



**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

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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**

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dale Rosenberger, Senior Minister

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*HYMN #60**

“THIS IS MY FATHER’S WORLD”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(responsively)

Happy are all who wholeheartedly seek God,  
with eyes fixed upon what God expects of us.

**Jesus said, “Whoever does God’s will is our family.”**

**We participate in a common family, children of God.**

This is the house of the Lord; this is God’s gate unto heaven.  
Surely the Lord is present with us. Christ himself is the door.

**Let all who would know love enter life through Jesus.**

**We draw close to him, and his salvation opens to us.**

All uniting:

**Here we renew ties, receive God’s gifts, and are equipped to live.  
Like an empathic and generous Father, God nurtures our growth.**

**\*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

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

PSALM 84:1-8

Phil Meyer, Deacon (8:30)  
Dave Miller, Deacon (10:00)

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!  
My soul longs, indeed it faints  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.  
Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise.

*Selah (continued)*

Happy are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.  
As they go through the valley of Baca  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.  
They go from strength to strength;  
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob!

*Selah*

**\*HYMN #72**

“THERE’S A WIDENESS IN GOD’S MERCY”

**GOSPEL LESSON**

LUKE 7:36-50

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee’s house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, ‘If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.’ Jesus spoke up and said to him, ‘Simon, I have something to say to you.’ ‘Teacher,’ he replied, ‘speak.’ ‘A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?’ Simon answered, ‘I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘You have judged rightly.’ Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, ‘Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.’ Then he said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’ But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, ‘Who is this who even forgives sins?’ And he said to the woman, ‘Your faith has saved you; go in peace.’

**SERMON**

“OUTSIDE LOOKING IN”

Rev. Rosenberger

**OFFERTORY**  
(10:00 only)

“OUR FATHER”  
Daniel Hague

A.H. Malotte

**\*DOXOLOGY** (10:00 only)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow: Praise God all creatures here below:  
Praise god above ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

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

**We repeat our vows of commitment to you, Lord of Hosts, as we dedicate this offering. We are Jesus' disciples who bear Good News. May all we dedicate here—our abilities, our moments, our resources—announce your sovereignty over life and the dominion of your coming reign. We give with joy. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #376**

“HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER”

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

**POSTLUDE**

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

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**TODAY'S USHERS** are Dave Miller, Phil Meyer (8:30 a.m.) and Tucker Scott.

**TODAY'S COVER** “Mary Magdalene” by He Qi.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANK YOU** to our entire congregation for making the **THIRD Darien House Tour: Homes with Heart** a huge success! The tour featured **6 homes and gardens** thanks to nearly **100 volunteers** who helped to plan and/or staff the event. With the help of our homeowners, volunteers, sponsors and, of course, our tour-goers, we raised over **\$60,000** for our beneficiaries including the **Open Door Shelter in Norwalk!!**

## **COMPANION HYMNALS - DON'T MISS OUT!!!**

Over the summer, the new blue companion hymnals will be arriving!! For \$25 each, why not have one or two in your favorite pew with your name or a loves ones name personalized inside?? These new hymnals will complement the Pilgrim Hymnals. Only a limited number are being ordered, so don't delay! Order forms are on the back page, as well as on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Questions, please contact [kristindesautelle@gmail.com](mailto:kristindesautelle@gmail.com). Thank you!

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

## **KNITTING MINISTRY**

Two chances to get your knit on in June, The Knitting Ministry will meet in the Morehouse Room immediately 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!**



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

#### MONDAY, JUNE 19

Youth Group Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. in the Dream Center

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

Church Council, 8:00 p.m. in the Circle Room

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room  
*(last Bible Study for the summer)*

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Start of Summer Worship – one service at 9:00 a.m.  
(followed by lemonade on the lawn!)  
Knitting Ministry, 10:00 a.m. in the Morehouse Room

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

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

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

Gary 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*