

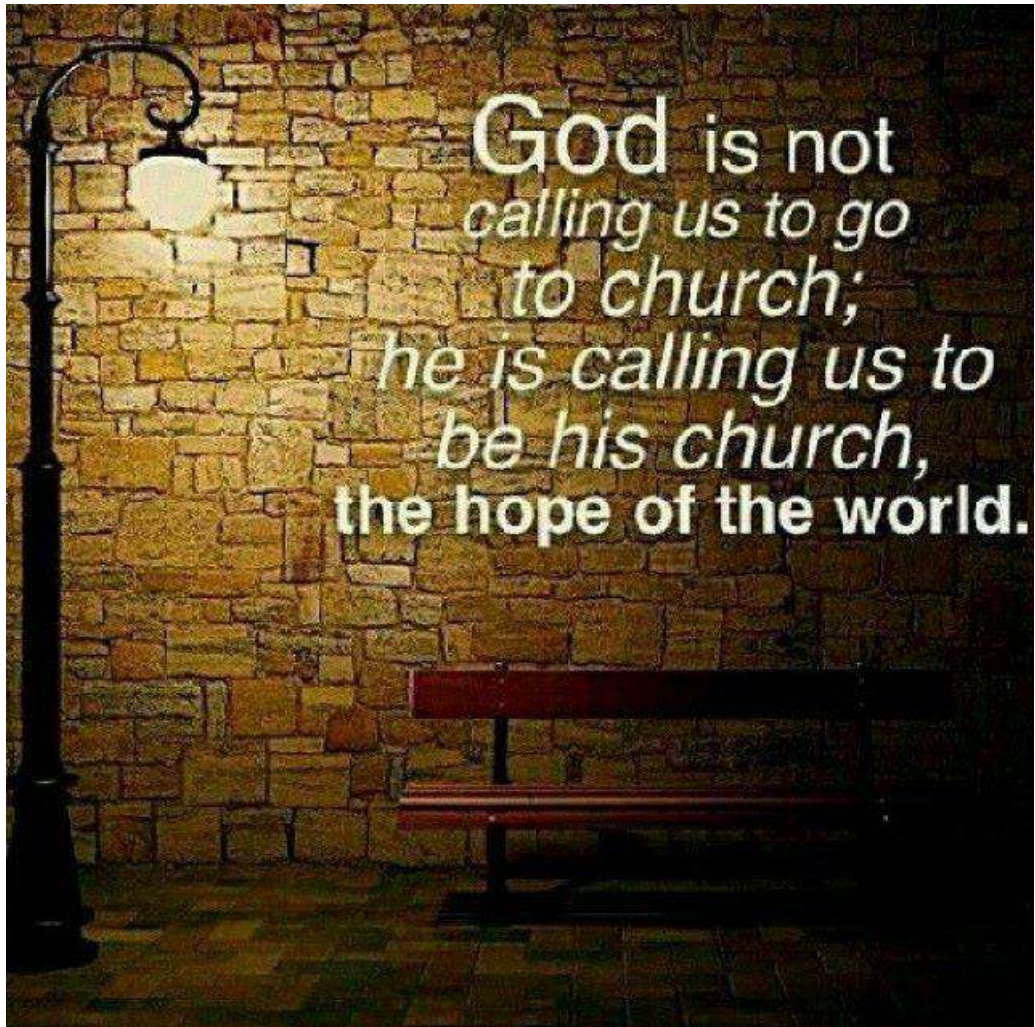


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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 24, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.



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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**

“WE CALL OURSELVES DISCIPLES”

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***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

God is eager to restore us to right relationships.
The Creator is waiting to claim us now as God’s own.

**We have come to meet the God who welcomes everyone.
We have gathered to experience God’s steadfast love.**

Listen, for God will speak to those who want to hear.
Turn your hearts toward the one who saves.

**We bow down to receive God’s mercy.
We open ourselves to the source of peace.**

God will answer us and will give what is good.
God restores us to faithfulness and righteousness.

**We come asking, searching, and knocking.
We seek the truth that only God can provide.**

***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.

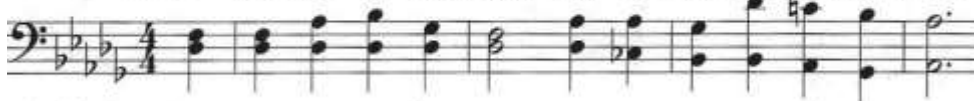
***GLORIA PATRI**

***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.***

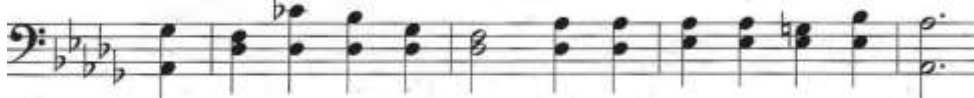
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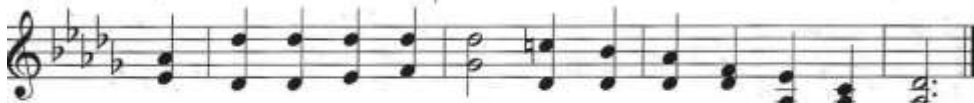
1. We call our-selves dis - ci - ples, as pil-grims on the way.
2. The cup and cross be-fore us, pro-claim our hope a - bove,
3. We're bap-tized in the Spir - it, in wa-ters God pro-vides.
4. We join with all dis - ci - ples to live the Word in deed,
5. So now the vi-sion bright-ens, the light of Christ burns still



