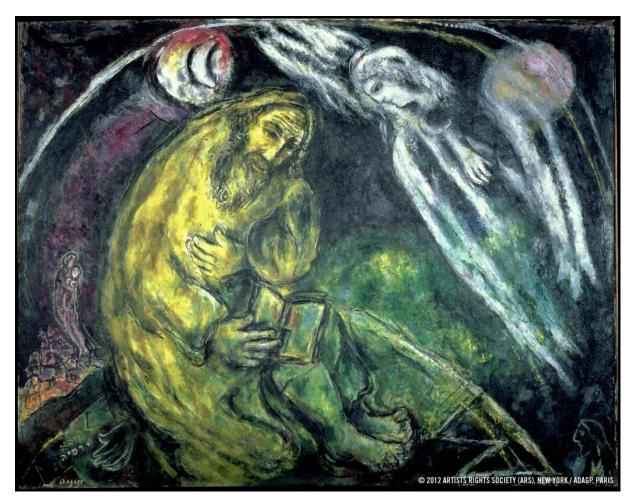


THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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Children are <u>always</u> welcome at our worship services. A drop-off Nursery is available to children age 2 and younger, in the Nursery School wing starting <u>at 9:45 a.m</u>.

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dale B. Rosenberger

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN #12 "FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God, to the One who is trustworthy. Come, praise the Lord, who delivers and rescues us.

God is our rock of refuge, our strong fortress, and saves us from this time of evil and cruelty.

Hope in the one Lord, who has created you. Open yourself to the one who knows you well.

God accepts us, even as others do not. God vindicates us, despite our failures.

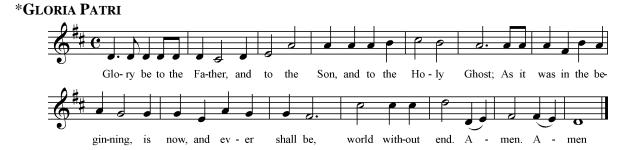
Calling us into service, God gives the strength to serve. It is within our grasp to serve his purposes, here below.

> We gather to embrace the mysteries of our faith. We are here to learn how the Lord empowers us.

***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.



CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL (10:00 only) Today's Church School lesson will be Jesus' Baptism, "Baptism is once and for all." Matthew 3:13-17

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Old Testamen	T LESSON	JEREMIAH 1:4-10 (<i>page 698 NRSV</i>)		mer, Deacon (8:30) are, Deacon (10:00)
*Hymn #283	"BREAD OF THE WORLD, IN MERCY BROKEN"			
GOSPEL LESSON		John 15:11-17 (page 109 NSRV)		Rev. Rosenberger
SERMON	"DID YOU KNOW Y	OU HAVE A SUMMONS OU	TSTANDING?"	Rev. Rosenberger

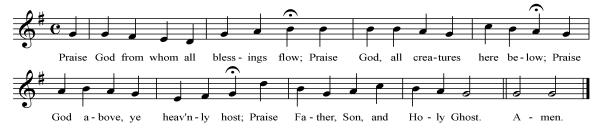
Edward Elgar 1857-1934

OFFERTORY (10:00 only)

"AVE VERUM CORPUS" Senior Choir

Hail true Body born of the Virgin Mary: Who did'st truly suffer, and was sacrificed on the cross for man's redemption: From whose pierced side flowed blood: Be to us a source of consolation at our last hour. O sweet, O holy, O Jesu Son of Mary have mercy on me.

*DOXOLOGY (10:00 only)



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (10:00 only)

(unison)

By sharing the wealth that we cherish so much, O God, we keep ourselves focused on who you are and on what you expect of us. As the body of Christ, may we be a healing force in the world, ministers of reconciliation, and ambassadors for rabbi and healer, Jesus. May these offerings encourage redemptive love as far as our influence can reach. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

CALL TO PRAYER			
(Leader)	The Lord be with you.		
(Congregation)	And also with you.		
(Leader)	Lift up your hearts.		
(Congregation)	We lift them up to the Lord.		
(Leader)	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.		
(Congregation)	It is right to give God thanks and praise.		
*SANCTUS	"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"		

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY" Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord!

