



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ***July 10, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.***



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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dale Rosenberger, Pastor

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN** “PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND”

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***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

We gather in grief, but certainly not as those without hope.
As a people of resurrection, we refuse to cave into despair.

**We gather deeply disturbed, even outraged, O God.
Trusting you to take our passion and use it for good.**

We gather in renewed solidarity and deep determination,
to dwell together in community as God’s beloved children.

**We gather in fellowship to find our way forward together,
As God’s racial rainbow, rather than tribes drawing lines.**

(All uniting)

**We gather in memory, remembering lives taken and their families.
And we gather in love, determined that hate shall not rule the day.**

***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**

*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.*

BAPTISM OF ELISABETH BURROWS CLIFFORD

PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
when my life is al - most gone,
and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

JEREMIAH 13:15-17, 13

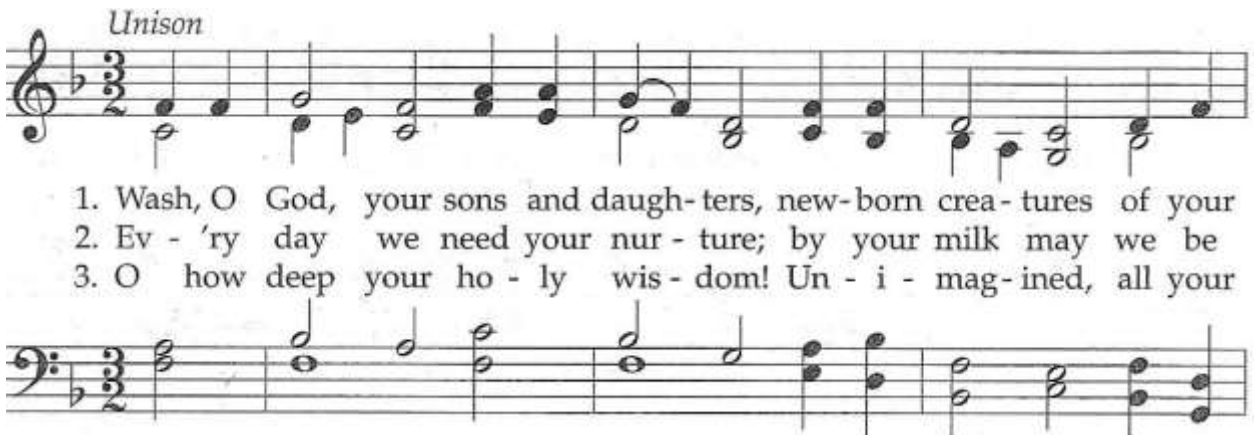
Marianne Lauer, Deacon

Hear and give ear; do not be haughty,
for the Lord has spoken.
Give glory to the Lord your God
before he brings darkness,
and before your feet stumble
on the mountains at twilight;
while you look for light,
he turns it into gloom
and makes it deep darkness.
But if you will not listen,
my soul will weep in secret for your pride;
my eyes will weep bitterly and run down with tears,
because the Lord's flock has been taken captive.

Then you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord: I am about to fill all the inhabitants of this land—the kings who sit on David's throne, the priests, the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem—with drunkenness.

*HYMN "WASH, O GOD, YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS"

