



## THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

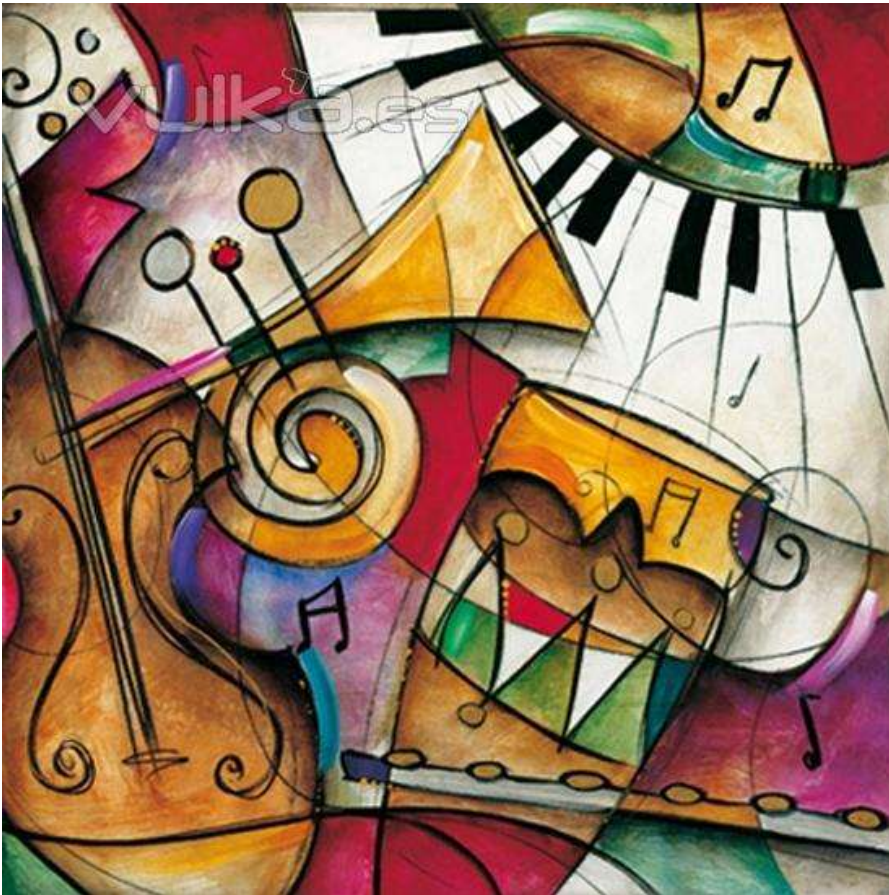
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# WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

## A JAZZ CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL

*September 10, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.*



*A drop-off Nursery is available for newborns up to age 3,  
in the Nursery School wing starting at 9:45 a.m.*

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**September 10, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.**

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

**PRELUDE**

Katharine & Kompany

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rev. Dale B. Rosenberger

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*HYMN**

“LEAD ME, GUIDE ME”

*(pages 3 & 4)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Today God meets us here, and we glorify his name.  
As God welcomes us, we place our trust in the Lord.

**We gather to invite God’s blessing upon our new year.  
We praise God’s unrelenting loyalty; we count upon it.**

As we remember God’s ways, it stirs up our better angels.  
God’s purpose and providing are our trusty help and hope.

**We offer thanks for the seasons of God’s saving work,  
for appreciating how God ever seeks the best for us all.**

Our wondrous God creates new family out of nothing,  
as we share Christ’s peace, and show reconciled lives.

**Our God is present to us, to strengthen and uphold us.  
As we gather in Christ’s name, we rally before our 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.**

# LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

The first system of the musical score for 'Lead Me, Guide Me'. It consists of three staves: a vocal line in treble clef, a piano accompaniment in treble clef, and a bass line in bass clef. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics 'Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,' are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords, with several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over the notes) in both the treble and bass staves.

For\_ if you lead me, I can - not stray.

The second system of the musical score. It continues with three staves: vocal, piano, and bass. The lyrics 'For\_ if you lead me, I can - not stray.' are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment continues with similar patterns, including triplet markings in the piano and bass staves.

Lord,\_ let me walk each day with thee.

The third system of the musical score. It continues with three staves: vocal, piano, and bass. The lyrics 'Lord,\_ let me walk each day with thee.' are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment continues with similar patterns, including triplet markings in the piano and bass staves.

Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

The fourth system of the musical score. It consists of three staves: vocal, piano, and bass. The lyrics 'Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.' are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment continues with similar patterns, including triplet markings in the piano and bass staves. The system concludes with a double bar line.

1. I am weak\_ and I need thy strength and power to\_

2. Help me tread\_ in the paths of right - eous - ness, Be my

3. I am lost\_ if you take your hand from me, I am

1. help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me

2. aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am

3. blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just

1. through the dark - ness thy face to see,

2. put - ting all\_ my trust in thee.

