



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

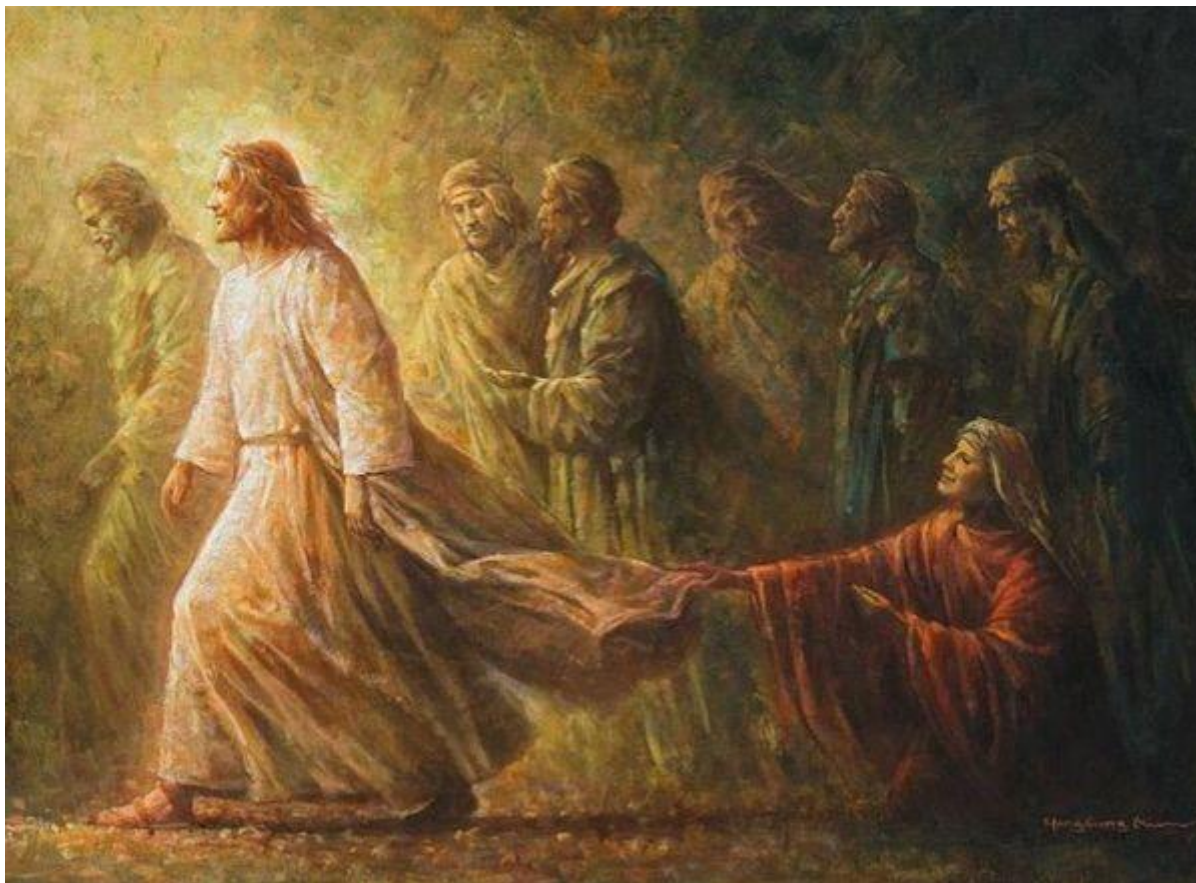
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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MAY 27, 2018

8:30 A.M. AND 10:00 A.M.



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Nursery/Cry Room (Age 0 - 2)

A drop-off Nursery is available to children age 2 and younger in the Nursery School wing from 9:50 a.m. through the close of the service on Sundays. Please drop off nursery-age children at or before the other children are released for Church School. A cry-room is also available in the library outside of the right-hand door of the Meeting House.

Church School (Age 3 - Grade 5)

Children are always welcome at our worship services.

They are usually dismissed to Church School with Mrs. G. and our FCC teachers before "Joys and Concerns".

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

PRELUDE

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

WELCOME

Rev. Gary Morello, *Associate Minister*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN #57**

"I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christine Geeding, *Christian Education Director*

Ascribe to God's glory and strength.

Worship God in holy splendor.

The splendor of our creator meets us here.

We are filled with awe before our God.

The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty.

God offers strength and peace to all people.

God's voice thunders over the waters.

God's strength empowers our response.

Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts.

The whole earth is full of God's glory.

The universe is God's dwelling place.

There is no place from which God is absent.

*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.

