



## THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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# ***FAT SUNDAY***

## ***A JAZZ CELEBRATION IN WORSHIP***

### ***FEBRUARY 11, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.***



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Children are always welcome at our worship services.

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

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

**PRELUDE**

Katharine and Kompanie

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rev. Dale B. Rosenberger, Senior Minister

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*HYMN #437**

“STANDIN’ IN THE NEED OF PRAYER”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(responsively)*

**How can we worship God in such a way that  
our joy shines through, unobstructed?**

We can set apart moments of adoring praise,  
to allow gladness to surface and give it voice.

**How can we worship our God in such a way  
that we rise above grim duty and obligation?**

We can break loose from usual routines,  
interrupt the tedium dominating our days.

**All: Today we remember and celebrate the deep joy of  
living before the favor and blessing of our God of love.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

The Rev. Gary M. Morello, Associate Minister

**CHILDREN’S DISMISSAL**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## VOLUNTARY

### LITANY OF CELEBRATION

Spirit of God, fountain of beauty and goodness, from whom streams all things excellent, open now our eyes to glimpse your wonders. We dare to rejoice in you.

**O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!**

For the constancy and beauty of creation, for the scent of wild flowers and the scudding of clouds, for the blossoming of trees and the wonder of shooting stars.

**O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!**

For worthy thought and deed, for poet's song and prophet's charge, for music's moods and the grace of art; for nobility of character and warm-hearted friendship.

**O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!**

For glimmers of insight into our belovedness as your children, for intimations of your constant presence animating us, for unquenchable trust in your strong love.

**O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!**

Still our too-easily agitated spirits and give us a measure of your abiding calm; quicken our depleted energies, that we may surge forward where apathy arrests.

**O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!**

May the passing of our days lift up your praise, Lord God; by faithful effort and restful pause, through daily kindnesses, as well as loving and serving neighbors.

**O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!**

## GLORIA

*(sung in unison)*

**“Glory, glory, hallelujah, since I laid my burden down,  
Glory, glory, hallelujah, since I laid my burden down.”**

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

REVELATION 15:1-4

Kristin Desautelle, Deacon

Then I saw another portent in heaven, great and amazing: seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is ended. *(continued)*

And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb:

‘Great and amazing are your deeds,  
Lord God the Almighty!  
Just and true are your ways,  
King of the nations!  
Lord, who will not fear  
and glorify your name?  
For you alone are holy.  
All nations will come  
and worship before you,  
for your judgements have been revealed.’

**\*HYMN #191**

“JESUS WALKED THIS LONESOME VALLEY”

**GOSPEL LESSON**

MARK 9:2-9

Rev. Rosenberger

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**SERMON**

“WHY GLORIFY GOD?”

Rev. Rosenberger

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“HE’LL DELIVER ME”

Trad. Gospel

Katharine, Khoir and Kompanie

**DOXOLOGY**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Creator and Redeemer, we praise your designs governing our lifetime: rhythms measuring time and harmonies soothing discord and melodies showing the way forward. As we now return our gifts to you, thank you for the equilibrium of life—days to strive and work, and nights to rest and dream. Be to us at once, O God, our body and our spirit, our heaven and our earth, and finally our true home. Amen.**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**“I KNOW THE LORD’S LAID HIS HANDS ON ME”**

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

Katharine and Kompanie

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## **WE WELCOME HOME KATHARINE HEDLUND FOR “FAT SUNDAY”!**

Katharine performed regularly in Chicago, both as band leader and soloist while a student at Northwestern University and at the School of Music. Katharine currently resides in Memphis where she regularly collaborates on songwriting, composition and recording projects. Katharine holds forth weekly as pianist/singer at the Zebra Lounge in Memphis for her fans!

**TODAY’S MUSICIANS:** Katharine Hedlund/Piano and vocals, Nick Trautmann/ Bass, Willie Bruno/Drums.

## **TODAY’S USHERS:**

Frank Burke, Kristin Desautelle, Anne MacInnes and Phil Meyer.

# I KNOW THE LORD'S LAID HIS HANDS ON ME

O I know the Lord, I know the Lord,

I know the Lord's laid His hands on me, O hands on me.

