 52 NSRV)

Rev. Ronald T. Evans, Pastor Emeritus

SERMON

"OF GRACE AND GRETA"

Rev. Evans

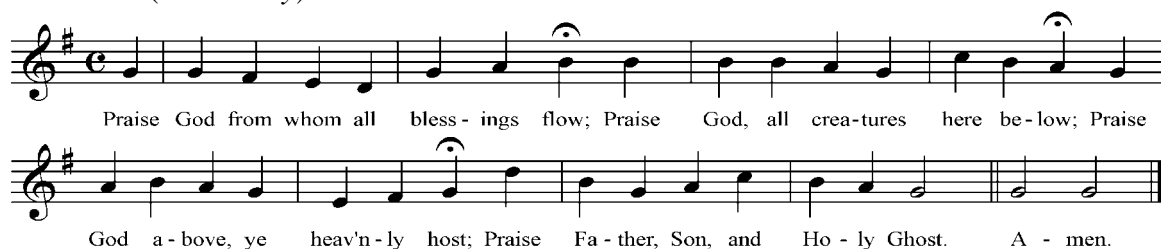
OFFERTORY (10:00 only)

AVE VERUM CORPUS
Senior Choir

F. de Peñalosa

Hail true Body born of the Virgin Mary: Who did'st truly suffer, and was sacrificed on the cross for man's redemption: From whose pierced side flowed blood: Be to us a source of consolation at our last hour. O sweet, O holy, O Jesu Son of Mary, have mercy on us.

***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)

For the hospitality, of this your house, O God; for the people you give us to love; for the tasks you call us to do; for the new opportunities aligning us with our past and pointing us to our future, we give thanks, gracious God. Our offerings are a measure of our faith. May your reign of light be realized here and in all places. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

CALL TO PRAYER

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| (Leader) | The Lord be with you. |
| (Congregation) | And also with you. |
| (Leader) | Lift up your hearts. |
| (Congregation) | We lift them up to the Lord. |
| (Leader) | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. |
| (Congregation) | It is right to give God thanks and praise. |

***SANCTUS**

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

*Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord!*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(unison)

Almighty God, we thank you for the wonders you work in the lives of men and women. We praise you for bringing us together as community, and for sending us forth from this spiritual home for works of service and glory. We celebrate both the sacrifice and the victory we glimpse at this table. Let us go with a purified vision that you might grasp us more deeply. Let us go with renewed purpose that we may follow Jesus more ardently; in his name we pray. Amen

***HYMN**

“AMAZING GRACE”

(next page)

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

POSTLUDE

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TODAY'S GREETERS are Sue and Doug Robbins.

TODAY'S USHERS are April Barker, Lou Converse, Gary Holmes and Bill Lattimer (8:30).

AMAZING GRACE



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 My God has prom - ised good to me, whose
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; God will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

YOU ARE HEREBY CALLED TO THE
“ANNUAL MEETING: PART II–PROGRAMS”
OF
THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN,
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST.

This meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 15, 2016
immediately following our 10:00 a.m. service of worship.

The purpose of this congregational meeting is to:

- * receive the 2016 nominating reports,
- * receive committee program reports,
- * amend our current By-Laws, regarding the Personnel Committee,
Article XI,10(A) – (proposed amendment in red)

The Personnel Committee shall be a standing Council Committee chaired by the Moderator and composed of the Senior Minister, the Chairs of the Boards of Deacons, Stewards, and Christian Education and two at-large members, **each serving one three-year term**, selected by the Nominating Committee from the congregational members.

and

- * address any other business or concern relating to the life of our parish,
which may properly be brought before the assembled congregation.

Childcare will be provided during the meeting.

Constance Moore, Clerk

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Habitat for Humanity:

The Board of Outreach has arranged for another “Build Day for FCCD” (children can attend but must be 16 or older – we will help arrange babysitting for those folks with young ones that want to help!) We will be building for **Habitat for Humanity in Bridgeport on Saturday May 7th from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.** If interested in assisting, please contact Heather Raker at: HRaker@me.com. Nothing required but a can-do attitude!!

Person-to-Person Postal Drive

Annual event here in Darien that helps to fill the pantries at the Person to Person locations in both Darien & Norwalk.