3. al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

1. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

2. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

3. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

**\*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.*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Christine Geeding, Director of Christian Education

**DISMISSAL TO CHURCH SCHOOL** *(age 3-grade 5)*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

EXODUS 20:1-17

Steve Weeden, Deacon

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

*(continued)*

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**\*HYMN #471**

“I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME”

**GOSPEL LESSON**

1 JOHN 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

**SERMON**

“MAKE SURE YOU GET THE FIRST BUTTON RIGHT”

Rev. Rosenberger

**OFFERTORY**

ORDER MY STEPS  
Senior Choir

Glen Burleigh

**\*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 these offerings help to free your people, O God, from bondage to sin. Unite us in a community of mutual caring in which differences are resolved as we listen and truly hear, as we understand and share understanding. May the light of your love shine through all of our efforts to share your good news, near and far. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #436**

“JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE”

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

**POSTLUDE**

Katharine & Kompany

TODAY'S USHERS are April Barker, Anne MacInnes and Steve Weeden.

TODAY'S SPECIAL GUEST ENSEMBLE: Katharine and Kompany.

Katharine Hedlund/Piano and Vocals, Nick Trautmann/Bass and Willie Bruno/Drums

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



### CHURCH SCHOOL

#### It's Time to Register Your Family!

All FCC Families with children between the ages of newborn to grade 12, please take a moment to go online to our electronic registration form at [www.tinyurl.com/FCCFamilyRegistration](http://www.tinyurl.com/FCCFamilyRegistration) and register your family! This is required for all children participating in Church School and Youth Group. It will only take a few moments of your time. This insures you are on the right email distribution lists and that children are included in communications for upcoming service and social activities. Thank you!

#### *THIS YEAR'S CHURCH SCHOOL MISSION:*

**"Learning to give and receive God's Love"**

This week we will be asking the question, "Who is God?" Your 3's through 5th grade students will be learning about who God is and why He wants us in His Family!

### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Sunday September 17, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:KHansen@uccdarien.org).

## **YIG PRESENTS MIDDLE SCHOOL "ACCESS":**

### **Connect with friends and dig deeper into God's Word!**

6th-8th graders: Here is the class you've been looking for! "Access" will include fun activities, events, and an amazing sense of community. Alongside the other awesome youth events at FCC, "Access" will provide another opportunity for middle school students to prepare for an exciting life with God. This class leads toward confirmation and will occur 1 weekday night per month. Look for more information to come, and contact [cgeeding@uccdarien.org](mailto:cgeeding@uccdarien.org) with questions!

### **FCC YOUTH WORSHIP BAND**

Attention all 6th-12th graders! Do you play an instrument? Do you want to get involved in music at FCC? Christine Geeding (Director of Christian Ed) is looking to form a youth worship band for FCC. The band will play at various events including some Come As You Are services and youth group events. Contact [cgeeding@uccdarien.org](mailto:cgeeding@uccdarien.org) for more information!



## **SAVE THE DATE**

### ***Feed My Starving Children***

***Annual Event is Around the Corner***  
***September 30<sup>th</sup> - October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017***

***ALL ARE WELCOME!!***

***Participation VERY rewarding***

Any questions, please feel free to contact Tracey Berry ([tbcb@optonline.net](mailto:tbcb@optonline.net))





MEET THE NEW



# DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN ED

AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL IN DARIEN

## CHRISTINE GEEDING

Hi everyone! I am truly looking forward to an exciting year at FCC! I can't wait to meet you and to share in growth and friendship. I am passionate about making sure you know that God loves you and that He is there for you.  
Hope to see you soon!

### ABOUT ME

I grew up in Kansas/Idaho/Oregon, then attended college and graduate school in Illinois where I met my wonderful husband, Benjamin! We love to read, travel, and try new restaurants.



### FAVORITES

Food: Hawaiian pizza  
Drink: Grapefruit Izzy  
Hobbies: Cooking  
Color: Yellow  
Flower: plumeria

### SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. Call, visit, or come talk to me any time! I am here for you.
2. It is my goal to create a safe and welcoming atmosphere for you and your children. I appreciate your feedback!
3. I love God's Word and am passionate about the Gospel of Jesus. Questions? Let's talk!

### CONTACT ME

Phone: 203-655-0491 ext. 319  
Email: [cgeeding@uccdarien.org](mailto:cgeeding@uccdarien.org)  
Office Hours: Tuesday and Friday, 9-4  
and Sundays!



# First Congregational Church of Darien Presents:



Join us for our Sunday afternoon Worship Services on  
**(2017) September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17**  
**(2018) January 21, February 25, March 18, April 22, May 20**

We know that traditional Sunday morning worship doesn't work for everyone so we will be offering a Come As You Are worship service in Parish Hall at 4:30pm!

## *Key elements of the service include:*

A casual and more contemporary worship service, lasting about 45 minutes. Designed for people of all ages, from teens and young adults, to families with young children and empty-nesters. Led by our Associate Minister Gary M. Morello, with a short message and a combination of contemporary music, familiar hymns, upbeat choruses and prayerful songs.

# Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, September 24

10:00 a.m.



Car & Pet Wash  
supporting our Youth Group  
at 11:00 a.m.  
(lower parking lot)

# WELCOME TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

*“Where God’s generous love ingathers us,  
Christ’s bold truth transforms us,  
The Spirit’s healing power sends us.”*

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**

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

Board of Christian Education, 7:30 p.m. in the Admin. Wing Meeting Room  
Board of Deacons, 7:45 p.m. in the Circle Room  
Board of Stewards, 8:00 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

Board of Christian Outreach, 7:30 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

Worship Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Feed My Starving Children Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. in Parish Hall  
“Come As You Are” Worship, 4:30 p.m. in Parish Hall

**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*