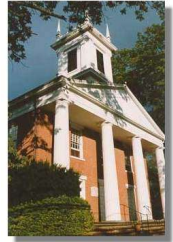




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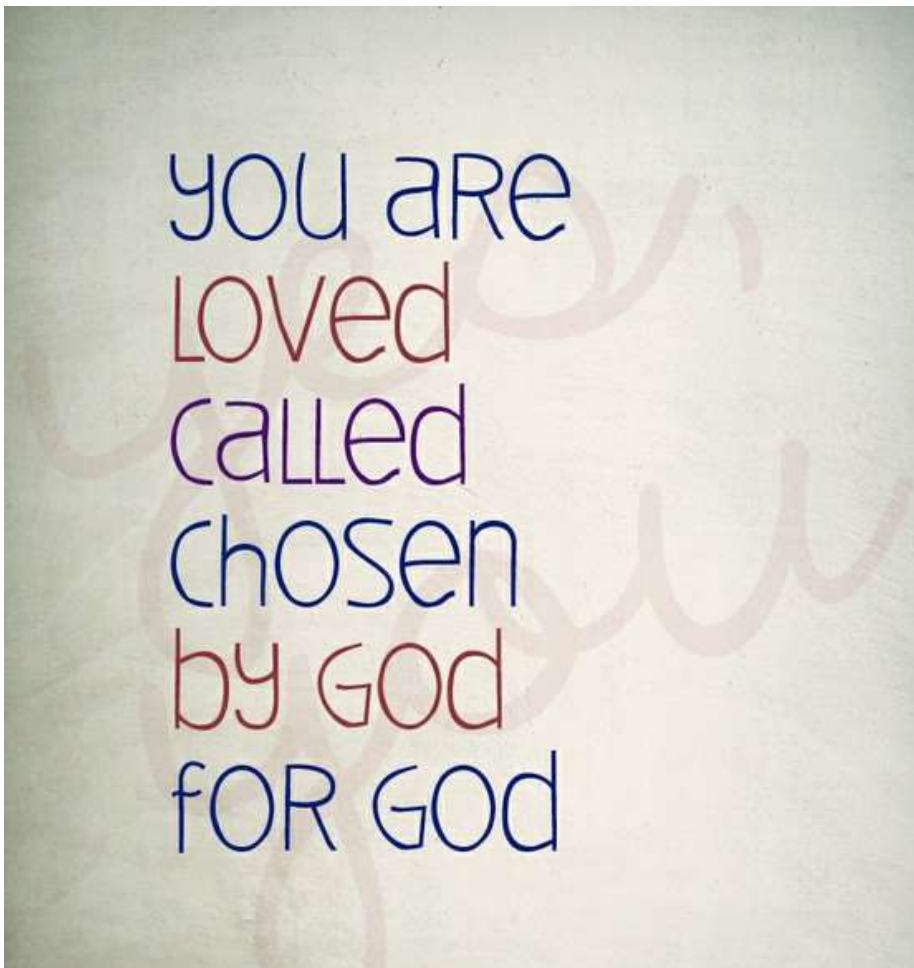
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Children are always welcome at our worship services.

A drop-off Nursery is available to children age 2 and younger  
at the Two's classroom starting at 9:45 a.m.

***\*Those that are able are invited to stand.***

**PRELUDE**

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dale Rosenberger

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*HYMN #263**

“CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(responsively)*

Let's sing to the Lord a new song,  
for God has done marvelous things.

**We dare not limit the range of good  
things God reserves in store for all.**

God's goodness is from everlasting to everlasting.  
God's care from our birth shall endure unto our end.

**God has remembered his steadfast love  
and faithfulness first to Israel, then to all.**

All the ends of this wide earth  
shall see the glory of our Lord.

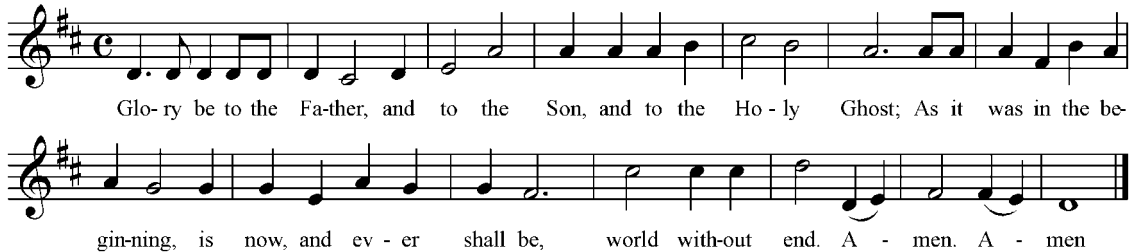
**So make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
break out into joyous song and sing praises.**