We will be picking up and sorting food for the **Person-to-Person Postal Drive on Saturday May 14th.** There will be two shifts to sign up for (10:00 – 12:00pm & 12:00pm - 2:00pm). There will be a sponsored Hot Dog lunch at P2P starting at about 12:00pm.

Perfect event for the whole family to be involved.

We will be sending out a sign up genius - soon so keep on the look-out!

Email Lindsay Atha with any questions at lindsayatha@gmail.com

Save the Dates:

Darien House Tour: House Tour: June 2nd, 2016

House Tour Party: June 3rd, 2016

Art With Heart!: June 4th, 2016

Proceeds to benefit; **Darien’s “Thriving Youth Initiative”** which is the Community Fund of Darien’s new program that seeks to address the issues of youth mental health in our community and support local charitable organizations.

We are still in the organizing stages and Silent Auction items are always welcome! Please contact Heather Raker: HRaker@me.com or Anna Denoyer: anna.denoyer@gmail.com.

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS!

All those who have recently joined the church are invited to a get-acquainted dinner at the home of John and Andrea Huntington on Saturday, May 7. For more details contact Andrea at andreaatkinson101@hotmail.com.

WE NEED YOU!

The June 2nd Darien House Tour: Homes with Heart requires over 100 volunteers on the day of the event to staff a shift at our featured homes. Volunteers can attend the tour during non-shift hours for \$30 - less than half price! We truly need your help to make this event his success so that we can raise over \$60,000 for our beneficiaries. Please sign up at darienhousetour.com – click on the volunteer link. Did we mention how much fun you'll have?

Oh and speaking of fun, the June 3rd Celebratory Party with a Purpose will be great fun!! Buy your tickets now and encourage your friends to come. In addition to cocktails, fabulous food by Polly, and fun music, we will have many great silent auction items for you to bid on. How about a stay at the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo Florida? Or the Mayflower Inn in Washington, CT? Or perhaps the Hermitage Club in Vermont? Maybe you'd rather stay close by and attend Shakespeare on the Sound as a VIP? Or the Nickelodeon Kids Choice Awards? Or the Daily Show with Trevor Noah? Or perhaps you'd just like a fun ride in a fire truck! Dale will even come bless your home!! We've got all this and much more!!

One last thing ... looking for a little artwork to spice up your home? The house tour will feature artists through "Art with Heart". Artwork will be on display at one of our tour homes and at the Wee Burn Country Club on June 2nd. THEN, we will have a reception at the church on June 4th from 4 to 7 pm! A portion of proceeds go to the tour!

GET INVOLVED AND JOIN THE FUN!!



FCCD Vacation Bible School
June 13th – 15th, 2016
1:00 pm to 3:30 pm
\$45 per child, per day

A spiritual adventure filled with music, movement and biblical reenactments for preschoolers! VBS will be facilitated by Mary Jo Colman, FCCD's Church School Director, a teen assistant and alternating parent volunteers.

Sign up for 1, 2, or 3 days!

All parents are required to help for one hour.

Fun filled activities will be held in Parish Hall and the garden.

A light snack will be provided each day.

Registration for members begins April 26th and runs until May 10th, then we will open it to Nursery School parents.

Please register here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4fafa62ea02-vacation>

Payment will be collected on May 26th

Hymns of Truth and Light Order Form

Please consider purchasing our new companion hymnal, Hymns of Truth and Light for our Meetinghouse or for your own personal use. This new hymnal features more than 500 beautiful hymns to enrich our music worship and will include a personalized bookplate. What a wonderful way to remember or thank a loved one! The cost for each hymnal is \$25. Please include checks made out to FCCD or cash with this order form.

Orders can be left in the church office. Questions?

Contact Kristin Desautelle.

I/We would like to purchase ____ hymnals for our church Meetinghouse.

Name _____

Email address _____

This hymnal is given in Loving Memory of _____

In Celebration of _____

In Honor of _____

In Gratitude of _____

Other _____



CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

Evans Center Dedication, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service
Tudor Singers/Spirituals Project, 7:00 p.m. in the Meetinghouse

MONDAY, MAY 2

Bell Choir, 4:30 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

TUESDAY, MAY 3

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Night Owls, 6:30 p.m. in the Church Kitchen

THURSDAY, MAY 5

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Choir, 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

New Members Dinner, 7:00 p.m. at the home of John and Andrea Huntington

SUNDAY, MAY 8 (MUSIC SUNDAY)

Worship Service 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*

Mr. Gary 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*