



**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

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***THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***  
***August 14, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.***

“So be careful how you live.  
Don’t live like fools,  
but like those who are wise.

*Make the most of  
every opportunity...”*

Ephesians 5:15, 16

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 14, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

Childcare is available for children up to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
(this week we will meet in the Morehouse Room)

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

PRELUDE

Mr. Daniel Hague, Music Director

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS


Rev. Dale Rosenberger, Senior Minister

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*HYMN

“BE THOU MY VISION”

*In unison*



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,  
4 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Nought be all else to me save that thou art.  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou mine in - her - it - ance, now and al - ways;  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

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“BE THOU MY VISION” (cont'd)

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;  
Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
High King of heav - en, my treas - ure thou art.  
Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all. A - men.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

All of the rhythms of time beat within God's heart.  
God has appointed our seasons of work and rest.

**All of the seasons of our life are beautiful in their time,  
as each will provide occasions for God's great mercy.**

We hear the invitation to live according to God's timetable.  
Jesus offers rest to those who are weary and heavy-laden.

**Lord Jesus, we would learn from you, in your work  
and your rest, yoked to your devotion and strength.**

Listen for the voice of God, and we will find our way forward.  
As we hear his voice, we discern what is eternal and fleeting.

**We delight that God invites our prayerful approach;  
our souls find rest in listening and speaking to God.**

## \*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

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

EPHESIANS 5:15-20

Phil Meyer, Deacon

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Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

\*HYMN

“IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST”



1 In Christ there is no East or West, In him no South or North;  
2 In him shall true hearts ev - ery - where Their high com - mun - ion find;  
3 Join hands, then, broth - ers of the faith, What - e'er your race may be!  
4 In Christ now meet both East and West, In him meet South and North;



But one great fel - low - ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
His serv - ice is the gold - en cord Close - bind - ing all man - kind.  
Who serves my Fa - ther as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.  
All Christ - ly souls are one in him Through - out the whole wide earth. A - men.



GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 12:54-56

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

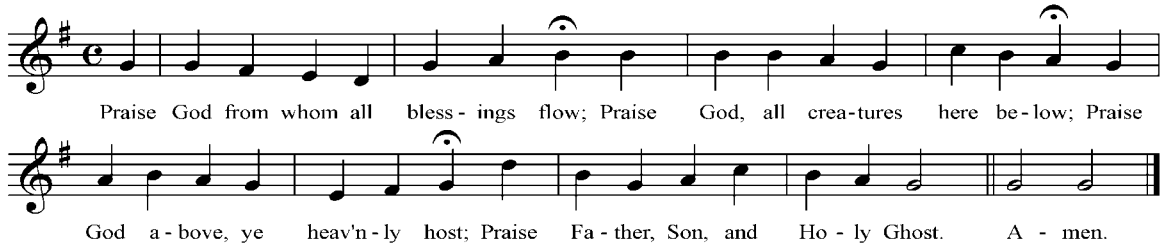
SERMON

“REDEEM THE MOMENT”

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)*

**Gracious God, whose creative energy has filled all heaven and earth with good things for us to enjoy and share. We would honor you with our offerings. May the ministries we initiate and the outreach we support work toward healing inequity in the world. We look to Jesus as our model in serving and giving of ourselves. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**“IF THOU BUT SUFFER GOD TO GUIDE THEE”**

