



## THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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## ***FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

***July 2, 2017***

***9:00 a.m.***



At Aviano Air Base, Italy, U.S. Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady thanked the U.S. Marines who flew deep into Bosnia to rescue him after his F-16C Fighting Falcon was shot down by a surface-to-air missile in June of 1995:

"They risked their lives to get me out. If you want to find some real heroes, that's where you should look, because they are the biggest heroes in the world."

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***July 2, 2017***

***9:00 a.m.***

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

**PRELUDE**

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Joseph Pankowski

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*HYMN**

“THE VOICE OF GOD IS CALLING”

*(see page 7)*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(responsively)*

Our God is an awesome God who breathed into emptiness and created all that is.

**With love and care, God shaped the world in all its diversity with mountains and valleys, rivers and deserts, and people of all colors and sizes.**

And threading through it all are beautiful dreams of justice, compassion, liberation, and peace.

**O God, creator of our past, our present, and our future, we thank you for the many blessings you bestow on us each moment.**

Be with us now. Draw near to us as we draw near to you.

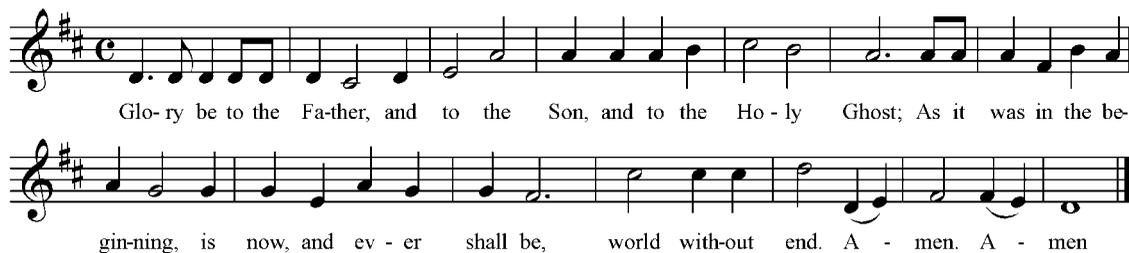
**Lead us in paths of righteousness. Fill our hearts with compassion and a thirst for justice. Teach us to be co-creators, with You, of a world where all belong and share in the abundance you have given us.**

**\*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

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

PROVERBS 4:1-13, 23-27

Bill Lattimer, Deacon

Listen, children, to a father's instruction,  
and be attentive, that you may gain insight;  
for I give you good precepts:  
do not forsake my teaching.  
When I was a son with my father,  
tender, and my mother's favorite,  
he taught me, and said to me,  
'Let your heart hold fast my words;  
keep my commandments, and live.  
Get wisdom; get insight: do not forget, nor turn away  
from the words of my mouth.  
Do not forsake her, and she will keep you;  
love her, and she will guard you.  
The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,  
and whatever else you get, get insight.  
Prize her highly, and she will exalt you;  
she will honor you if you embrace her.  
She will place on your head a fair garland;  
she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.'

Hear, my child, and accept my words,  
that the years of your life may be many.  
I have taught you the way of wisdom;  
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.  
When you walk, your step will not be hampered;  
and if you run, you will not stumble. *(continued)*

Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;  
guard her, for she is your life.  
Keep your heart with all vigilance,  
for from it flow the springs of life.  
Put away from you crooked speech,  
and put devious talk far from you.  
Let your eyes look directly forwards,  
and your gaze be straight before you.  
Keep straight the path of your feet,  
and all your ways will be sure.  
Do not swerve to the right or to the left;  
turn your foot away from evil.

**\*HYMN**

“FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT”

(see page 8)

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

LUKE 10:1-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.” But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, “Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.” I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.

‘Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But at the judgement it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

‘Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.’ (continued)

The seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!’ He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’

**SERMON**

“THE MISSION”

Mr. Pankowski

**OFFERTORY**

**\*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*)

**Gracious God, we bring our offerings to you this day. We seek your renewing Spirit so that we can make new beginnings with openness and trust. Help us to be open to new ways of seeing and to new avenues of service, so that we can join you in making all things new. Attender to all prayers, help us to live as we pray. Through these gifts and our rededication to your purpose, may our lives be answers to prayer to those seeking some sign of your presence. Make us a blessing, that through our acts of love, generosity, courage and service your Spirit blesses the world. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

“BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC”

(*see pages 9 & 10*)

**\*BENEDICTION**

Mr. Pankowski

**POSTLUDE**

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

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**TODAY’S USHERS** are Bill Lattimer and Marianne Lauer.

