

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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PENTECOST SUNDAY June 4, 2017 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

fear God! ... and there will be nothing else to fear.

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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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dale Rosenberger, Senior Minister

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN #224 "SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God delights in humankind, and over each of us. So we rejoice at the Father's great pleasure in us.

God of grace and glory, who made all things, how majestic is your name in all of the earth!

In Christ, we see everything that a person can be. So we rejoice that in Jesus heaven touches earth.

God of grace and glory, Savior of your people. how precious to us is your gift of Jesus Christ!

The Holy Spirit is present to guide and direct us. So let us listen and pray to be led in what is true.

> God of grace and glory, our source of power, how much it means that life is not all up to 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



CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL (10:00 only)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

PROVERBS 1:1-9

Bill Lattimer (8:30) Dave Miller (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 #220 "BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD"

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 10:26-33

Rev. Rosenberger

'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

SERMON

"WHERE IS FEAR RIGHT FOR THE FAITHFUL?" FEAR OF THE OTHER: NO FEAR IN LOVE Sermon #3 in a Series

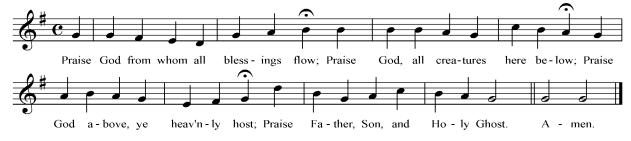
Fr. de Penalosa

Rev. Rosenberger

OFFERTORY (10:00 only)

"AVE VERUM CORPUS" Senior Choir

*DOXOLOGY (10:00 only)



***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison) (10:00 only)

Thank you, God, for filling our lives with good things. The abundance of your gifts is beyond our counting. Bless al that we return to you for the work of ministry among us and beyond us. Let your Spirit enliven our caring and sharing, our fellowship and fun. Make us one in Christ Jesus, our Savior, as you enliven our share life together. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

| The Lord be with you. |
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| And also with you. |
| Lift up your hearts. |
| We lift them up to the Lord. |
| Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. |
| It is right to give God thanks and praise. |
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*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)

Almighty God, we praise you, and extol you, for you have satisfied us with the food and drink of eternal life. Having been reclaimed in the sacrifice of your Son, we offer ourselves, our bodies and souls, as a holy and precious offering. May our lives be lived for the glory of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

| *Hymn #401 | "AMAZING GRACE! HOW SWEET THE SOUND" | |
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| *RENEDICTION | | R |

Rev. Rosenberger

POSTLUDE

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

TODAY'S FLOWERS are in memory of Capt. Alan R. Morehouse.

LAST SUNDAY'S FLOWERS were in remembrance of Robert E. Fatherley, Sr. and family.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

ALL HANDS ON DECK! *The Darien House Tour: Homes with Heart* needs your help! The tour is made possible by VOLUNTEERS who not only plan the event, but also staff the event on June 8th!! Slots still open! Volunteers who staff a shift in tour homes on June 8th may attend the tour during non-shift hours for about half price. Please help us make the tour a huge success! And of course, even if you're not volunteering, we hope that all of you and your friends will attend the tour which will support The Open Door Shelter's Building Lives Initiative and over 20 other non-profit organizations. To volunteer or buy tickets, log on to <u>darienhousetour.org</u>. Thank you!

Also ... online auction open on Friday June 2nd and closes Friday June 9th at 10 pm. Support our beneficiaries by bidding on great items at <u>https://www.32auctions.com/DarienHouseTour2017</u>. Ben Larrabee Photography session ... Dinner at the Mather Homestead ... Closet Makeover ... Mayflower Grace Hotel stay ... Passes to Summertide Festival 2017 ... Shakespeare on the Sound ... AND MORE!!!!

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 <u>KHansen@uccdarien.org</u>.

KNITTING MINISTRY

Two chances to get your knit on in June, The Knitting Ministry will meet in the Morehouse Room immediately after the 10am service on June 4th, and after the 9 a.m. service on June 25th. Come by, even if you don't know how, we can teach you how to knit or crochet. All are welcome. Questions? Call Lora Grassilli 646.932.3735

Summer Worship!

Sunday, June 25 - September 3

One service, each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. followed by lemonade on the lawn!

<u>WELCOME TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN</u> ''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

<u>TODAY</u> Knitting Ministry, 11:00 a.m. in the Morehouse Room

MONDAY, JUNE 5

Board of Christian Education, 7:30 p.m. in the Admin. Wing Meeting Room

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

Darien House Tour

<u>Saturday, June 10</u>

Men's Ministry, 7:30 a.m. in the Conference Room

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 – CELEBRATION SUNDAY

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

Ministers: Every member of the congregation. Clergy and Staff: The Rev. Dale Rosenberger, Senior Minister (<u>emergency pager</u>) 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