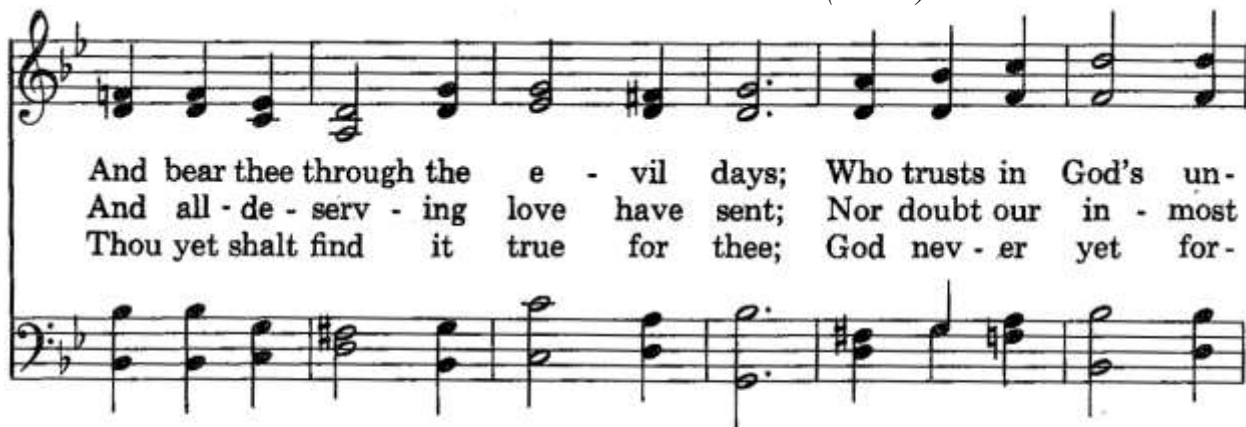


1 If thou but suf - fer God to guide thee, And hope in  
2 On - ly be still, and wait his lei - sure In cheer - ful  
3 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; So do thine  
him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what - e'er be - tide thee,  
hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's pleas - ure  
own part faith - ful - ly, And trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

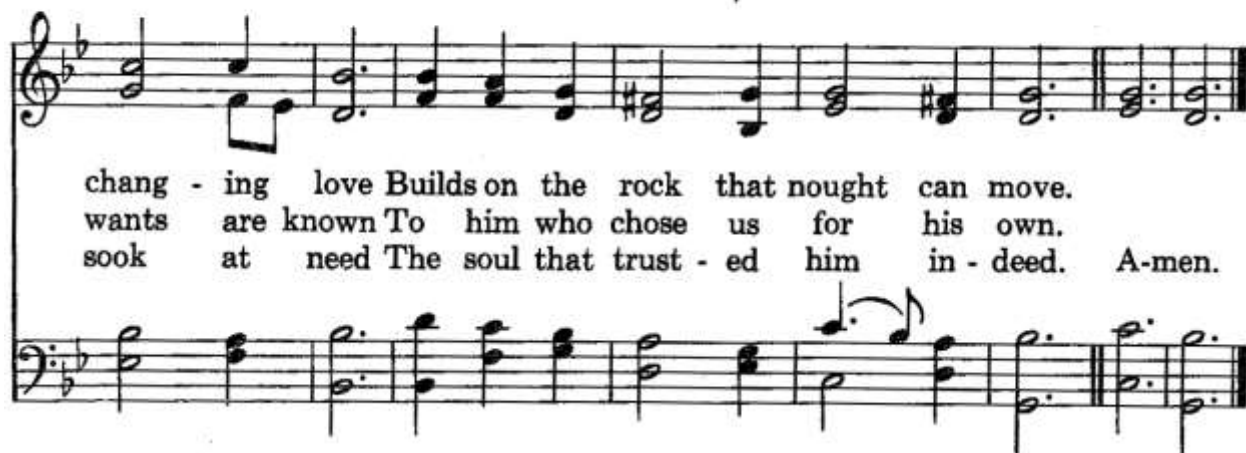
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IF THOU BUT SUFFER GOD TO GUIDE THEE (*cont'd*)



And bear thee through the e - vil days; Who trusts in God's un-  
And all - de - serv - ing love have sent; Nor doubt our in - most  
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -



chang - ing love Builds on the rock that nought can move.  
wants are known To him who chose us for his own.  
sook at need The soul that trust - ed him in - deed. A-men.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Mr. Daniel Hague

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**IN MEMORIUM**

We are saddened to report the passing of former church member, Lorraine Fenn..  
A memorial service has been planned for Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.,  
with a reception to follow.

**TODAY'S USHERS** are Marianne Lauer and Phil Meyer.

# **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.

## **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](mailto:kristindesautelle@gmail.com). Thank you!

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





## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21**

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28**

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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# ***BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS***

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> - 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE**

Bring your favorite pet: walking, crawling, flying, dare we say, *slithering*, or even a child's toy stuffed animal for a special blessing.



**Youth Group Car & Pet Wash**



**Sunday, September 25**

**11:00-1:00 p.m.**

**\$10 per car; \$10 per pet**

**After the Blessing of the Animals service, you can get your car and/or pet washed!  
Look for us in the lower parking lot.**

**All proceeds will benefit the 2016-17 Youth Group  
and our upcoming activities and service projects.**

**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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