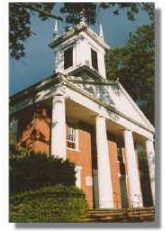




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***\*Those who are able are invited to stand***

**PRELUDE**

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Gary Morello, Associate Minister

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**HYMN #253**

“GOD IS HERE”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(responsively)

Listen, for your name is being called.

Beyond the range of human voices, God is calling.

**We have come to observe a Sabbath time.**

**We have gathered to worship at God’s command.**

Listen for the unfamiliar voice you have ignored.

Listen for the sincere charge God gives.

**We are called away from things we have pursued as gods.**

**Our iniquity has separated us from the one true God.**

Wonderful are the thoughts and works of God!

God’s light is ready to shine in our hearts.

**Even clay jars can be open to the light.**

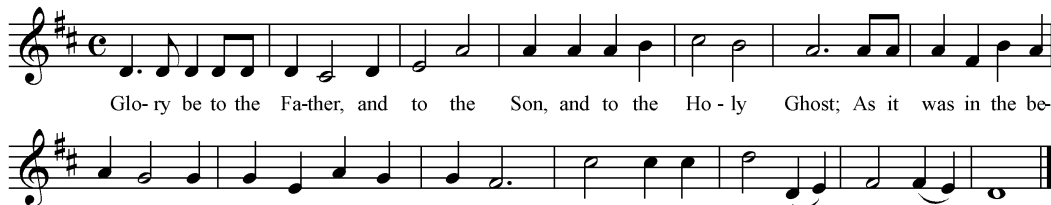
**May the power of light cleanse and heal us!**

## \*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.**

## \*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

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 14:13-21

Liz Werner, Deacon (8:30)  
Tucker Scott, Deacon (10:00)

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

## \*HYMN #195

“EAT THIS BREAD” (2X)

Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in Levi’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed him. When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” When Jesus heard this, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.

SERMON

"THEY ALL ATE AND WERE SATISFIED"

Mr. Joseph Pankowski, Jr.

OFFERTORY (10:00 only)

"IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME"

Beryl Red

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 (*unison*) (10:00 only)

In answer to your call, gracious God, we have opened our ears for your instruction and our eyes to the needs of our sisters and brothers. Alone, our helpfulness is limited, though often greater than we have imagined, for you are with us. Together, our effectiveness is multiplied, and your work is made visible. Bless our sharing and our sacrifices that your rule of love may grow among us and extend to all we meet. 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. 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 (*unison*)

**O God, we are made glad by the good news of your love for us and for all. We thank you for creating us and giving us all that is necessary for abundant life. We thank you for your action in Christ by which our lives are measured, found wanting and miraculously renewed. Help us to remember your gifts that we may ever praise you with lives of joy and service; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN #384

“WE YOUR PEOPLE, GOD, CONFESSING”

#### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Gary Morello

#### POSTLUDE

Mr. Pakhomov

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**Today's Flowers** are in memory of Captain Alan R. Morehouse.

TODAY'S USHERS are Liz Werner (8:30), Phil Meyer, 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**

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##### **June 3rd, 2018: First Communion - Finn Pages**

Last month we celebrated with a great class of 3rd - 5th graders as they celebrated their first communion. On June 3rd, Finn Pages will join this wonderful class and receive his first communion! Congrats to Finn Pages, Charlie Sedlock, Tate Sedlock, Liam Bortel, Liam Casey, Colin Casey, Tommy Walsh, Lola Warrick and Juliet Petti on their First Communion.

##### **Church School This Week**

This week in Church School, the children will finish their lesson on the Lord's Prayer, an important part of our worship at FCC and an important part of the church!

##### **No Running, Please!**

Parents, please keep your children near you during coffee hour. We want them to have fun, but we also want our senior church members to feel safe as they socialize. Thank you!

##### **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](mailto:cgeeding@uccdarien.org).

## **Summer Fun Church School Calendar**

**June 10, 10:00AM** - Celebration Sunday! Teachers will be honored and we will enjoy an Ice Cream Social on the lawn after the service!

**June 17, 10:00AM** - Last Day of Church School

**June 24, 9:00AM** - Church Services move to one service at 9:00AM. No Church School, but Nursery will be available for children ages 4 and under. Children over 5 will stay in the service.

**July 22, 9:00AM** - Summer Church School! Bring your kids for a fun summer Sunday morning of lessons, crafts, and songs.

**August 12, 9:00AM** - Summer Church School! Bring your kids for a fun summer Sunday morning of lessons, crafts, and songs.

**TBA - Summer Parents' Night Out**

**TBA - Summer Kiddie Volunteer Day**

**TBA - "Busy Break" Kiddie Art Therapy Night**

## **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 Program 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](mailto: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 [hramer@me.com](mailto:hramer@me.com) if you can volunteer from 8:45 to 12 OR 11:45 to 3 on June 7!!! Or go to [darienhousetour.org](http://darienhousetour.org) and click on the volunteer link!!! THANK YOU!!!

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 7**

11th Liberation Program Spirit of Hope Benefit  
Darien House Tour

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 10**

Celebration Sunday Ice Cream Social

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 17**

Last Day of Church School

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 24**

Summer Worship Schedule begins  
9:00 am Service Only

## **WELCOME TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

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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 (emergency pager) 1- (203) 368-7789*

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

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

Christine Geeding, *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*