**\*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 only)**

*This morning, the children will participate in a Mother’s Day activity.*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

ACTS 10:44-48

Bill Lattimer, Deacon (8:30)  
Dave Miller, Deacon (10:00)

**\*HYMN #83**

“IF THOU BUT SUFFER GOD TO GUIDE THEE”

**GOSPEL LESSON**

JOHN 15:9-17

Rev. Rosenberger

**SERMON**

“THE CHOOSERS AND THE CHOSEN”

Rev. Rosenberger

**OFFERTORY**

“AVE MARIA”

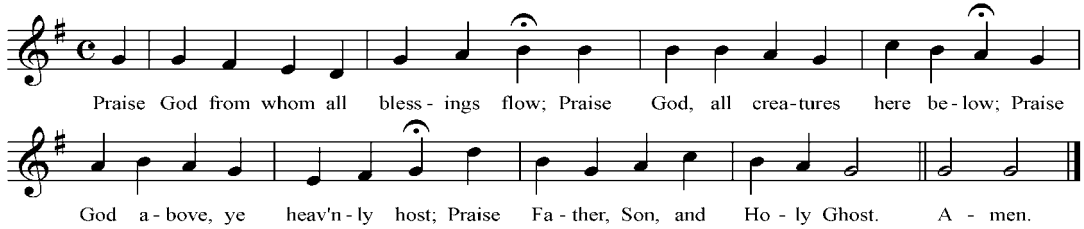
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*(10:00 only)*

Senior Choir

“Hail Mary, full of grace.....”

**\*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)

**Generous and loving God, we dedicate to your service the work of our hands, the earnings of our time and effort, and our vision for what matters most in the future. May faith sustain us as we offer our best to you in praise, gratitude, and joyous adoration. We present these offerings for the reign of your truth and the extension of compassion. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

“HERE I AM LORD”

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**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

**POSTLUDE**

Maxim Pakhomov

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**TODAY’S GREETER** is Annette Madden-Kline.

**TODAY’S USHERS** Mary Anne Freeman, Bill Lattimer (8:30), Anne MacInnes and Dave Miller.

**TODAY’S FLOWERS** are given by Jo Ann Dwyer, “for my mother, Nana and Grandma – with love and happy memories.”

# HERE I AM, LORD



The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It features a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

*Unison*



The unison section begins with a treble clef staff. It contains a single melodic line for all voices to sing together. The notes are quarter and eighth notes, starting with a rest for the first measure.

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



The second system of music consists of a bass clef staff. It provides a harmonic accompaniment for the unison section with chords and moving lines.



The third system of music consists of a treble clef staff. It features a melody of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together.

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.



The fourth system of music consists of a bass clef staff. It provides a harmonic accompaniment for the third system with chords and moving lines.



The fifth system of music consists of a treble clef staff. It features a melody of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



The sixth system of music consists of a bass clef staff. It provides a harmonic accompaniment for the fifth system with chords and moving lines.

HERE I AM, LORD (cont'd)

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the

*Harmony*

night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

hold your peo-ple in my heart.

heart.  
heart, in my heart.

heart, in my heart.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Hiking the Appalachian Trail**

Mark Chiodo will be giving a presentation on his experience hiking the Appalachian Trail on Sunday, May 17 following the Come As You Are Service. He will share photos and tales of his 3 month trek. He will show some of his camping equipment and bring samples of his trail food.

Pizza and drinks will be served.

### **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!

### **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!

## ***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 19, 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.

*Donation forms can be found (and returned) at the church office  
or speak to Karalesa DiFabio or Heather Raker.*





## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

### **MONDAY, MAY 11**

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m. in the Morehouse Room  
Board of Deacons, 7:45 p.m. in the Circle Room  
Board of Stewards, 8:00 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**

Confirmation Kick-Off Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Circle Room

### **THURSDAY, MAY 14**

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 17 – MUSIC SUNDAY**

Worship Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Annual Meeting Part II (Programs), following the 10:00 a.m. service  
“Come As You Are” Worship Service, 5:00 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  
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*

## **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.

**LOOKING FOR A NEW CHURCH? ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!**

Want to learn more about becoming a member of First Congregational Church? Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. Join us at noon on Saturday, June 6 for a conversation on what membership means at FCC. This informational gathering is open to anyone who would like to understand how the church can play a more meaningful role in their lives. Lunch and child care available. If you'd like to learn more about this gathering, please contact Pastor Rosenberger at [drosenberger@uccdarien.org](mailto:drosenberger@uccdarien.org).



Sunday services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
(one summer service at 9:00 a.m., June 28 – Sept. 6).

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