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, we thank you for the wonders you work in the lives of men and women. We praise you for bringing us together as community, and for sending us forth from this spiritual home for works of service and glory. We celebrate both the sacrifice and the victory we glimpse at this table. Let us go with a purified vision that you might grasp us more deeply. Let us go with renewed purpose that we may follow Jesus more ardently; in his name we pray. Amen

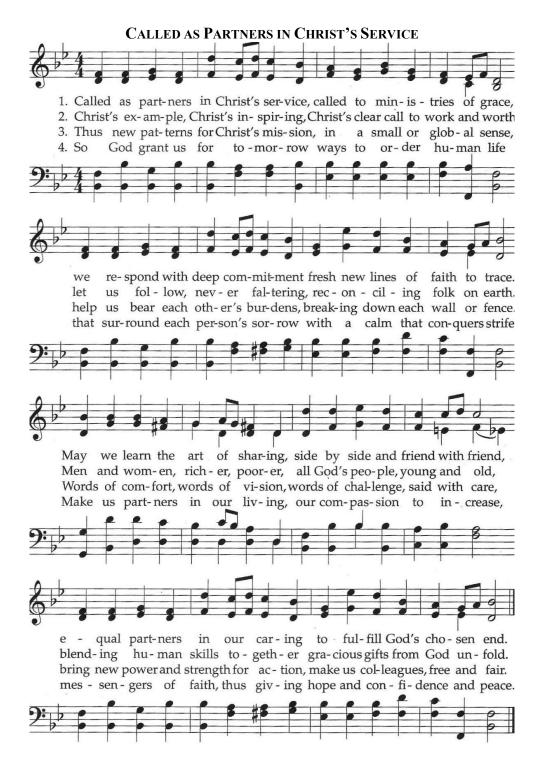
*Hymn	"CALLED AS PARTNERS IN CHRIST'S	SERVICE" (page 6)
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Rosenberger
POSTLUDE		
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TODAY'S GREETERS are the Weeden family: Stephen, Rebecca, Michael, Sadie and Charles.

TODAY'S USHERS Bill Lattimer (8:30), Theo Osgood and Mandy Teare.

TODAY'S BULLETIN COVER "The Prophet Jeremiah" by Marc Chagall, 1968

(unison)





<u>A CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF</u> <u>THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHUCH OF DARIEN</u>

You are hereby called to the First Congregational Church of Darien, United Church of Christ, 14 Brookside Road, for the first portion of the Annual Meeting of the church scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2016 immediately following our 10 o'clock service of worship.

The purpose of this meeting of the congregation is to:

- * receive the 2015 financial reports.
- * receive the recommendations of Church Council for the 2016 budget.
- * address any other business or concern relating to the life of our congregation, that may properly be brought before the assembled congregation.

Attest: Conni Moore, Clerk

SAVE THE DATE: 3RD GRADE COMMUNION CLASSES

Parent meetings are scheduled for March 6th & 13th. More details to come via email.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

1,000 pound food challenge - 2016

The 1,000 pound food challenge is on!!! During the months of January and February, the FCC Board of Outreach has set a goal to collect 1,000 pounds of non-perishable food for our local shelters: The Open Door Shelter (Norwalk Emergency Shelter) and Person-to-Person. We are well on our way with 235 pounds collected so far – 765 pounds to go! Please help us reach our goal – chunky soups and pasta sauce needed most! If every family in the Congregation donates five pounds of food, we will surpass our goal! Collection baskets are located on the stage in Parish Hall or you may leave donations near the pulpit in the sanctuary. THANK YOU!

Help the Open Door Shelter (Norwalk Emergency Shelter)

Please contact Heather Raker <u>hraker@me.com</u> to help!. Many hands make light work – very rewarding!

The Darien House Tour: Homes with Heart

Planning is now underway for the second *Darien House Tour: Homes with Heart* which will take place on June 2nd with a celebratory after party on June 3rd. Proceeds will benefit *Darien's Thriving Youth Initiative*, the Community Fund of Darien's new program that seeks to address the issues of youth mental health in our community, as well as approximately 20 other local non-profit organizations.

NEED SILENT AUCTION ITEMS – Anyone with connections to events (sporting, theatre, television) or restaurants, Services (interior Design, Art, landscaping) please contact please contact Anna Denoyer at <u>anna.denoyer@gmail.com</u>.

FCCD donated over \$150,000 in 2015 to our outreach partners!

