

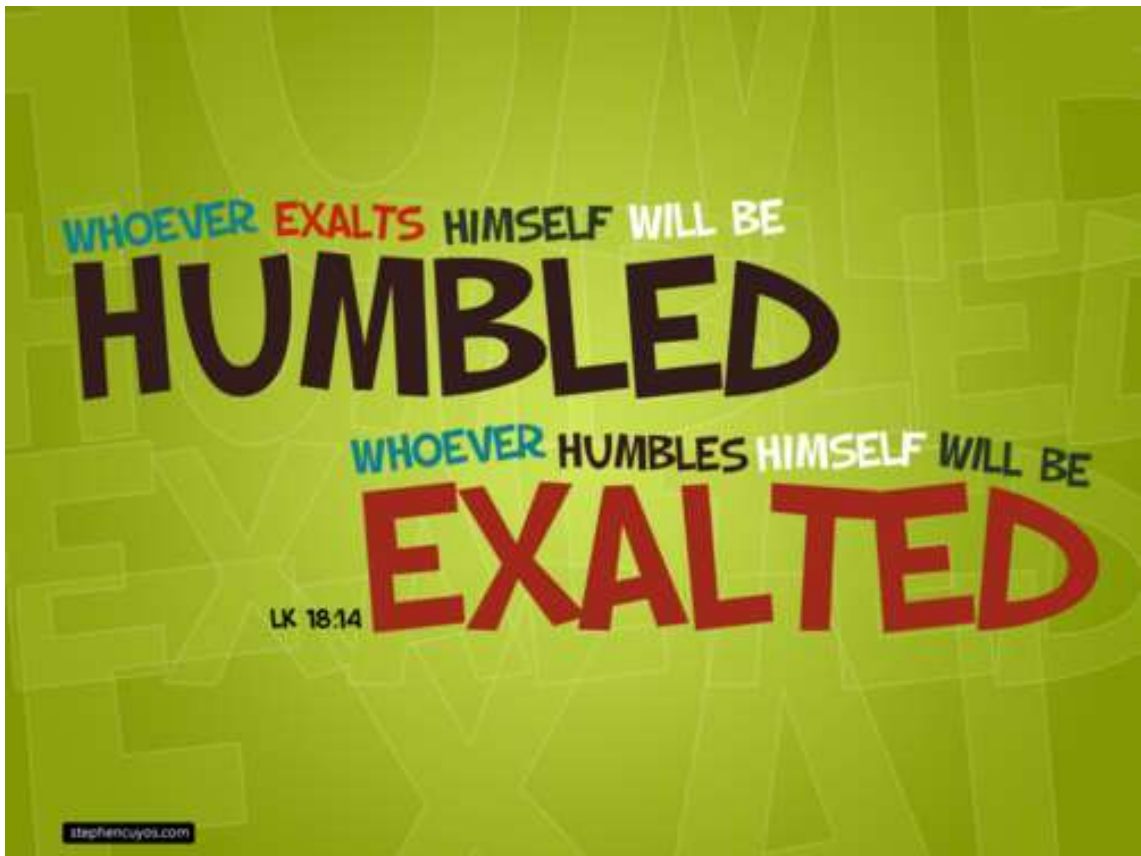


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Children are always welcome at our worship services.

A drop-off Nursery is available to children age 2 and younger,
in the Nursery School wing starting at 9:45 a.m.

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

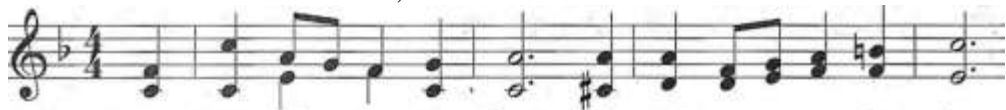
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dale Rosenberger, Senior Minister

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN**

“REJOICE, YOU PURE IN HEART”



1. Re - joice, you pure in heart; lift prais - es to the sky;
2. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong souls and spir - its meek,
3. With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
4. Yes, on through life's long path, still sing - ing as you go,
5. Praise God who rules all worlds; the ris - en Christ a - dore.



1. your fes - tive ban - ner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!
2. raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won - drous prais - es speak.
3. send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of an - cient days.
4. from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
5. Praise God the Spir - it, Ho - ly Fire, one God for ev - er - more!



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to God, who dwells on high.
Declare God's deeds among the peoples.

**May God's gracious strength carry the day,
knowing the many limits of our strength.**

God lifts us up in times of testing,
so that we can live to praise God.

**Mere mortals cannot prevail against God;
nations and powers must bow before God.**

The Lord God sits enthroned forever,
we give account before God's throne.

