



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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Faith and Science in Conversation

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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.***

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dale Rosenberger

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN #210**

“CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(responsively)

We come again to celebrate resurrection.
God gives us a new birth into a living hope.

**Death’s dominion has lost its power over us.
Christ precedes us into the new life God gives.**

Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ!
Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed from beyond.

**Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice.
God shows the path through death into life.**

To our fears, Jesus tells us: Peace be with you!
Come and receive new life in the name of Jesus.

**We rejoice in God’s amazing good news.
In God’s presence, we find fullness of joy.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Mr. Gary Morello

*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

BAPTISM OF WINSTON OLIVER SCHULZ (10:00 only)

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL (10:00 only)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

PROVERBS 1.1-9

Bill Lattimer, Deacon (8:30)
Dave Miller, Deacon (10:00)

For learning about wisdom and instruction,
for understanding words of insight,
for gaining instruction in wise dealing,
righteousness, justice, and equity;
to teach shrewdness to the simple,
knowledge and prudence to the young—
let the wise also hear and gain in learning,
and the discerning acquire skill,
to understand a proverb and a figure,
the words of the wise and their riddles. *(continued)*

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Hear, my child, your father's instruction,
and do not reject your mother's teaching;
for they are a fair garland for your head,
and pendants for your neck.

***HYMN #214**

“THINE IS THE GLORY”

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 8.31-38

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, ‘If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.’ They answered him, ‘We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, “You will be made free”?’

Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill me, because there is no place in you for my word. I declare what I have seen in the Father's presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father.’

SERMON

“ALL TRUTH CAN SET US FREE”

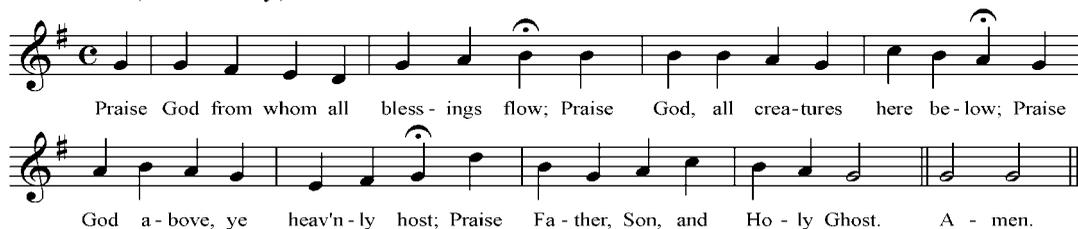
Rev. Dale Rosenberger

OFFERTORY
(10:00 only)

“CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES”
Senior Choir

Frederick H. Candlyn

***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** (*unison*) (10:00 only)

We rejoice that you have given us a legacy of hope, O God, and delight as we share your gifts with others. You have given us new birth into living hope through Jesus' resurrection. You have touched our lives with eternity, with indescribable and glorious joy. We want to share with others tidings you have made known. To that end, bless our offerings and gifts. Amen.

***HYMN #1**

“WE LIMIT NOT THE TRUTH OF GOD”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dale Rosenberger

POSTLUDE

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TODAY'S USHERS are Gary Holmes, Bill Lattimer (8:30), Marianne Lauer and Dave Miller.

TODAY'S BAPTISMAL FAMILY: Ollie and Cathy Schulz first attended FCC, Darien on Easter, 2013 when Cathy was pregnant with their firstborn, Russell. You might have noticed little Russell last Sunday during our singing of the Hallelujah Chorus at Easter: he was standing there with his eyes closed, transfixed, soaking in what was happening around him in a Zen-like state. Little brother Winston was born this past 3 January 2017.

Ollie served on the Associate Pastor Search Committee and worked with our Music Committee one year ago. These days he works as a 401K specialist for Voya Financial. Cathy serves on the Board of our Nursery School and also on the House Tour Committee. These days Cathy occupies herself by making a home for two little boys on Five Mile River Road. Please welcome the Schulz family within our congregation.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEDICATE A HYMNAL TO SOMEONE SPECIAL WITH A BOOKPLATE

Please see inside back cover. Return your completed form to the church office.

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.

OPENINGS AT THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL

We have a few openings in the 3's and, for the first time ever, the Pre-k. If you are looking for a morning 3's class or are undecided about sending your child on to kindergarten in September, call us at (203) 655-3150. Teri Manning is happy to discuss options!

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Pacific House Gala Date has been changed!! Due to a recent fire at The Italian Center, Pacific House has rescheduled its 16th annual Gala from May 6th to Friday, **October 6, 2017**. The Church will be presented with the 2017 David Mond Award for its 25 years of volunteer and financial support. Please mark your calendars!! **For years, Pacific House has relied on funds generated from the gala to help sustain services through the summer months. With the gala date change, they have lost this essential source of revenue. If you are able to help Pacific House sustain itself through the summer, they would appreciate your support now. Please visit pacifichouse.org for more information and to make a donation.**

Undie Sunday! On Sunday, May 7th, instead of food first, we will have Undies Sunday! The Undies Project is working with local churches to gather new men's women's and children's underwear for those in need to help improve their lives. Underwear are the most under-donated, and most needed, item of clothing and no one should be deprived of the simple, daily necessity of clean underwear that many of us take for granted. All donations received from Undie Sunday will be distributed through local organizations such as Person-to-Person, Pacific House, Clothes to Kids of Fairfield County and Project Return, to name a few. Visit www.theundiesproject.org for more information and bring those new undies to church May 7th!!

Person-to-Person Postal Drive May 13th - Mark your calendars to help Person-to-Person STAMP OUT HUNGER through the annual Postal Drive. Person-to-Person needs volunteers all day to help collect and sort food. Sign up link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0549aca92ba0fb6-persontoperson5> or email Lindsay Atha with questions at lindsayatha@gmail.com

Tickets are now on sale for The June 8th Darien House Tour: Homes with Heart! We hope that you will join in the fun by attending the tour and/or volunteering for a shift. Discounted tickets available to those who staff a shift at a house! Visit darienhousetour.org for more information!

Hymns of Truth & Light

Dedicate a hymnal to someone special with a bookplate!

The cost of adding a personalized bookplate is \$25 per hymnal. Please fill out the following form, printing clearly so that your name and that of a loved one are readable and reproducible on a bookplate:

Your Name: _____

Email _____

>>To honor the memory of a loved one:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

>To celebrate someone special:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

>>To dedicate a meetinghouse hymnal(s) in your family name:

Your family name: _____

>>Otherwording: _____

Total number of hymnals ordered above: _____

Total amount due with this order: \$ _____ (Price: \$25ea)

(Please make check out to First Congregational Church of Darien, with "hymnal" in the memo section, and leave it and the form in the church office.)

Thank you! Through your purchase, you are helping subsidize the cost of these hymnals to the church.

WELCOME TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

**"Where God's extravagant love welcomes and affirms,
where Christ's transforming truth enlivens and compels."**

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

Science & Religion 11th Hour 11:30 a.m.

“Come As You Are” Worship, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Confirmand Faith Statements, 7:30 p.m. in Parish Hall

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.

Confirmation Sunday Worship Service, 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*