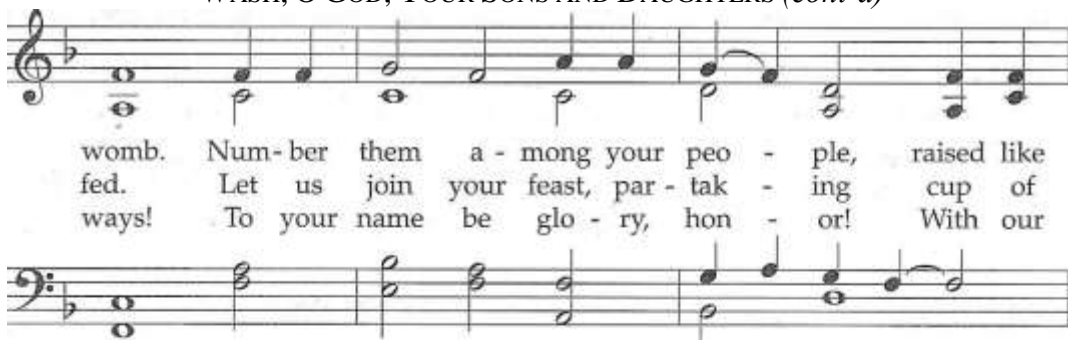
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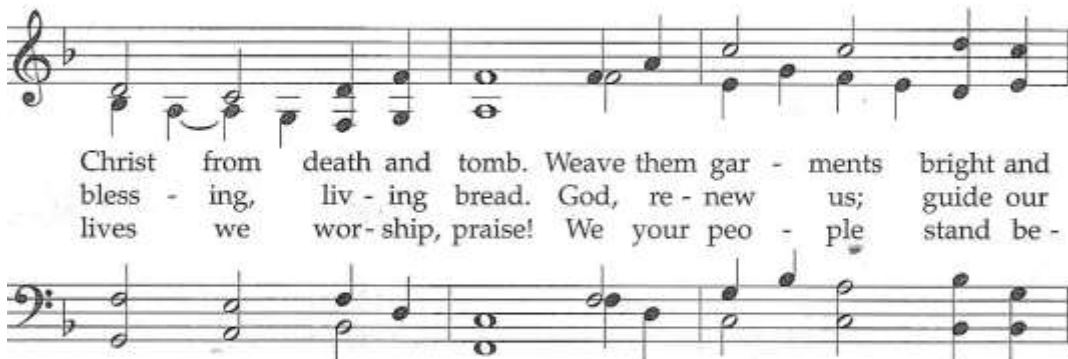
1. Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, new-born creatures of your
2. Ev - 'ry day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may we be
3. O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined, all your

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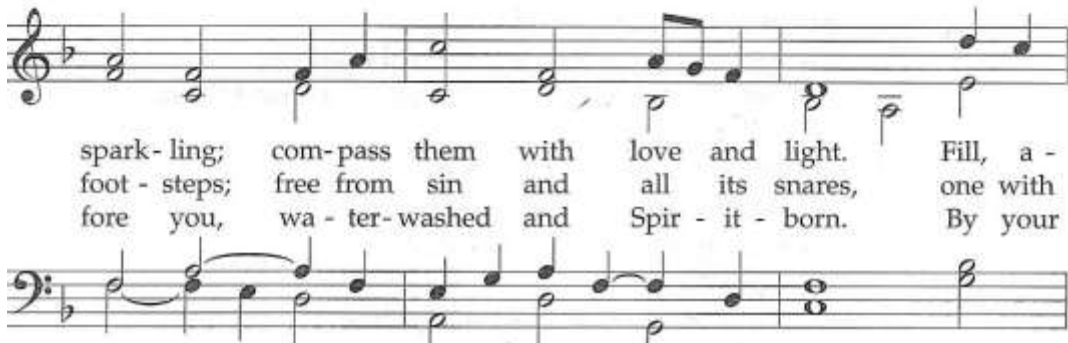
WASH, O GOD, YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS (cont'd)