**God judges the world with righteousness;
God judges all of the peoples with equity.**

*OPENING PRAYER

Gary M. 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



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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & DISMISSAL (10:00 only)

MISSION MOMENT FOR FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Fiona Slater

JOYS AND CONCERNS

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put
to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

Then afterwards
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

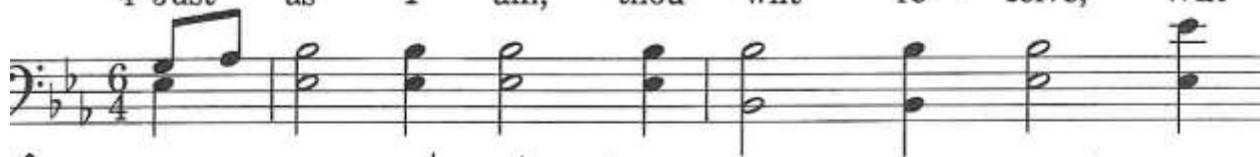
I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of
smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and
terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall
be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the
Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

*HYMN

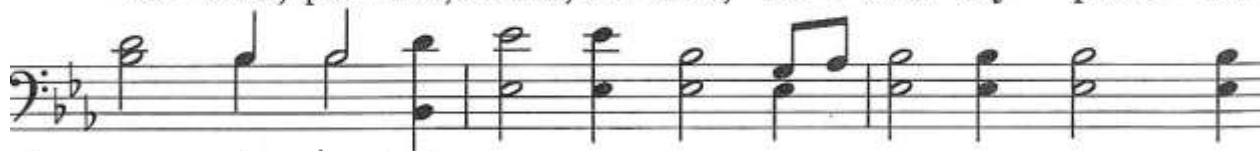
“JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA”



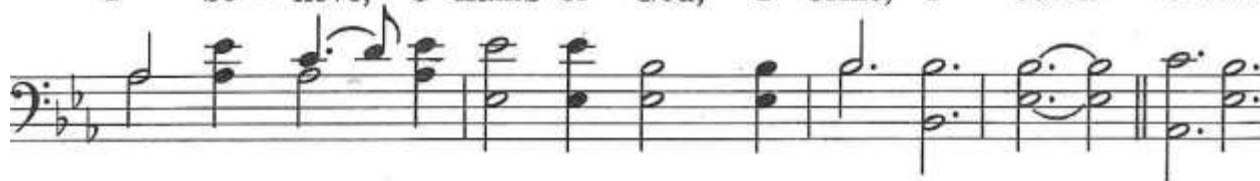
1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With
3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight,
4 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt



that thy blood was shed for me, And that thou bidd'st me
man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with
rich - es, heal - ing of the mind; Yea, all I need in
wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause thy prom - ise



come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come! A-men



GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 18:9-14

Rev. Rosenberger

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’

SERMON

“TRUSTING OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS OR RELYING UPON GOD’S GRACE?”

Rev. Rosenberger

OFFERTORY (10:00 only)

“TEACH ME, O LORD”

Thomas Atwood

Senior Choir

***DOXOLOGY** (10:00 only)

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** (10:00 only)

(unison)

O God, Jesus’ life was a journey of joy and tears. He knew our satisfactions and struggles, showing the way to light and festivity. We seek to live in the hope he sets before us and to prevent pain from defining us. We pray our offerings will work for your reign on earth and for the dawn of great things not yet seen. Amen.

***HYMN**

“DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND”

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***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

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DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND

Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927

1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, For - give our fool - ish ways.
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, Be - side the Syr - ian sea,
 3 O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O calm of hills a - bove!
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, Till all our striv - ings cease;
 5 Breathe through the puls - es of de - sire Thy cool - ness and thy balm;

Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind; In pur - er lives thy
 The gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, Let us, like them, with -
 Where Je - sus knelt to share with thee The si - lence of e -
 Take from our souls the strain and stress, And let our or - dered
 Let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire: Speak through the earth - quake,

serv - ice find, In deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 out a word, Rise up and fol - low thee.
 ter - ni - ty, In - ter - pret - ed by love.
 lives con - fess, The beau - ty of thy peace.
 wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm. A - men.

TODAY'S GREETERS are the Sulger family: Dana, Tom, Charlotte (Confirmand), Thomas and Lauren.

TODAY'S USHERS are Lou Converse (8:30 a.m.), Kristin Desautelle, Mary Ann Freeman and Anne MacInnes.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN HELPS! JOIN US!

Upcoming events:

- Feed My Starving Children packing event - October 21 -23 — Help hungry children worldwide by packing meals. This event is fun and very rewarding! Sign up online at www.fmsc.org. Questions? Email Nina Miller (pokebox@aol.com) or Tracey Berry (tbc@optonline.net). FMSC is Christian organization which has been feeding the poor since 1987. FMSC partners with organizations and ministries around the world to get life-saving meals to the people who need them most. Their approach is simple. Donations fund the meal ingredients. Volunteers hand-pack the meals. Meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world, where kids are fed and lives are saved! Last year, 273 million meals were produced by 1 million volunteers feeding 756,496 children daily. Learn more about Feed My Starving Children during our “mission moment”.

- Cook/Serve for the Open Door Shelter - Thursday, October 27, 8 am - cook in the church kitchen. Friday, October 28, 11:45 am - serve at the Open Door Shelter in Norwalk. Please email Heather Raker at hraker@me.com to help.