1. Did ev - er you see the like be - fore  
 Je - sus preach - ing to the poor?  
 2. O was - n't that a hap - py day  
 Je - sus washed my sins a - way?  
 3. Some seek the Lord and don't seek Him right.  
 fool all day and pray at night.  
 4. My Lord's done just what He said,  
 healed the sick and raised the dead.

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1. 2. D.C.

1. I know the Lord's\_ laid His hands on me, King hands on me.  
 2. I know the Lord's\_ laid His hands on me, When hands on me.  
 3. I know the Lord's\_ laid His hands on me, They hands on me.  
 4. I know the Lord's\_ laid His hands on me, He's hands on me.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Midnight Run Collection Has Begun:**  
**Look for the Marked Donation Boxes in Parish Hall**  
**"If It's Good Enough for You to Wear,**  
**It's Good Enough to Give Away!"**

On Friday, March 30 (Good Friday) members of our congregation and Youth Group will be heading into NYC to bring food, clothing, and personal care items to the homeless living on the streets. We are asking for the entire congregation to help with our collection efforts. Here's how you can participate:

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- Church School families are being asked to collect personal care items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, washcloths, soap, deodorant, shampoo, lip balm and tissue packages. Details are being sent out to all via e-mail. If you are unsure what your child is supposed to collect, please contact Mrs. Geeding.
- We need LOTS AND LOTS of men's clothing, specifically in this order: durable pants like blue jeans or sweatpants (large and XL sizes preferred); socks (tube socks, white or dark); men's briefs (jockey style, sizes 32 to 42); sweatshirts, and long-sleeve shirts (large and XL, dark colors preferred); and T-shirts (medium to XL).
- We would love belts this year – at least 30 of them, so please either pick one up at Walmart, Target or Kohls (size 36 to 42) or find a good one from your closet.
- We need just a few of the same items for women. Typically, we'll clothe 60-65 men and about 10 women during the evening.
- As we did last year, we would like to give everyone who comes out a recyclable shopping bag to carry food and clothing home. If you have bags to spare, please consider donating. These will work better than paper grocery bags used in the past.

NEW THIS YEAR -- We'd like you to think about giving away something you are currently wearing instead of something old in your closet. Too often we receive clothing that isn't acceptable to give away. So, you are more than welcome to clean out your closet and bring items in that are in clean and good condition. Our motto this year is that "if it is good enough for you to wear, it is good enough to give away to someone who really needs it more!"

If you are out and about at Walmart, Kohl's, or Target, look for deals and pick up a few new items to donate (especially new socks and underwear).

Don't have time to shop? No problem, our youth will happily do it for you! Simply give your donation to Gary Morello, Andy Huntington or Karen Brennan and they'll get the youth organized and looking for deals. We can make \$25 go a long way at Walmart!

Or, want to help with the food? Here's a link where you can make a donation:

<https://tinyurl.com/FCCRRunFood>

Questions? Please contact our Midnight Run organizers, Gary Morello and Karen Brennan for more information.

Looking to sign up to come on the run? Space is limited and open on a first come/first serve basis. We need adults to drive (with BIG cars) and youth.

<https://tinyurl.com/FCCRRunSpaces>



## **OUTREACH**

### **Pacific House presents “Close to Home” Dessert Tasting and Youth Concert - Friday, February 23, 2018, 7 to 10 pm at the Greenwich Hyatt**

Featuring outstanding performances by talented musicians from local high schools, plus desserts and food tastings from the areas finest local artisanal bakeries, restaurants and chocolatiers. Special performance by guest artist, Javier Colon, winner of “The Voice”.

Complimentary tickets offered by Pacific House for our church’s ongoing support of their organization. Please contact [hraker@me.com](mailto:hmaker@me.com) for more info! \$50 tickets available for purchase at [Pacifichouse.org/ClosetoHome](http://Pacifichouse.org/ClosetoHome).

### **1,000 Pound Food Challenge is underway!**

Help us reach our goal of collecting 1,000 pounds of food for local shelters by the end of March. Please bring to church cans of soup or other non-perishable food items such as pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables and fruits, peanut butter, tuna fish, rice and beans. Donations will go to the Open Door and Pacific House food pantries, both of which suffer from lower donations during the winter when people need it most.

