



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dale Rosenberger, Senior Minister

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN #329**

“NOW IN THE DAYS OF YOUTH”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The glorious love of God surrounds us all.
Be glad and shout for joy, from generation to generation we praise God!

We celebrate the good things of life that God provides.

We give thanks for family and friends and especially for God’s steadfast love.

Today we celebrate all the ways God is revealed to us.
From old to young we give God thanks and praise.

God blesses us day by day with good things.

Let us be grateful for all the love that is here in our church.

We are thankful for all the teachers and parents who guide our children.
They have an impact on these young souls that will last a lifetime.

The Prophet Isaiah said a child would lead us.

Let us look to the children for such clarity.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gary Morello, Associate Minister

*THE 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.

*THE 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

MOMENT OF GRATITUDE (10:00 only)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:00 only)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

ISAIAH 11:6-9

Dave Sealy, Deacon (8:30)
Phil Meyer, Deacon (10:00)

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

***HYMN #356**

“LORD, SPEAK TO ME, THAT I MAY SPEAK”

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

SERMON

“WILL OUR CHILDREN HAVE FAITH?”

Rev. Rosenberger

OFFERING (10:00 only)

OFFERTORY

“TEACH ME O LORD”

(Senior Choir)

***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 (unison) (10:00 only)**

Amid our doubts and the temptation to grab life’s blessings for our own personal use, we come to dedicate our time, talent, and treasure to realize your reign on earth, loving God. As we enjoy your bounty, we give that all our sisters and brothers might also come to appreciate the amazing gifts you entrust to us. Thank you for life and all its wonders. Amen.

***HYMN #206**

“LORD OF THE DANCE”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dale Rosenberger

POSTLUDE

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TODAY'S USHERS ARE April Barker, Karalesa DiFabio, Phil Meyer and Dave Sealy (8:30).

"A special recognition the following deserve. The dedication and commitment throughout the year is to be commended for all to hear! There is no better way to exemplify God's work than getting up on Sunday and teaching His wonderful word. A personal note of gratitude for your patience, understanding and teamwork. It has been an honor to serve by your side and fill the hearts and minds of our youth with God's love and inspiration."

Lovingly, Mary Jo Colman

Pre-K Team Leaders--

Karalesa DiFabio, Jasmine Hodgson, Katherine McLane, Sara Osberg, & Lauren Swenson

Kindergarten & Gr. 1 Leaders--

Kim Adams, Katherine Boulier, Anna Denoyer, Andy Huntington & Rebecca Weeden

2nd/3rd Grade Leaders --

Nicole Casey, Beth Hanig, Ann-Gail Hult, Heather Walsh, & Lindsay Westbrook

Grades 4-7th Leaders --

Carrie Bernier, Karen Brennen, Cynthia Clough, Erica Morello, Sue Trager, & David Young

GRADUATING SENIORS!

CLASS OF 2017

Alexandra Barnard, *Santa Clara University*

Claire Borecki, *Colby College*

Elizabeth Borecki, *Wellesley College*

Michael Borecki, *Bowdoin College*

Alec Esmond, *George Washington University*

John Hamson, *Fordham University*

Camilla Kline, *Emory University*

Brian Peters, *University of New England*

Brett Raker, *Miami University Ohio*

Erik Ryan, *Boston University*

Charlie Sealy, *Colgate University*

Benjamin Sheed, *Champlain College*

Andrew Stueber, *University of Michigan*

Thomas Sulger, *Colgate University*

James Terhune, *Villanova University*

Nicholas Trager, *University of Kentucky*

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ICE CREAM SOCIAL – TODAY!

The Board of Christian Education would like to invite you to refreshing ice cream sundaes!

COMPANION HYMNALS - DON'T MISS OUT!!!

Over the summer, the new blue companion hymnals will be arriving!! For \$25 each, why not have one or two in your favorite pew with your name or a loves ones name personalized inside?? These new hymnals will complement the Pilgrim Hymnals. Only a limited number are being ordered, so don't delay! Order forms are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Questions, please contact kristindesautelle@gmail.com. Thank you!

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you made a pledge for 2017, your Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up and are on the table, outside the church office. If you do not see envelopes with your name, and would like offering envelopes, please contact Karen Hansen at KHansen@uccdarien.org.

KNITTING MINISTRY

Two chances to get your knit on in June, The Knitting Ministry will meet in the Morehouse Room immediately the 9 a.m. service on June 25th. Come by, even if you don't know how, we can teach you how to knit or crochet. All are welcome. Questions? Call Lora Grassilli 646.932.3735

Summer Worship!

Sunday, June 25 - September 3

**One service, each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
followed by lemonade on the lawn!**





CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

Ice Cream Social, after the 10:00 a.m. service

MONDAY, JUNE 13

Board of Deacons, 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall
Board of Stewards, 7:45 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

Worship Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Start of Summer Worship – one service at 9:00 a.m.
(followed by lemonade on the lawn!)

Ministers: Every member of the congregation.

Clergy and Staff:

The Rev. Dale Rosenberger, *Pastor (emergency pager) 1-(203) 368-7789*

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*