*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 AND DISMISSAL (10:00 only)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

PSALM 29

Dave Miller, *Deacon* (10:00)

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

(continued)

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

***HYMN #6**

“BRING MANY NAMES”

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 5:22-34

Benjamin Geeding

Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

SERMON

"NAMES"

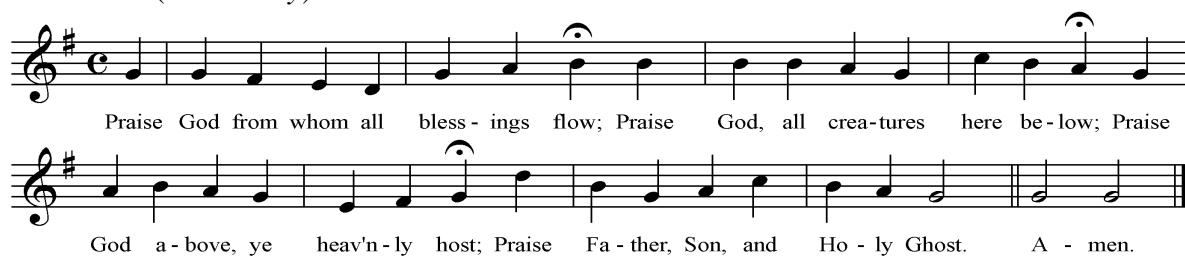
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OFFERTORY
(10:00 only)

“WE REMEMBER THEM”
Senior Choir

Donald McCullough

***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)**

Receive our offering, God of glory, that our church may come alive in the Spirit. May these gifts, and the way we live our lives each day, proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Strengthen us in our giving. Help us to be generous enough to experience the joy you find in showering us with more than we can ever give away. Thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN #532**

“O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Morello

POSTLUDE

Mr. Pakhomov

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TODAY'S USHERS are (8:30), Dave Miller and Tucker Scott (10:00).

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Church School This Week

This week in Church School, the children will finish their movie about "Esther" and begin a lesson on The Lord's Prayer!

No Running, Please!

In order to minimize risks in the Parish Hall during coffee hour, do not allow your children to run.

Let's Talk!

Have an idea for Church School...a story, craft, or game? Have a thought regarding a fun event that the kids of FCC would love? Let's talk! cgeeding@uccdarien.org.

ACCESS - May 31. 6th - 8th graders, mark your calendars for the final ACCESS of the school year on May 31st at 7:00 PM in the Dream Center! Can't wait to see you there!

BREEZE DATABASE

The church has upgraded to a new database, and we need your help. You may have already received an email with instructions for checking your information on Breeze. Please take a few minutes to make sure that the information the church has for you is right. If you are having trouble, please reach out to the office. Pam will be the point person for this initiative!

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Save the date for the 11th Liberation Programs Spirit of Hope Benefit

On Thursday, June 7, 2018, Liberation Programs will honor Jayme Stevenson, our First Selectman, and raise funds for their important work. Liberation Programs' mission is to empower people and their families to be free of the disease of addiction by providing targeted solutions that restore lives and strengthen our community. Contact John Bassler at johnbassler@gmail.com for more information.

DARIEN HOUSE TOUR REALLY NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

We will raise over \$60,000 on June 7th to benefit the many nonprofit organizations supported by FCC including our lead beneficiary, Pacific House. However, WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!!! We need LOTS of volunteers to pull off the day. Please email hraker@me.com if you can volunteer from 8:45 to 12 OR 11:45 to 3 on June 7!!! Or go to darienhousetour.org and click on the volunteer link!!! THANK YOU!!!

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

“MUSIC AT FIRST” CONCERT, 3:00 P.M. IN THE MEETINGHOUSE

MONDAY, MAY 28

Church Offices Closed in observance of Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

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

THURSDAY, MAY 31

Youth ACCESS Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Dream Center

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

Men’s Ministry, 7:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room

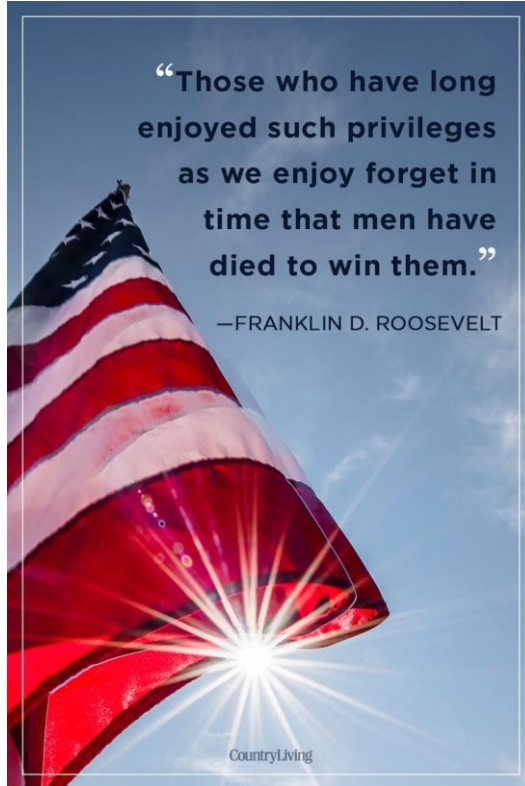
SUNDAY, JUNE 3

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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.



Ministers: Every member of the congregation.

Clergy and Staff:

The Rev. Dale Rosenberger, *Senior Minister*

The Rev. Gary M. Morello, *Associate Minister*

(emergency pager for Senior. & Associate Ministers: 1- (203) 368-7789)

The Rev. Ronald T. Evans, *Pastor Emeritus*

Christine Geeding, *Christian Education 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*