

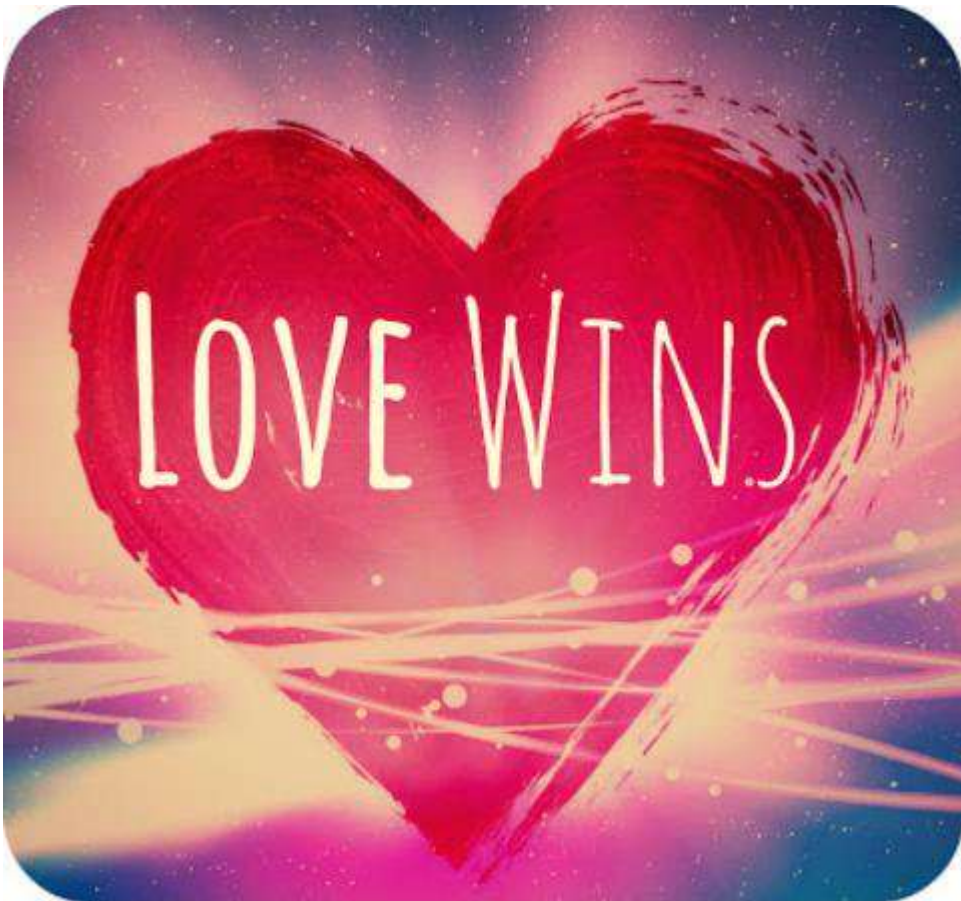


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***June 19, 2016 – 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.***



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

**PRELUDE**

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Gary Morello, Associate Minister

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*HYMN**

“PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN”

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**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

God is ready for us to seek what is eternal.

God wants us to find the truth beyond ourselves.

**Our spirits long for God, as a deer longs for water.**

**We cry out for some evidence of God’s presence.**

God seldom comes as earthquake, wind or fire.

Rather, in moments of sheer silence, God is revealed.

**We come in quiet expectation to this holy place.**

**We approach the altar of God, hungering to be fed.**

All are welcome here as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Here is a place to find healing and promise.

**Our hope is in God, who gives us life and identity.**

**Our help is from God, who is in covenant with us.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, To his feet thy  
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor To our fa - thers  
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble  
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him, Ye be - hold him

trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress; Praise him, still the same for - ev - er,  
 frame he knows; In his hands he gen - tly bears us,  
 face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him;

Who, like me, his praise should sing? Praise him! praise him!  
 Slow to chide, and swift to bless. Praise him! praise him!  
 Res - cues us from all our foes. Praise him! praise him!  
 Dwell - ers all in time and space, Praise him! praise him!

Praise him! praise him! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
 Praise him! praise him! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!  
 Praise him! praise him! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows!  
 Praise him! praise him! Praise with us the God of grace! A - men.