1. We seek the truth in wis - dom, and beau-ty in each day.
2. the sign of our Re-deem - er, the ves - sel of his love.
3. In Christ we rise to new - ness, for in him we have died.
4. to share the cup of wa - ter and bread with all in need;
5. in hearts, of all dis - ci - ples to be the church God wills.



1. As wom-en, men, and chil - dren, we serve, Christ's path to clear.
2. Once more the cross is lift - ed, the cup poured out for all.
3. Now dead to powers of e - vil, and free from hope-less fears,
4. to work till God's com- pass - ion and righ-teous-ness pre - vail,
5. From qui-et med - i - ta - tion, and joy - ous hymns of praise,



1. In joy - ful ex - pec - ta - tion we see God's reign draw near.
2. When gath-ered at the ta - ble we hear our com-mon call.
3. we live with faith and pur - pose, cre - a - tive through the years.
4. till all this plan-et's peo - ple know jus - tice with - out fail.
5. we go to do God's mis-sion! Christ, lead us all our days!



JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

EZEKIEL 36:22-26

Mandy Teare, Deacon

Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

*HYMN

“TAKE MY GIFTS”



1. Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of
2. Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your
3. Take what- ever I can offer— gifts that I have



all loved me, gave me light and food and shel - ter,
Spir - it sowed, har - vest of your own com - pas - sion,
yet to find, skills that I am slow to sharp - en,

TAKE MY GIFTS (cont'd)

gave me life and set me free, now be - cause your
juice that makes the wine of God, spiced with hu - mor,
tal - ents of the hand and mind, things made beau - ti -

love has touched me, I have love to give a - way,
laced with laugh - ter - fla - vor of the Je - sus life,
ful for oth - ers in the place where I must be:

now the bread of love is ris - ing, loaves of love to
tang of risk and new ad - ven - ture, taste and zest be -
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of

mul - ti - ply!
yond be - lief.

all loved me.

Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.”

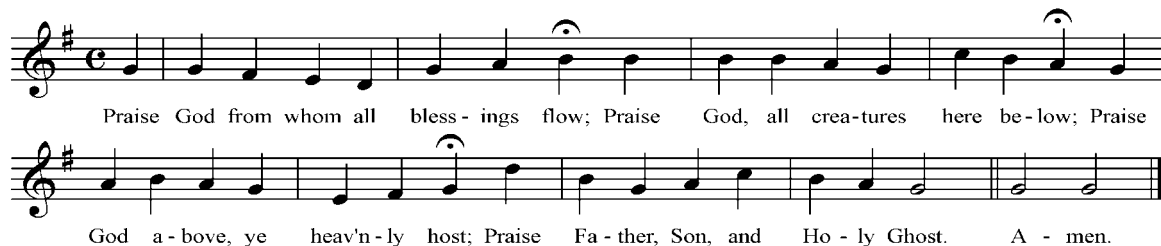
SERMON

“INTO ACTION!”

Gary Morello, Associate Minister

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)

Holy God, we give you thanks and praise, we worship you with our offerings. The good gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ call for an outpouring of gratitude. May our offerings give evidence of our abounding thankfulness. Amen.

Unison

1. Who is my moth - er, who is my broth - er?
 2. Dif - ferent - ly a - bled, dif - ferent - ly la - beled
 3. Love will re - late us — col - or or sta - tus
 4. Bound by one vi - sion, met for one mis - sion

all those who gath - er round Je - sus Christ:
 wid - en the cir - cle round Je - sus Christ:
 can't seg - re - gate us, round Je - sus Christ:
 we claim each oth - er, round Je - sus Christ:

Spir - it - blown peo - ple, born from the Gos - pel
 crutch - es and stig - mas, cul - tures' en - ig - mas
 fam - i - ly fail - ings, hu - man de - rail - ings —
 here is my moth - er, here is my broth - er,

sit at the ta - ble, round Je - sus Christ.
 all come to - geth - er round Je - sus Christ.
 all are ac - cept - ed, round Je - sus Christ.
 kin - dred in Spir - it, through Je - sus Christ.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

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TODAY'S USHERS are Gary Holmes and Mandy Teare.

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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

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 31

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!!



The First Congregational Church of Darien
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Summer Worship!

Sunday, June 26 - September 4

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



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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