Outreach partners include ABC House of Darien, Center for Hope, Child Guidance Center, Church World Services, the Domestic Violence Crisis Center, Elderhouse, Feed My Starving Children, George Washington Carver Center, Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County, Habitat for Humanity of Costa Rica, INSPIRICA, Laurel House, Liberation Programs, Neighbors Link, New Covenant House, the Open Door Shelter, Our Church's Wider Mission, Person-to-Person, The Center for Sexual Assault Crisis and Education, Shelter for the Homeless, STAR, and our youth mission trip. Thank you for your financial dollars and for your hands on support of these wonderful organizations!

The Board of Christian Outreach thanks you for your support!

Gayle Appleby, Lindsay Atha, Tracey Berry, Yvette Borecki, Anna Denoyer, Joanne Gabriel, Lora Grassilli, Vince Hough, Annette Madden-Kline, Wendy Mulligan, Heather Raker, Charlie Wetmore

YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO VIENNA, VA (FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS)

Each summer we send our high school youth (incoming 9th graders and up) and adult chaperones on a week-long work and spiritual journey with other youth from around the country. In 2016, our high school group plans to partner with the Group Mission Trips organization from last year's very successful trip. This year's theme is "(Extra) Ordinary - We are ordinary, but with Him in us, we are extraordinary, because He is extraordinary." We are targeting the week of June 26 to July 2 to head to Vienna, VA. There we will perform home repairs and improvements. The cost per person (not including travel) is \$470 (be sure to see Purpose section below on costs/fundraising). Gary Morello will lead the high school mission trip and is looking for parent chaperones/drivers (male and female) to join him.

We are now collecting deposits for those who want to go and we must get a headcount soon. If order for us to secure our spots -- each person needs to put down a \$50 deposit. If interested in attending, please drop a check to payable to FCC for \$50 with "2016 Mission Trip" in the Memo line as soon as possible.

YOUTH GROUP MISSION DAY TRIPS TO BRIDGEPORT

During the same time period, Karen Brennan, Board of Christian Education Chair, will lead a series of day trips closer to home, allowing for two or three days of local day travel. This mission-focused work will allow us to introduce rising 6th graders to our youth program and to a mission-type experience (i.e., devotional time, spiritual music, and service), while offering a program for our middle school students entering grades 6-8. High School students not able to attend the Vienna, VA trip are invited to join us as well and be group leaders.

We have identified a church in Bridgeport to work with and more details on what we'll be doing will follow by the end of the month.

Purpose

Our goal for both trips is to attract as many youth as possible, while keeping costs manageable. Our Youth Group is united in our mission work and invested in holding fundraisers throughout the year to offset travel and supply costs. Two events held this fall (Car Wash, Children's Halloween Party) raised approximately \$700. A third fundraiser (Bake Sale) is planned for Easter weekend and we have received a small grant from the Board of Christian Outreach. Our goal is to reduce each participant's cost and pay for all chaperones to attend, and pay for gas and tolls for all drivers. We'll also try and pay for all our supplies from these fundraising efforts.

This is an opportunity for us to take the gospel message we believe in and put it into action.

Please note Gary is here to discuss any and all questions you may have. He can't wait to serve with our young people at FCC.



First Congregational Church of Darien Presents:



DEAR FAMILY & FRIENDS,

Join us for our Sunday afternoon Worship Services on February 21 and March 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!

Next Service: Sunday, January 24. 4:30 p.m. Parish Hall

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. The First Congregational Church of Darien: 14 Brookside Road, Darien, CT 06820 (203) 655-0491 www.uccdarien.org.



<u>TODAY</u> Annual Meeting, 11:15 a.m. in the Meetinghouse

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

<u>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3</u> Night Owls, 6:30 p.m. in the Church Kitchen

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Senior Choir, 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – JAZZ/FAT SUNDAY

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. (*no* 8:30 service) Mardi Gras "Supper", 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (suggested donation of \$5 per person/\$10 per family)

Ministers: Every member of the congregation. Clergy and Staff: The Rev. Dale Rosenberger, Pastor (emergency pager) 1-(203) 368-7789 The Rev. Ronald T. Evans, Pastor Emeritus Mr. Gary Morello, Associate Minister Sally Bassler, Lay Minister for Pastoral Care (cell) (203) 554-1724 Mary Jo Colman, Church School Director Daniel Hague, Music Director Maxim Pakhomov, Organist Teri Manning, Nursery School Director Karen Hansen, Treasurer Dennis Hanlon, Church Administrator Carlos Maya, Weekday Sexton Ruth Salazar, Sunday Sexton