**\*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. Amen.*

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

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

ISAIAH 65:1-9  
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Lou Converse, Deacon (8:30)  
Al Nickerson, Deacon (10:00)

**\*HYMN**

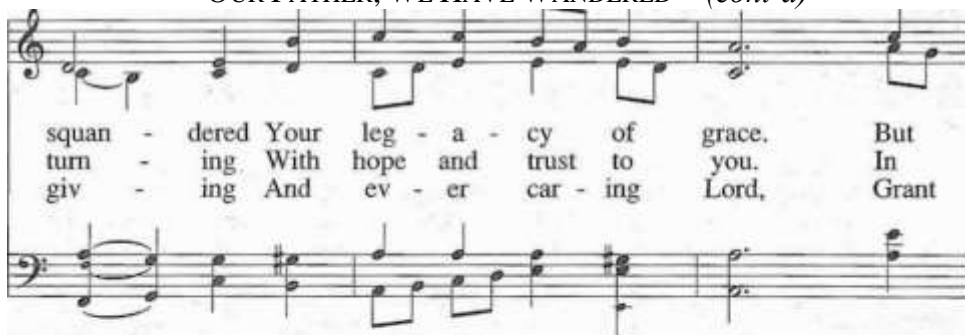
**"OUR FATHER, WE HAVE WANDERED"**

1. Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered And  
2. And now at length dis - cern - ing The  
3. O Lord of all the liv - ing, Both

hid - den from your face; In fool - ish - ness have  
e - vil that we do, Be - hold us, Lord, re -  
ban - ished and re - stored, Com - pas - sion - ate, for -

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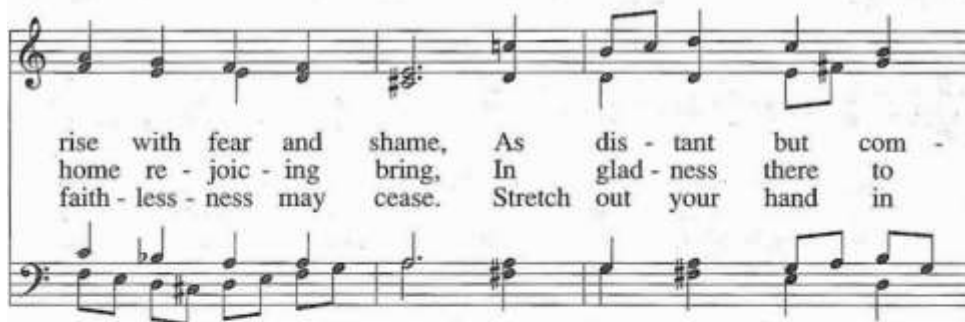
"OUR FATHER, WE HAVE WANDERED" (cont'd)



squan - dered Your leg - a - cy of grace. But  
turn - ing With hope and trust to you. In  
giv - ing And ev - er car - ing Lord, Grant



now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, We  
haste you come to meet us And  
now that our trans - gress - ing, Our



rise with fear and shame, As dis - tant but com -  
home re - joic - ing bring, In glad - ness there to  
faith - less - ness may cease. Stretch out your hand in



pell - ing, We hear you call our name.  
greet us With calf and robe and ring.  
bless - ing, In par - don and in peace.

**GOSPEL LESSON**

MATTHEW 5:43-48

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**SERMON**

“LOVE THE UNLOVABLE”

Assoc. Min. Gary Morello

**OFFERTORY**

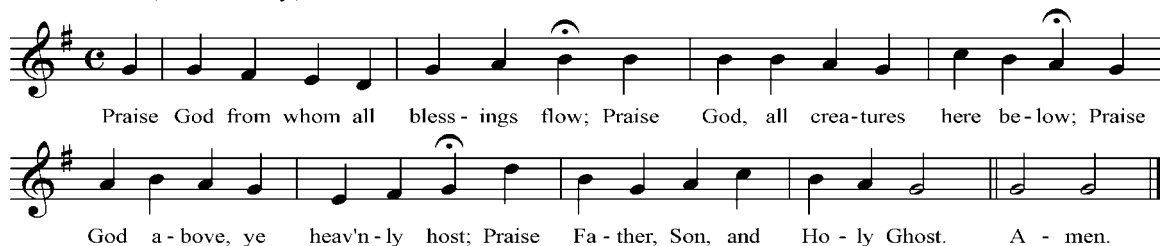
“THE LORD’S PRAYER”

A. H. Malotte

(10:00 only)

Beth 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)

**Holy God, whose healing presence gathers together our brokenness and restores our integrity, move us once more to proclaim to one another how much you have done for us. Thank you for providing us with the resources we need on a daily basis to meet our human needs. May our dedicated dollars reflect a consecrated congregation. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

“THERE’S A WIDENESS IN GOD’S MERCY”