**TODAY’S FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of Gregory Scott Hillman by his family.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DEDICATE A HYMNAL TO SOMEONE SPECIAL WITH A BOOKPLATE

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

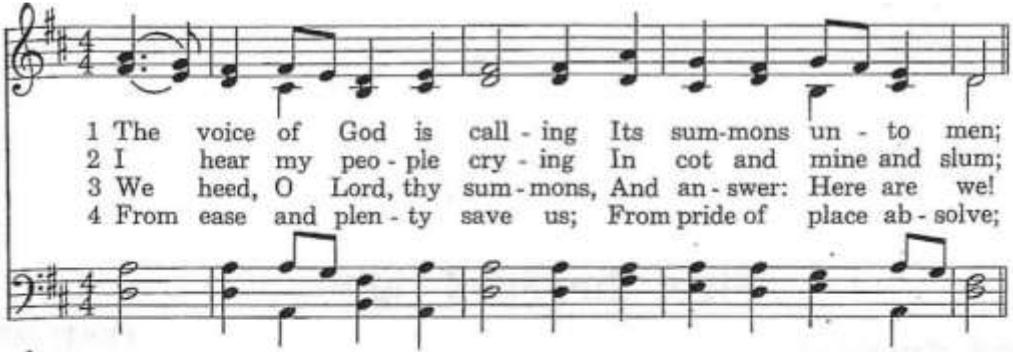
### 2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

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](mailto:KHansen@uccdarien.org).

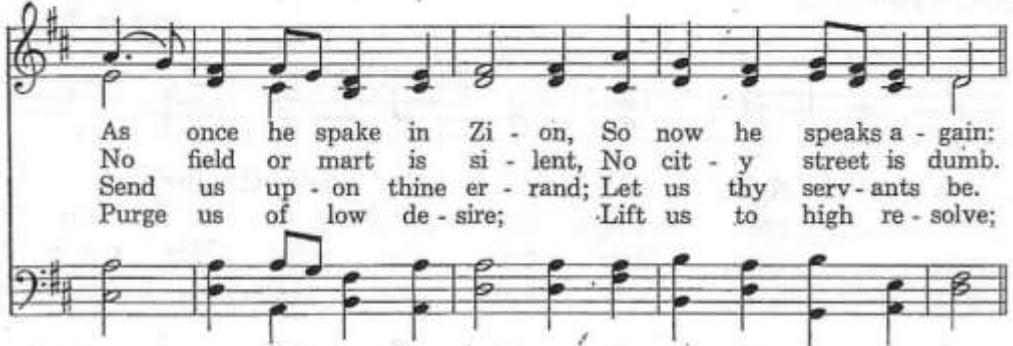


**OUR CHURCH EXPENSES DO NOT TAKE A SUMMER VACATION**  
*Please keep your pledge current!*

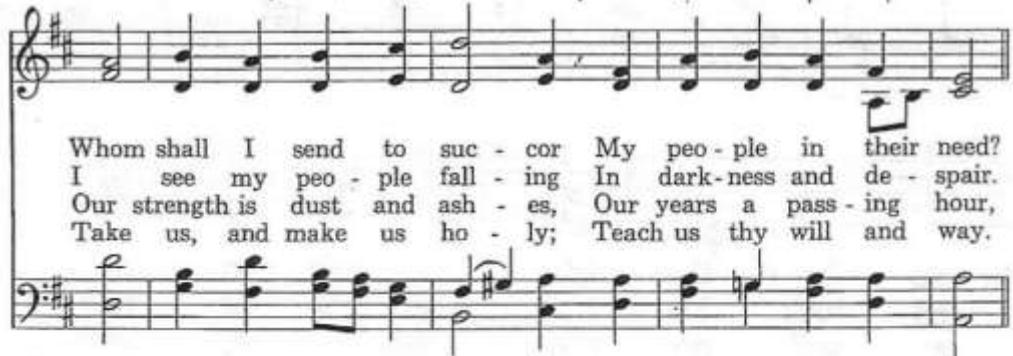
## THE VOICE OF GOD IS CALLING



1 The voice of God is call - ing Its sum - mons un - to men;  
2 I hear my peo - ple cry - ing In cot and mine and slum;  
3 We heed, O Lord, thy sum - mons, And an - swer: Here are we!  
4 From ease and plen - ty save us; From pride of place ab - solve;



