



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MUSIC SUNDAY – “HAIL MARY”
MAY 8, 2016
8:30 A.M. AND 10:00 A.M.**



*Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

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

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

PRELUDE

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dale Rosenberger, Pastor

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN**

“GOD OF EVE, GOD OF MARY”

God of Eve and God of Mary,
God of love and mother-earth,
thank you for the ones who with us
shared their life and gave us birth.

As you came to earth in Jesus,
so you come to us today;
you are present in the caring
that prepares us for life’s way.

Thank you, that the Church our Mother,
gives us bread and fills our cup,
and the comfort of the Spirit
warms our hearts and lifts us up.

Thank you for belonging, shelter,
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,
and for those who have no children,
yet are parents under God.

God of Eve and God of Mary,
Christ our Brother, human Son,
Spirit, caring like a Mother,
take our love and make us one!

Senior Choir

*Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.
For He, whom thou wast worthy to bear. Alleluia.
Has risen as He said. Alleluia.
Pray for us to God. Alleluia.
Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 148)

Mr. Gary Morello, Associate Minister

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
Praise God in the highest! Praise God, all his angels.

**Praise God, all of his host!
Praise him, sun and moon!**

Praise God, all you shining stars!
Praise God, you highest heavens.

**And you waters above the heavens!
Let them praise the name of the Lord.**

(All uniting)

For God commanded, and we were created. Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let all praise the name of the Lord!

***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**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.*

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

(10:00 only)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

VOLUNTARY

“ETUDE NO.10 FROM OP.8 IN D FLAT MAJOR”
Maxim Pakhomov

Alexander Scriabin

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 2:29-35
(page 59 NRSV)

Bill Lattimer, Deacon (8:30)
Mandy Teare, Deacon (10:00)

ANTHEM

“AVE MARIA” (*Italian*)
Senior Choir
Hail Mary, full of grace...

Giancarlo Aquilanti

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 16:19-24
(page 110 NRSV)

MEDITATION

“ALL THAT WE SEE IN THE FACE OF A MOTHER”
Rev. Rosenberger

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“HYMN TO THE VIRGIN” (*Slovanic*)
Senior Choir

Tchaikovsky

(10:00 only)

How worthy art Thou to be glorified, Blest Virgin whom God hat sanctified: His will through thee was done, Holiest and purest One, of thee our Saviour Christ was born; Above all the cherubim, and excelling in glory all the bright seraphim; Blessed Virgin and Mother of God's Holy Child, Maiden most pure and undefiled, We sing thy praises.

*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 saving faithfulness of Jesus Christ, for mothers who mediate his compassion, we give thanks and praise. For the church with its many ministries, including that of sacred music, we are humbly grateful. All good things we receive as gifts from you, O God. We do more than dedicate our money. We reinvest ourselves in joyful celebration of your promises. Hear our prayers and empower our ministries. Amen.

ANTHEM

“AVE MARIA” *(Latin)*

G. Caccini/arr. P.M. Liebergen

***HYMN**

“BRING MANY NAMES”

(pages 6/7)

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

POSTLUDE

“HAIL, HOLY QUEEN”
The Belles that Ring

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TODAY’S GREETER are Bell Choir members: Theo Osgood, Deb Parnon and Mandy Teare.

TODAY’S USHERS are Bill Lattimer (8:30), Dave Miller, Theo Osgood and Mandy Teare.

BULLETIN COVER “Madonna and Child” Giovanni Battista Salvi Il Sassoferrato (1609 - 1685).

BRING MANY NAMES

Unison E \flat A \flat Fm B \flat

1. Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
 2. Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
 3. Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child,
 4. Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care,
 5. Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,
 6. Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,

E \flat E \flat A \flat B \flat E \flat

1. cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in
 2. plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -
 3. feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -
 4. calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur -
 5. say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for
 6. joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than

A \flat Fm B \flat E \flat

1. glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and Ho -
 2. qua - tion, gen - i - us at play: Hail and Ho -
 3. giv - ing till we're re - con - ciled: Hail and Ho -
 4. pris - es, wis - er than de - spair: Hail and Ho -
 5. jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and Ho -
 6. breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and Ho -

BRING MANY NAMES (continued)

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A^b E^b F^m B^b E^b B^b E^b

1. san- na! Bring man- y names!
2. san- na, strong moth- er God!
3. san- na, warm fa- ther God!
4. san- na, old, ach- ing God!
5. san- na, young, grow- ing God!
6. san- na, great, liv- ing God!



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FCC ANNUAL MESSY ART SHOW – MAY 15TH!

Come pour yourself a cup of coffee and grab a doughnut hole between church and the Annual Meeting Pt. 2. The nursery school is excited to share some beautiful works of art created by our 3, 4, and 5 year olds. We're right up the ramp!

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. Order forms can be found in Parish Hall, and left in the church office. Please include checks made out to FCCD or cash.

Questions?

Contact Kristin Desautelle.

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

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! And those who help during the party may attend the party for a discounted price of \$50. 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. We are looking for great church member turnout! Tickets are \$75. Financial assistance happily provided upon request - confidentially email darienhousetour@gmail.com. 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!

OTHER OUTREACH HAPPENINGS!

Open Door Shelter!

We will be cooking on Thursday May 19th at 8:00 am at the church and serving on Friday May 20th at 11:45 am at the Open Door Shelter in Norwalk. Email Heather Raker at hraker@me.com to help!

Person-to-Person Postal Drive!

We will be picking up and sorting food for the Person-to-Person Postal Drive on Saturday May 14th. A sign up genus will be going out soon so keep on the look out! Email Lindsay Atha to help at lindsayatha@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to those who helped to build with Habitat for Humanity yesterday!
And many thanks to all of you who are working hard to make our annual outreach fundraiser a success!!



Dear Prospective Confirmand,

What an incredible stage of life you are at in our ever-changing world. You are blessed with SO many gifts and talents to share with others. As a result, as the Associate Pastor of FCC I want you to know, upfront, that the church and I are dedicated to identifying those gifts and exposing them to the world.

This will be an opportunity for you to learn more about your faith, to decide for yourself who you are, and to grow deeper in the Christian faith. This class is for rising 8th graders **BUT ALSO** for anyone who has NOT gone through confirmation and is interested.

To kick off the year, we'd like to invite you and a parent to a **Confirmation Kick Off Ice Cream Social/Orientation on Monday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m.** Please note this is a **MANDATORY** meeting for all those wishing to participate. At this time we will review the Confirmation Program, class requirements, and answer any questions that you may have.

To keep things simple, please take a minute to let us know of your interested in participating by clicking on the following link. Via this link, you can also register your confirmand and offer your thoughts about possible mentors.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KFS7SK3>

This is the beginning of a fantastic journey together. If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to seeing you on May 16.

Blessings,

Gary M. Morello, *Associate Minister*
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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



CHURCH CALENDAR

MONDAY, MAY 9

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

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

THURSDAY, MAY 12

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 15

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Annual Meeting Part II (Programs), following the 10:00 a.m. worship service
“Come As You Are” worship service, 4:30 p.m. in the Circle Room

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*

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