



**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

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***FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***

***May 3, 2015***

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

*I said, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove!  
I would fly away and be at rest."*



***FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***  
***May 3, 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 who are able are invited to stand.***

**PRELUDE**

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rev. Dale B. Rosenberger

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*HYMN #187**

“JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(responsively)*

In these Sundays of Easter, life gets revealed to us.  
We gather to testify to the fullness of life in Christ.

**We declare to each other what we discover.  
In community, we share the life God intends.**

What God has done in Christ is both global and personal.  
The resurrection opens doors we'd imagined nailed shut.

**Peace be with you as we celebrate Christ's rising,  
through breaking the bread and sharing the cup.**

(All uniting)

**As it was on that first Easter, is now, and forever shall be.  
We're here to testify to the many miracles of God's grace.**

**\*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)**

*This morning, the children will learn about "Early Believers"  
Third – Seventh Graders will remain in the service*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

PSALM 34.1-10

Gary Holmes, Deacon (8:30)  
Karalesa DiFabio, Deacon (10:00)

**\*HYMN #227**

“FAIREST LORD JESUS”

**EPISTLE LESSON**

1 JOHN 1.1-2.2

Rev. Rosenberger

**SERMON**

"IT TAKES TWO WINGS TO SOAR"

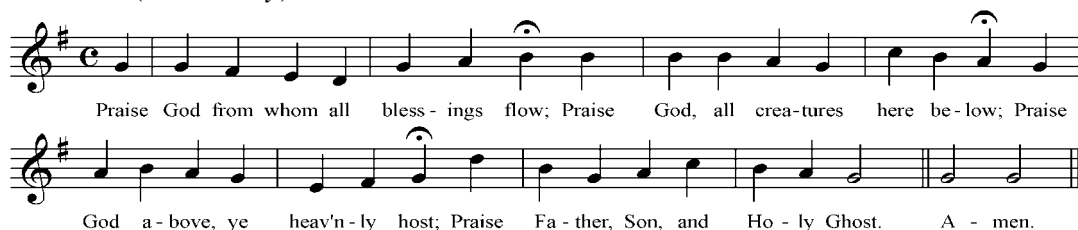
Rev. Rosenberger

**OFFERTORY**

“AVE VERUM CORPUS”  
Senior Choir

Nicholas White

**\*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)

**These offerings represent our common stewardship, O God. We want to be faithful in meeting one another's needs and in serving the world in Christ's name. The gifts we bring today will not mark an end to our giving. For we are sent for the same reason Jesus came—to share the light. We dedicate our time and efforts, besides these funds, as a further offering of our life and faith. Amen.**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION**

**CALL TO PRAYER**

(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)*

**Lord Jesus Christ, we offer our thanks for what you have given us in this bread and cup. Fed and renewed by your life in us - we go now to share that life with others. Send us forth equipped with the power of your Spirit to spread the message of your love and compassion to all whom we meet. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #195**

“ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME”

*(omit 3<sup>rd</sup> verse)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

**POSTLUDE**

Mr. Pakhomov

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**TODAY’S GREETERS** are the Almy family.

**TODAY’S USHERS** are Kristin Desautelle, Karalesa DiFabio, Gary Holmes and Michael Mullin.

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***A Special Welcome to the Third Graders  
on Their First Time Participating in Communion Sunday.***

Chloe Bortel  
Riley Cavanna  
Erika Clough  
Bennett Cramer  
Thea Kline  
Katherine Lindell  
Callaghan Nickerson  
Samantha Taylor  
Caroline Young

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *What do you most value in an Associate Minister for our congregation?*

As our church begins the process of identifying an Associate Minister, the search committee invites you to an Eleventh Hour following the 10 am service on Sunday, May 3. We'll introduce the committee members and briefly outline the process, then get to the main purpose – to hear your thoughts on the qualities and qualifications you would like to see in the Associate Minister. So, get a cup of coffee and then join us in the Morehouse Room, this morning, at around 11:15 a.m.

If you can't attend, we also welcome your comments at [jonbigelow@thayerpond.com](mailto:jonbigelow@thayerpond.com).

### *Sound Coalition/Habitat for Humanity*

The First Congregational Church of Darien will team up with other Congregational Churches in our area as the “Sound Coalition” to help build with Habitat for Humanity in Bridgeport on May 30th. Habitat for Humanity is building 12-14 homes this year and we will be working on their 200th house to date! No skills required — just a hard work ethic and willingness to help!

We will meet in Bridgeport at 8:30 am and end around 3-4 pm. Must be 16 or older. Please contact Heather Raker [hraker@me.com](mailto:hraker@me.com) if you are interested in helping!

### *In May We Help: May 9<sup>th</sup> - Sorting Food Donations at P2P*

Each year in May, The Board of Outreach provides a service project for all families in our church to come together and work in the community helping others. This year, with the House Tour close at hand in June, we chose a simple yet fulfilling service day helping at Person-to-Person, which is the main beneficiary of the House Tour.

On Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, we will help sort food donations collected during the Postal Workers' Food Drive at the P2P Food Pantry in Darien (behind St. Luke's Church). Please sign up in the Parish Hall for a time slot at either location from 12 to 5 pm. This is a great opportunity to work with your children and friends to help others. The P2P team is well organized and make volunteering effortless.

The impact: “We know that there are 9000 people in Norwalk and 18,000 in Stamford who are ‘food insecure,’ Ceci Maher, Executive Director of P2P, reports, “meaning they don't know where their next meal will come from or they will run out of money for food by the end of the month.” In 2014, about 734,000 meals were created from groceries supplied by P2Ps food pantries, helping almost 24,000 people in our area. The difference we can make is profound!

Please lend a hand!

--**The Board of Christian Outreach**

**First Congregational Church of Darien**  
**is hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Preschool VBS!**

*Join us for a 3 day incredible adventure exploring God's mighty power! There will plenty of crafts, songs, games, Bible stories and much, much more!*

**When:** Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

**Ages:** 3-5 (potty-trained) \*open to church members only through May 29<sup>th</sup>

**Cost:** \$45 for the week and an hour or two of your time!

**Where:** FCC at 14 Brookside Road, Darien CT

**Register:** <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/FCCPreschoolVBS>

If it brings you to a page to register VBS Pro, just X it out and you will be at the page!

Or for more information, please contact Kate Nelson at [KNelson@uccdarien.org](mailto:KNelson@uccdarien.org)

**If you are interested in volunteering,** please email Kate as well.

**Become a Church Friend**

Many know that we have a small but mighty group of volunteers ready to lend a hand when a member needs a meal, a small repair done at home, a ride to an appointment or help running an errand. We are looking to expand our group -- if you are interested in being on the e-mail distribution list, simply e-mail Lauren Ryder at [laryder100@gmail.com](mailto:laryder100@gmail.com). Lauren will send an e-mail to the group when we have a request and if it works for you to cook or drive or stop by for a visit, you simply answer yes. If schedules don't align, you sign up at another time. Become a Church Friend today -- you won't regret it!

## **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 17, 2015  
immediately following our 10:00 a.m. service of worship.

The purpose of this congregational meeting is to:

- \* receive the 2015 nominating reports,
- \* receive committee program reports,
- \* amend our current By-Laws, regarding the Pastoral Relations Committee (see original and amended texts on the following page), 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*



## **Article VI AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution and Bylaws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Members present at a Church Meeting duly called in accordance with the provisions of Article IX CHURCH MEETINGS, copies of the text of the proposed amendment(s) having been made available to all Members in writing at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting.

### **ORIGINAL VERSION**

#### **3. Pastoral Relations Committee**

The Pastoral Relations Committee shall be a sub-committee of the Board of Deacons which shall consist of not less than four (4) and not more than six (6) members. The Pastoral Relations Committee shall be composed of the following members:

- Chairperson of the Board of Deacons
- A member of the Church selected by each Minister, and
- One or more members selected by the Board of Deacons

The Chairperson of the Board of Deacons shall be the Chairperson of the Pastoral Relations Committee. The purpose of the Pastoral Relations Committee shall be to provide for confidential communication between the Minister(s) and the Church. The Chairperson may invite any other person to attend and participate in, ex-officio, any meeting of the Pastoral Relations Committee.

### **AMENDED VERSION**

#### **3. Pastoral Relations Committee**

The Pastoral Relations Committee shall be a sub-committee of the Board of Deacons which shall consist of not less than four (4) and not more than six (6) members. Each member shall serve for one three-year term. The Pastoral Relations committee shall be composed of the following members:

- Chairperson of the Board of Deacons
- A member of the Church selected by each Minister, and
- Up to three members selected by the Nominating Committee in consultation with the Senior Pastor and the Chairperson of the Board of Deacons.

The Chairperson of the Board of Deacons shall be the Chairperson of the Pastoral Relations Committee. The purposes of the Pastoral Relations Committee shall be to foster a healthy relationship between the Minister(s) and the Church by providing a forum for confidential two-way communication. The Chairperson may invite any other person to attend and participate in, ex-officio, any meeting of the Pastoral Relations committee.



## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

### **TODAY**

Associate Minister Search Committee 11<sup>th</sup> Hour, 11:15 a.m. in the Morehouse Room

### **MONDAY, MAY 4**

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

### **TUESDAY, MAY 5**

Darien House Tour Meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room

Board of Christian Education, 7:30 p.m. in the Library

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

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

Bible Study, 9:45 a.m. in the Morehouse Room

Nite Owls, 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall

Care, Connect, Communicate, 6:30 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

### **THURSDAY, MAY 7**

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

Associate Minister Search Committee, 7:30 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

Senior Choir, 8:00 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, MAY 10 – MOTHER’S DAY**

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*

## ***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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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