- Habitat for Humanity Build Day in Bridgeport - November 5, December 10. No experience needed! Just come with willing hands and heart! Helpers (16 or older) will meet at the warehouse by 8:30 am, and be done by 4. Please email Heather Raker at hraker@me.com to help.

- Food First - please bring your non-perishable food items to church on the first Sunday of each month - next date November 6th! Food will be distributed to local shelters.

Thank you for your hands on help for those in need!

The First Congregational Church of Darien Board of Outreach

Chair: Heather Raker, Vice Chair: Anna Denoyer, Members: Gayle Appleby, Lindsay Atha, Scott Barrett, Tracey Berry, Elmerina Brooks, Annette Madden-Kline, Bob McGee, Charlie Wetmore, Carol Wilson, Lauren Swenson

COMPANION HYMNALS - DON'T MISS OUT!!!

The new blue companion hymnals have arrived!! For \$25 each, why not have one or two in your favorite pew with your name or a loved one's name personalized inside?? These new hymnals will complement the Pilgrim Hymnals. Only a limited number are in stock, so do not delay! Stop by and take a look at our display table during coffee hour!!

Questions, please contact kristindesautelle@gmail.com. Thank you!

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

The First Congregational Church Nursery School is hosting a Book Fair during coffee hour on October 16th! Please enjoy your coffee up the ramp in the Nursery School and get an early start on your Christmas shopping!

THE CLASSICS BOOK GROUP IS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH AT 3:00 IN THE LIBRARY.

We are reading Brave New World by Aldous Huxley. Come, take part in our conversation, even if you read the book long ago. Call Sally Bassler (203-655-9658) or just drop in.

PARENTS & OTHER ADULTS GET INVOLVED WITH DHS YOUNG LIFE AND MMS WYLDLIFE!

If you are interested in FCC youth partner ministries with DHS Young Life and MMS WyldLife, there will be two information meetings for adults **Sun, Oct. 23, 6 - 6:45 pm** and **Mon, Oct. 24, 7 - 7:45 pm**. They will be held at the home of Eric & Erika Allen, 3 Nutmeg Lane, Darien (203.921.9349).

Want to know more? Contact Jennifer Van Ingen at jenlvi@optonline.net

BELL CHOIR

The Bell Choir is beginning rehearsals on Monday, Oct 17, at 4:30 pm in the Morehouse room. New members are most welcome. No previous musical experience is required.

Give it a try! It is a unique experience to play an instrument !

For more information call Theo Osgood 292-655-2538."

Dennis: I guess we need to book the Morehouse room for Monday's at 4:30 to 5:30.



First Congregational Church Fall Pot Luck Dinners - Come One, Come All
Saturday October 22, 6:30 pm
Saturday November 5, 6:30pm

Here's how it works:

Small informal pot luck dinners will be held on three separate dates. Church members are encouraged to sign up to host a dinner and/or to bring part of the meal. The number of hosts will determine how many dinners will be held on each date.

Sign up sheets are on the Women's Association Bulletin Board in Parish Hall or contact Debbie Parnon or Susan Wilson (contact info below).

1. Sign up to host a dinner by checking the "Host" box on the sign up sheet in Parish Hall for the date you are available
2. Up to 6 people will be assigned to each host - for a total of 8 people including the host(s)
3. OR Sign up to bring part of the dinner by checking the appropriate box on the sign up sheet
4. BYOB and bring some to share
5. Please include your email address and a phone # you use/check regularly
6. We are hoping there will be enough sign-ups to hold several dinners on each of the three nights
7. Dinner groups will be a blend of new and veteran church members with a variety of interests and backgrounds
8. Everyone will receive confirmation for their respective fall dinner information
9. Once people are notified of their dinner group you can communicate with your host to confirm what you are bringing

Questions? Contact:

Debbie Parnon - dcsp1@aol.com, 203-505-1726

Susan Wilson - swilson@optonline.net, 203-655-0106

Feed My Starving Children

Annual Town Wide Event is Around the Corner

October 21 - 23^d, 2016

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

- SIGN UP OPENS: September 26, 2016 (Online at: www.fmsc.org)
- October 21 - 23^d, 2016 Annual FMSC Packing event at Middlesex Middle School.

Participation VERY rewarding

Any questions, please feel free to contact either Nina Miller (pokebox@aol.com) or Tracey Berry (tbcb@optonline.net)

"Blessed are those who are generous because they feed the poor." --Proverbs 22:9



You're invited to the Youth Group's Annual
HOLY HALLOWEEN PARTY!!!

Calling all pumpkins, ghosts, dragons and witches too.
We've got a spook-tacular party just for you!

When: Sunday, October 30th, from 11:15-12:30

Where: First Congregational Church, Parrish Hall

What: Games, crafts, raffle prizes, pizza & treats!

Cost: Donation of \$10/child to help support the Youth Group

Please wear (or bring) your costume to Church School and stay
for a ghastly good time!

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

“Come As You Are” Worship Service, 4:30 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

Bell Choir, 4:15 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Church Council, 8:00 p.m. in the Circle Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room
Senior Choir, 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

Worship Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 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*

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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