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**\*BENEDICTION**

Assoc. Min. Gary Morello

**POSTLUDE**

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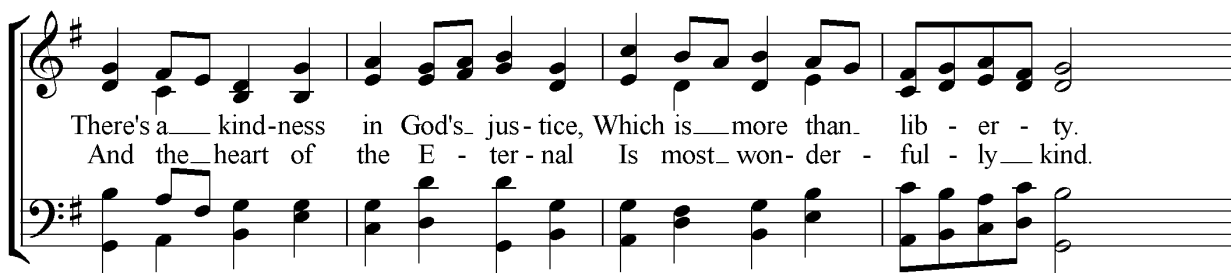
**TODAY’S USHERS** are Lou Converse (8:30), Anne MacInnes and Al Nickerson.

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# THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY



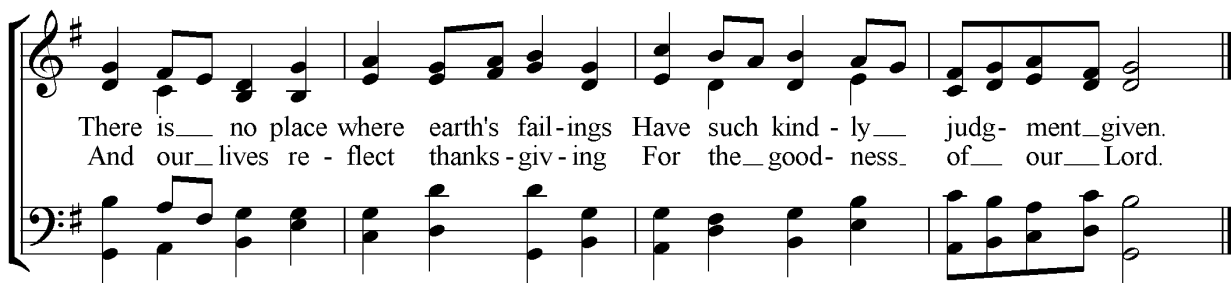
1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of the mind;



There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.  
And the heart of the E - ter - nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven:  
If our love were but more faith-ful, We would glad-ly trust God's Word;



There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg-ment given.  
And our lives re-flect thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.

*ISAIAH 65:1-9*

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.  
I said, 'Here I am, here I am',  
to a nation that did not call on my name.  
I held out my hands all day long  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;  
a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;  
who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;  
who say, 'Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.'

These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all day long.  
See, it is written before me:  
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their laps  
their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord;  
because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills,  
I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.  
Thus says the Lord:  
As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, 'Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it',  
so I will do for my servants' sake,  
and not destroy them all.  
I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.



## **MATTHEW 5:43-48**

‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS**

The First Congregational Church Nursery School has a couple openings in the 2's and the 4's for 2016-2017. Please call the school 203 655-3150 or email [fccns@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fccns@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

### **TODAY IS THE LAST BLOCK SUNDAY OF THE SPRING SESSION FOR CHURCH SCHOOL**

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend Celebration Sunday, the children were wonderful!

Please note that next Sunday, June 26th will be the start of Summer Sundays and the service is at 9am. The Nursery will be open for ages up to Grade 2.

### **TEACHING TEAM NEEDED FOR GRADE LEVELS PRE-K/1ST, 4TH -7TH!!**

Calling parents to step up and volunteer one Sunday a month throughout September 4th - June to assist, and facilitate Sunday School classes. We wish to remind parents how important and gratifying it is to encourage and be an active participant in your child's faith journey. Please note that all lessons are prepared for you in advance. When there are teams of 6 parents per grade sections (eg. K/1, 2/3,...) the rotation of committed Sundays becomes less frequent.

### **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 loved one's 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](mailto:kristindesautelle@gmail.com). Thank you!

**IN CASE YOU MISSED OUR CELEBRATION SUNDAY – HERE ARE 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 CALENDAR**

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 26**

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. (start of summer worship schedule)

### **SUNDAY, JULY 3**

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

### **MONDAY, JULY 4**

Church Office Closed

**WELCOME TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

We are an accepting community where faith in Christ makes a difference. We welcome you to worship with us wherever you are on your journey. As a spiritual home, our hallmarks are education, fellowship and pastoral care. Children have a special place in our church family, and are embraced with love, guidance and opportunities for spiritual growth. We are a church of conscience, unafraid of the issues of today and serving as a reconciling force among different faiths.



**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*

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