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JUNE 12, 2016 – 10:00 A.M. CELEBRATION SUNDAY



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

PRELUDE

Mr. Daniel Hague

***SONG**

“I’VE GOT JOY, JOY, JOY”

(Church School Children process into church from back)

- 1 I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
Down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

And I’m so happy,
So very happy,
I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart.
And I’m so happy,
So very happy,
I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart.

- 2 I’ve got the peace that passes understanding,
Down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
I’ve got the peace that passes understanding,
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

And I’m so happy,
So very happy,
I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart.
And I’m so happy,
So very happy,
I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart. *(continued)*

- 3 I’ve got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
I’ve got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

And I’m so happy,
So very happy,
I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart.
And I’m so happy,
So very happy,
I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Morello, Associate Minister &
Mary Jo Colman, Church School Director

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ryan Clough: The glorious love of God surrounds us all.

Congregation: Be glad and shout for joy, from generation to generation we praise God!

Lily Voigt: We celebrate the good things of life that God provides.

Congregation: We give thanks for family and friends and especially for God's steadfast love.

Sophie Petti: We are here to encounter the one who made us, the Almighty God!

Congregation: We are open to the words that God will speak through our Young People.

Ellie Brennan: God hears our cries and answers our prayers.

Congregation: Rejoice, O righteous, in God's justice and grace.

All: Surely God is our strength and our hope. We will trust in the one who provides all things.

*OPENING PRAYER

Ted Brennen: Thank you God for another day. For allowing us to wake up and see the beauty of the sky, the light from the shining sun and the spirit of joy within our church community of faith.

Else Esmond: Life is full of ups and downs – this we are aware. Today, we celebrate the fact that we are the next generation to fill the pews here in our church. We give thanks for all those who support and encourage our journey of faith.


Caroline Young: The Bible says do not be afraid but sometimes we get scared. Coming to church reminds us that there is love, hope and encouragement that can overcome any fear that enters our lives.

Nicholas: Today, we celebrate! We celebrate growing up, graduating school and moving forward in life. We celebrate because we find joy within you God. Knowing, deep in our hearts that you will always carry us through. **Amen.**

*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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rosin Burke, Josh Gleason, Finley Wetmore and Patrick Friend

VOLUNTARY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ACTS 4:13-20 Gary Morello, Associate Minister

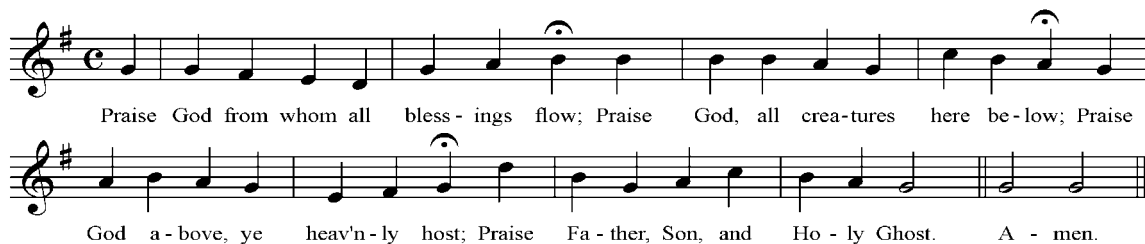
SERMON "EXTRAORDINARY GIFTS AND TALENTS"

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"LORD OF THE DANCE"
(Church School Children & Senior Choir)

*DOXOLOGY



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*)

We give thanks, generous God, because we owe you more than we can ever repay. We give because we love you and want to show our devotion. We give because there are needs to be met among us and in other places around the world. Loving God, thank you to everyone who gives from their heart, to others who are in need. May these resources be multiplied in your service. Amen.