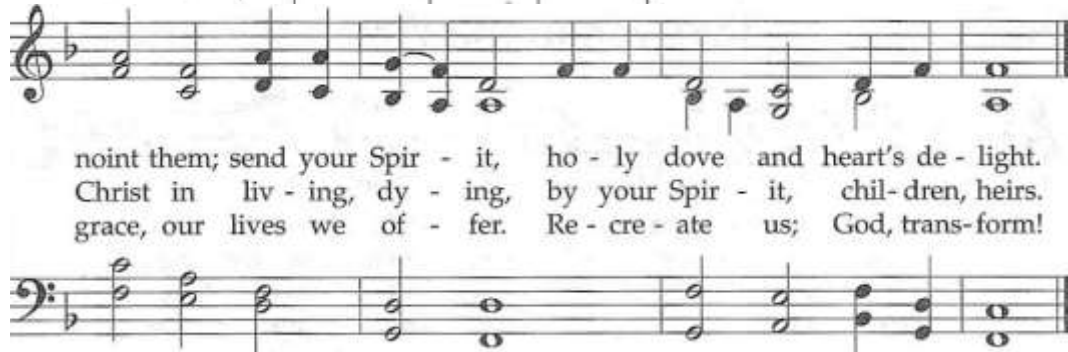
womb. Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like
 fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of
 ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our



Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and
 bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our
 lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -



spark - ling; com - pass them with love and light. Fill, a -
 foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares, one with
 fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born. By your



noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
 Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
 grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

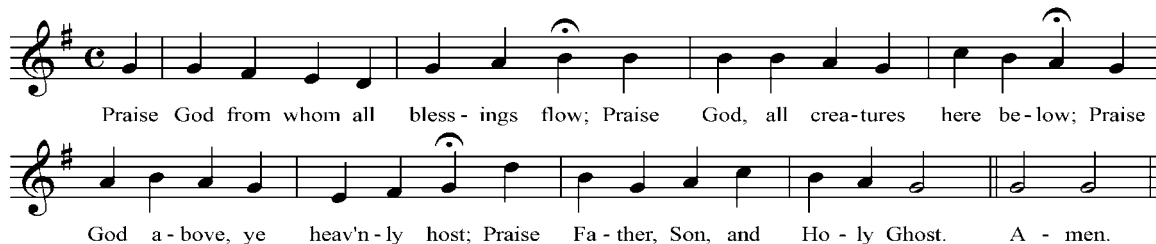
SERMON

"BECOMING STRONG AT THE BROKEN PLACES"

Rev. Rosenberger

OFFERTORY

*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)

Merciful God, we offer ourselves and substance today for those who are afraid: give them courage. For those who dwell in anger and vent their rage with blaming violence; give them your deep forgiveness. For those who've long lived without safe spaces, and who seek sanctuary in the context of spiritual community, give us all strong love. Amen.

*HYMN

"DIVERSE IN CULTURE, NATION, RACE"

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DIVERSE IN CULTURE, NATION, RACE



1. Di - verse in cul - ture, na - tion, race, we
2. God, let us be a bridge of care con -
3. When cha - sms wid - en, storms a - rise, O
4. God, let us be a ta - ble spread with



come to - geth - er by your grace. God, let us be a
nect - ing peo - ple ev - 'ry - where. Help us con - front all
Ho - ly Spir - it, make us wise. Let our re - solve, like
gifts of love and bro - ken bread, where all find wel - come,



meet - ing ground where hope and heal - ing love are found.
fear and hate and lust for pow'r that sep - a - rate.
steel, be strong to stand with those who suf - fer wrong.
grace at - tends, and en - e - mies a - rise as friends.



***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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TODAY'S USHERS are April Barker and Marianne Lauer.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S BAPTISMAL FAMILY

Today marks the third time Josh and Tricia Clifford have celebrated a baptism of their own, here at FCC,D. Dr. Don baptized Brooks here five years ago. Dale baptized Margaret in 2012. The Cliffords have since moved to Chicago as we today celebrate Elisabeth's baptism, with her godparents, who are native to Connecticut. The Cliffords are now part of the Congregational Church in Evanston, Il.

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

SUNDAY, JULY 17

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

Welcome Back to Church

PICNIC



Sunday, September 11, 2016
Right after our 10 a.m. "Jazz Worship" service



FOOD
LIVE MUSIC
ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS



JOIN US!
BRING A FRIEND!!



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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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