### **The fourth annual Darien House Tour: Homes with Heart** is scheduled for June 7, 2018!

This event has raised over \$60K each year for our Outreach Beneficiaries. This year our lead beneficiary is Pacific House in Stamford. Specifically, we will fund their new initiative which addresses the growing problem of young adult homelessness. Please consider attending their February 23rd “Close to Home” dessert tasting and youth concert to find out more about Pacific House!

Ways you can get involved in the house tour ...

- Recommend a home! We are looking for a variety of homes that would be of interest to our tour-goers — modern, traditional, big, small ... let us know if you have one in mind.
- Sponsor the tour! The tour is a great way to promote your business with over 500 people in attendance.
- Volunteer! We have lots of roles, big and small and would love your help. Contact Heather Raker at [hraker@me.com](mailto:hmaker@me.com) to find out more.

For more information, check out [darienhousetour.org](http://darienhousetour.org).

### **Our next Blood Drive:**

Tuesday, February 27, from 1 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Schedule your appointment at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), or call 1-800 Red Cross (800-733-2767)

## **CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**

**Needed: YOU!** We are still **looking for more Church School teachers**, subs, and one-time speakers! If you have a talent you are willing to share with the Church School at FCC, please email [cgeeding@uccdarien.org](mailto:cgeeding@uccdarien.org).

**KIDS COOK** is coming back this March: Breakfast for Dinner on Tuesday, March 6th at 5:30PM. Look for the sign-up link coming soon.

**Toiletry Donations: Look for a Sign-up Genius!** The Church School will be collecting toiletries in the upcoming weeks for Midnight Run. Please look for an email listing grade assignments for donation. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

## **BIBLE STUDY / THE BOOK OF ACTS**

Please join us for a 10-week examination of some of the best-known stories from the book of Acts and a discussion about what they tell us about our lives today.

All are welcome regardless of their background in the Bible.

If you can only attend a few of our sessions, that is perfectly fine! Please come anyway. This is a great way to understand how the Bible has relevance to everyone today.

The meetings will be on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room.

## **CLASSICS READING GROUP**

The Classics Reading Group will meet on Wednesday, February 21st. at 3:30 in the Library.

We are reading Joan Didion's, Slouching Toward Bethlehem. (Looking ahead, we will read Democracy, by Henry Adams for our March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting).

Contact Sally Bassler [sbassler13@gmail.com](mailto:sbassler13@gmail.com) or (203) 655-9658.

## **DAY WINGS**

Day Wings (eligible, seniors by AARP definition) will meet on Thursday, February 15th, for a late Valentine's Day lunch in the The Circle Room at noon. Please bring a sandwich - call Sally Bassler to reserve a place [\(203\)655-9658](tel:2036559658).

## **KNITTING MINISTRY**

The Knitting Ministry will meet in the Morehouse Room on the following dates and times: after church Sundays February 18 and March 18; 7:30 PM Tuesday April 3; and after church Sunday April 15. We make items for baptisms and for our members who are suffering from illness or personal loss. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend and help is available to novices. If you prefer to crochet, that talent is also welcome.

Prayers, readings and fellowship serve as nourishment for our time together.

For more information, Marnie Hodil at [grhodil@optonline.net](mailto:grhodil@optonline.net)



**American  
Red Cross**

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*You can put the power of faith into action and help save a life!*

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## **Blood Drive** **First Congregational Church of Darien**

Church Hall  
14 Brookside Road  
Darien, CT

**Tuesday, February 27th**  
**1:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

To schedule your appointment visit  
[REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG](http://REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG)  
or call 1-800 -RED CROSS ~ 800-733-2767

**Streamline your donation experience and save up to  
15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass)  
to complete your pre-donation reading and health  
history questions on the day of your appointment.**



## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

Board of Deacons, 7:45 p.m. in the Circle Room  
Board of Stewards, 7:45 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

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

### **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14 – BEGINNING OF LENT (ASH WEDNESDAY)**

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

Day Wings, 12 noon in the Circle Room  
Senior Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Knitting Ministry, 11:00 in the Morehouse Room

***Ministers:*** Every member of the congregation.

#### ***Clergy and Staff:***

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

The Rev. 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*