***SONG**

“HE’S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS”

(All Church School Children)

(We invite the entire congregation to join hands, led by the children)

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| <p>1 He's got the whole world,
In his hands.
He's got the whole world,
In his hands.
He's got the whole world,
In his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.</p> <p>2 He's got the itty bitty babies,
In his hands.
He's got the itty bitty babies,
In his hands.
He's got the itty bitty babies,
In his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.</p> | <p>3 He's got the wind and the rain,
In his hands.
He's got the wind and the rain,
In his hands.
He's got the wind and the rain,
In his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.</p> <p>4 He's got ev'rybody here,
In his hands.
He's got ev'rybody here,
In his hands.
He's got ev'rybody here,
In his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.</p> <p>He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.</p> |
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***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dale Rosenberger, Pastor

POSTLUDE

Mr. Hague

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TODAY'S USHERS ARE the **Appleby family.**

TODAY'S BULLETIN COVER & BACK COVER by Caroline Young & Lily Voight.

A heartfelt praise of gratitude for the devoted and selfless teaching team of our Sunday School! Our youth has been so fortunate to have had 9 months of spiritual guidance and inspiration every Sunday by the following faith team leaders. The following individuals are commended for their continuous dedication to igniting the love of God in our youth here at FCCD. PreK Team: Lindsay Atha, Anna Denoyer, Andy Huntington, Sara Osberg, Victoria Trepp ; K/1 Team: Kim Adams, Katherine Boulier, Nicole Casey, Heather Walsh, Rebecca Weeden, Kelsey Cochrane ; 2/3 Team: Kallie Hapgood, Justine Mullin, Lee Robbins, Lindsay Westbrook ; 4/5: Annette Madden-Kline, David Stout, Karen Brennan ; 6/7: Carrie Bernier, Audrey Esmond, John Wygal.

OUR GRADUATES!

DOCTORATE DEGREES, CLASS OF 2016

Ariana Louise Wilkinson, Doctorate of Medicine from Boston University School of Medicine

MASTER'S DEGREES, CLASS OF 2016

Samantha Sinche will be graduating with a Master's Degree - Physician Assistant Studies from the College of Health Professionals, SUNY Upstate Medical University. After gaining certification, she plans to practice in NYC, specializing in Primary Care.

COLLEGE GRADUATES, CLASS OF 2016

Tony Britton, Cornell University

Tom Carruthers, Southern Methodist University

Emily Close, Lafayette College

Margaret Close, Union College

Eli Converse, Tufts University

Steve Grune, Bucknell University

Cammie Kirby, Colgate University

Tucker Morehouse, University of Arizona

Charlett Stevenson, University of Richmond

Katie Stueber, Trinity College

Katie Witschi, Santa Clara University

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, CLASS OF 2016

Austen Appleby, University of Denver

Ali Bonfils, Pratt Institute of Art and Design in Brooklyn

Roisin Burke, Eckerd College

Morgan Desautelle, Colgate University

Josh Gleason, Bucknell University

Patrick Friend, Amherst College

Riley Mullin, Trinity College

Cary O'Brien, SMU

Geoff Parnon, Middlebury College

Finley Wetmore, George Washington University, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

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!

TEACHER RECRUITMENT FOR CHURCH SCHOOL 2016-17 IS NOW OPEN

It's that time of year when, as we close the chapter on Church School, we begin to look ahead to the next program year. We invite all members of the FCC family to be part of our Church School teaching team in 2016-17. In order to staff our classrooms and stay aligned with Safe Church practices, we need SIX teachers for each team: Preschool; Kindergarten/1st Grades; 2nd/3rd Grades, 4th-7th Grades. You will always teach in a team of two, approximately one Sunday per month. Guided lessons and materials are prepared for you, and two teacher meetings (Fall & Winter) will get you ready to teach. It's important that all parents take a turn teaching over the years. The Board of Christian Education recommends that every parent teach two years for each child they have in the program. Moms and dads are welcome! Seasoned parishioners who no longer have children in the program, but who wish to give back, are encouraged as well. Please consider volunteering some of your time next year in joining our Church School team! You can sign up by clicking on the link offered here: (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4FAFA62EA02-church1>).

If you have questions, please contact MJ Colman at mjcolman@gmail.com.



CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

Blessing of the Rolling Fleet, 11:00 a.m. in the upper parking lot

MONDAY, JUNE 13

Board of Deacons, 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

Board of Stewards, 7:45 p.m. in the Office Wing Meeting Room (old Youth Room)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Start of Summer Worship Schedule – 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*