



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 20, 2017

9:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

Mr. Daniel Hague

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dale Rosenberger, Senior Minister

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN #10**

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(responsively)

God’s steadfast love extends to the distant stars,
yet also embraces us, as close as our breathing.

**Remember to bless the Lord, my soul;
may all within me, bless you, my God.**

Just as our ancestors knew God’s many saving acts,
God continues to bless us today in miraculous ways.

**Remember to bless the Lord, my soul;
to lift up before all God’s many benefits.**

God is mindful of each creature, of all creation.
And the power of God’s care gathers us today.

**All God’s creation teems with tender longing.
We bless the Lord, all of us who live in hope.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gary Morello, Associate Minister

***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.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

EXODUS 3:1-15

Phil Meyer, Deacon

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you":

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

***HYMN #176**

"THEY CAST THEIR NETS IN GALILEE"

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

SERMON

“SO WHAT’S IN A NAME?”

Rev. Rosenberger

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow: Praise God all creatures here below:
Praise god above ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

May our offerings express a genuine love that reflects your love for us, O God. We praise you as we serve one another in Christ's name. We reach out to overcome evil with good. Direct the resources you entrust to us to remember each other in our need and reach out to touch the world with Christ's love. Amen.

*HYMN #407

“COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Rosenberger

POSTLUDE

Mr. Hague

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TODAY’S USHERS are Phil Meyer and Mandy Teare.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLASSICS BOOK GROUP

The Classics Book Group is reading Trollope's, Barchester Towers and is meeting on Wednesday, September 20 in the library, at 3:30 p.m. Come check us out. Call Sally Bassler or just come, (203) 655-9658; sbassler13@gmail.com.) even if you haven't read/finished the book. This is a long one - hence for summer reading!

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you made a pledge for 2017, your Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up and are on the table, outside the church office. If you do not see envelopes with your name, and would like offering envelopes, please contact Karen Hansen at KHansen@uccdarien.org.

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





SAVE THE DATE

Feed My Starving Children

***Annual Event is Around the Corner
September 30th – October 1st, 2017***

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Participation VERY rewarding

Any questions, please feel free to contact Tracey Berry
(tbc@optonline.net)

Welcome Back to Church

PICNIC

A row of black silhouettes depicting various picnic activities: a person holding a drink, a person with a dog, a person sitting at a table, a person with a stroller, a person standing, a person with a stroller, a person with a stroller, a person with a stroller, and a person with a stroller.

Sunday, September 10, 2017
Right after our 10 a.m. "Jazz Worship" service

FOOD
ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS



JOIN US!
BRING A FRIEND!!



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WELCOME TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

***“Where God’s extravagantly welcoming love brings us all in,
and Christ’s transforming truth sends us all back out again.”***

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.



CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

Ministers: Every member of the congregation.

Clergy and Staff:

The Rev. Dale Rosenberger, *Senior Minister (emergency pager) 1- (203) 368-7789*

Gary M. Morello, *Associate Minister*

The Rev. Ronald T. Evans, *Pastor Emeritus*

Christine Geeding, *Director of Christian Education*

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*