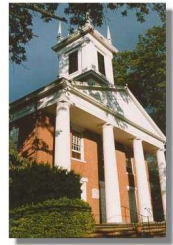




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*Children are always welcome at our worship services.
A drop-off Nursery is available to children age 2 and younger
at the Two's classroom starting at 9:45 a.m.*

*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

“MAZURKA”

Carl Bohm

Ms. Akiko Silver, violin and Mr. Maxim Pakhomov, piano

WELCOME

The Rev. Dale Rosenberger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN #232**

“SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Like generations of faithful who have gone before us,
we keep our eyes focused upon God's redeeming love.

We keep our gaze set upon a love from above.

God uses our many hands to embrace and bind up
countless hurts of God's creation and of all people.

We keep our feet ready to travel an extra mile.

Let our eyes see light even within darkness and
glimpse potential where others see dead ends.

We keep our hearts ready for joy, mouths ready for praise.

(All uniting)

**In God is light, the night is as day. And in God there is no darkness at all.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (debtors...debtors)

(all uniting)

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

ANTHEM

“SURELY HE HATH BOURNE OUR GRIEFS” (Messiah)
Senior Choir

G.F. Handel
(1685-1759)

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL *(10:00 only)*

All children will proceed to Church School

VOLUNTARY	“ST. MATTHEW PASSION” (final chorus) Senior Choir	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	GENESIS 3:1-15, 20-24	Rev. Rosenberger
ANTHEM	“PAVANE POUR UNE INFANTE DEFUNTE” Ms. Silver and Mr. Pakhomov	M. Ravel (1875-1937)
MEDITATION	“BITTERSWEET BEAUTY”	Rev. Rosenberger
OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:00 only)	“HOW LOVELY IS THY DWELLING PLACE” (Requiem) (in German: Psalm 84) Senior Choir	J. Brahms 1833-1897

***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) (all uniting)

**O God, let these gifts grow to reach the whole world with love.
 Remain in these gifts, O God, so that future generations might know that we love
 them as much as we love you. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN #217** “LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS”

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “GOIN’ HOME” (Largo New World Symphony) A. Dvorak
(1841-1904)

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TODAY’S GREETER is Sarah Osberg.

TODAY’S USHERS are Lou Converse, Bill Lattimer (8:30), Anne MacInnes and Theo Osgood.

BULLETIN COVER “Pietà” by Michelangelo.

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 page 23 of the Annual Report), 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

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.

Church School Sunday Picnic - June 7, 2015

The Board of Christian Education would like to invite you to a picnic on the church lawn immediately following Church School Sunday. We will be serving pizza, lemonade and watermelon.

Day Wings

The Day Wings will be meeting this week on Wednesday at noon at the Nature Center. Nina Miller will give us a private tour of her exhibit of pictures taken during her 205 nights in a tent in her backyard. We invite all those, who missed the opening night, to join us. We each bring a sandwich.

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 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. 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!

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

TODAY

Annual Meeting Part II (Programs), following the 10:00 a.m. worship service
“Come As You Are” Worship Service, 5:00 p.m. in the Circle Room

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Darien House Tour Meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room
Associate Minister Search Committee, 7:30 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Church Council, 8:00 p.m. in the Circle Room

THURSDAY, MAY 21

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

SUNDAY, MAY 24 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

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*

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.



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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