



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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

PRELUDE

Mr. Daniel Hague

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dale B. Rosenberger, Pastor

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN**

"THIS IS MY SONG"

1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions,
2. My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3. This is my prayer, O Rul - er of all na-tions:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine,
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine;
let thy reign come; on earth thy will be done.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "This is My Song". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

(continued)

“THIS IS MY SONG” (continued)

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
but oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
In peace may all earth's peo - ple draw to - geth - er,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
O hear my song, thou God of all the na - tions,
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

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

Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to your God with cries of joy!

**How majestic is the Lord Most High;
how mighty is our Sovereign over all the earth!**

Sing praises to our God, above all;
sing spiritual psalms in God's honor.

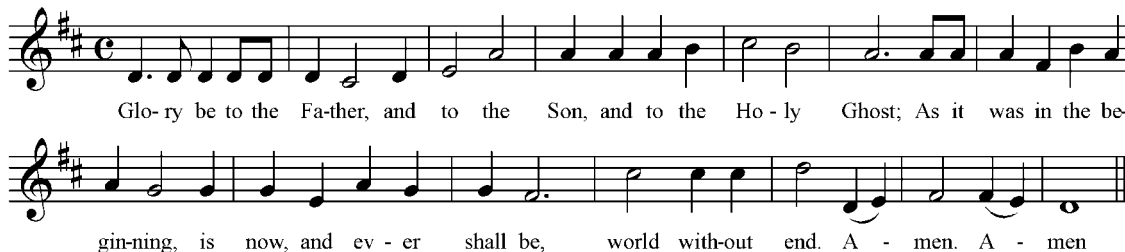
**God reigns over the nations;
God is exalted over all powers.
Praise God's everlasting name.**

***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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

REVELATION 13:1-8
(see inside back cover)

Marianne Lauer, Deacon

***HYMN**

“BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE”

1 Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me, As thou didst
2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me, As thou didst

break the loaves Be - side the sea; Be - yond the sa - cred page
bless the bread By Gal - i - lee; Then shall all bond - age cease,

I seek thee, Lord; My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word.
All fet - ters fall, And I shall find my peace, My all in all. A - men.

GOSPEL LESSON

ROMANS 13:1-7
(see inside back cover)

Rev. Rosenberger

SERMON

“A MODEST PROPOSAL”

OFFERTORY

“GOD BLESS AMERICA”
Special Guest: Jayme Stevenson

Irving Berlin

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(unison)

Generous God, you provide beyond our needs. In times of prosperity, let our hearts rise, thankful to you and mindful of others. In times of troubled scarcity, let us trust you still, believing that you stand above and beyond the rise and fall of nations. As we have been blessed in this land, show us the meaning of blessing others from tables of abundance. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

CALL TO PRAYER

(Leader)	The Lord be with you.
(Congregation)	And also with you.
(Leader)	Lift up your hearts.
(Congregation)	We lift them up to the Lord.
(Leader)	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
(Congregation)	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

***SANCTUS**

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

*Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord!*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, we offer our thanks for what you have given us in this bread and cup. Fed and renewed by your life in us - we go now to share that life with others. Send us forth equipped with the power of your Spirit to spread the message of your love and compassion to all whom we meet. Amen.

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
 3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
 4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years

For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
 Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
 Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.
 Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.
 Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - ery gain di - vine.
 And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea. A - men.

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

POSTLUDE

Daniel Hague

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TODAY'S USHERS are Marianne Lauer and Mandy Teare

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Gregory Scott Hillman, by the Hillman Family

TODAY'S MUSIC: “**This Is My Song**,” Words: St 1, 2 Lloyd Stone, 1934 St 3 Georgia Harkness. Music: Jean Sibelius 1899 arr. Public Domain. “**Break Thou the Bread of Life**,” Words by Mary Ann Lathbury, Music by William Fisk Sherwin, 1877. Public Domain. “**O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**“(America the Beautiful/Materna), Authors: Katharine Lee Bates, Samuel Augustus Ward. Public Domain.

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 for more information.

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 loves ones name personalized inside?? These new hymnals will complement the Pilgrim Hymnals. Only a limited number are being ordered, so do not delay! Order forms are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

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

OUR CHURCH EXPENSES DO NOT TAKE A SUMMER VACATION
Please keep your pledge current!



CHURCH CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 4

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, JULY 10

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 17

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

MEETINGHOUSE RENOVATION UPDATE – JUNE 22

So far, the project in the Meetinghouse project has moved according to plan. The emergency shoring is in place, the roof structure is stable and the insulation has been removed to facilitate the inspection and evaluation of the other trusses and ceiling.

With that prep work complete, the roof structure and ceiling were inspected today (6/22) by Mr. Jim Norton (GNCB Consulting Engineers), Jim Sabith (Kronenberger & Sons Construction), Dale Rosenberger (Pastor) and Andrew Barnard (Chair, Board of Stewards). This was a preliminary inspection, and the engineers will be returning to inspect further with the goal of gathering the information they require to prepare concept designs for several possible remedies.

We have also received the preliminary draft of the engineering study of the entire facility. This 281-page report is an exhaustive survey of all of our buildings, grounds and systems. The cost estimator is still working on his section of the report, so we don't yet have costs associated with the recommendations. However, this report does provide a detailed list of required and recommended action steps, which will prove to be a great help in our maintenance and upkeep of the church. After the cost estimator has completed his work, GNCB will present the findings to Stewards and Church Council and answer questions.

We will endeavor to provide as much information as we can in a timely fashion as we move forward with this important work.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Barnard
Chair, Board of Stewards

REVELATION 13:1-8

And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads; and on its horns were ten diadems, and on its heads were blasphemous names. And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave it his power and his throne and great authority. One of its heads seemed to have received a death-blow, but its mortal wound had been healed. In amazement the whole earth followed the beast. They worshipped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshipped the beast, saying, 'Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?'

The beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. Also, it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. It was given authority over every tribe and people and language and nation, and all the inhabitants of the earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slaughtered.

ROMANS 13:1-7

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, and honor to whom honor is due.

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, *Senior Minister (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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