As once he spake in Zi - on, So now he speaks a - gain:  
No field or mart is si - lent, No cit - y street is dumb.  
Send us up - on thine er - rand; Let us thy serv - ants be.  
Purge us of low de - sire; Lift us to high re - solve;

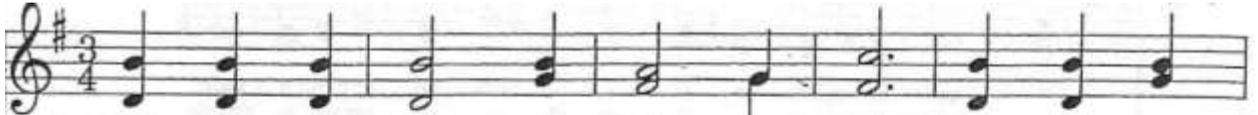


Whom shall I send to suc - cor My peo - ple in their need?  
I see my peo - ple fall - ing In dark - ness and de - spair.  
Our strength is dust and ash - es, Our years a pass - ing hour,  
Take us, and make us ho - ly; Teach us thy will and way.

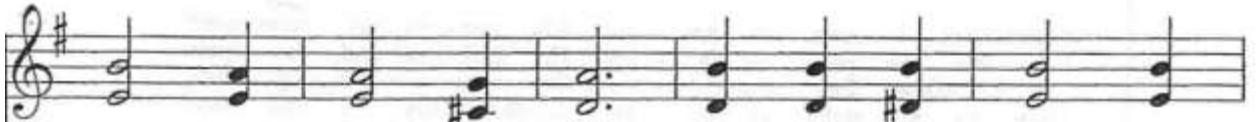


Whom shall I send to loos - en The bonds of shame and greed?  
Whom shall I send to shat - ter The fet - ters which they bear?  
But thou canst use our weak - ness To mag - ni - fy thy power.  
Speak, and, be - hold! we an - swer; Command, and we o - bey! A - men.

## FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT



1 Fight the good fight with all thy might! Christ is thy  
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up thine  
 3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy guide; His bound - less  
 4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; He chang - eth

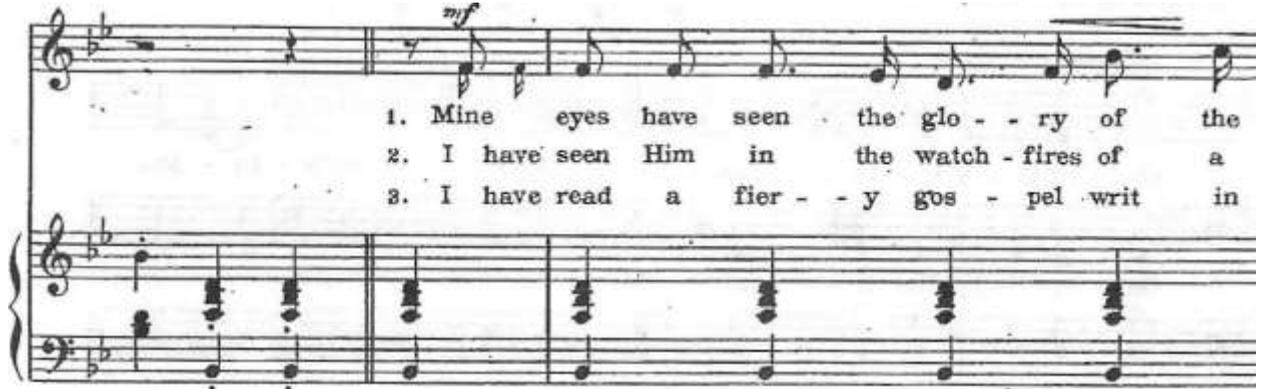


strength, and Christ thy right. Lay hold on life, and  
 eyes, and seek his face. Life with its way be -  
 mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and thy trust - ing  
 not, and thou art dear. On - ly be - lieve, and

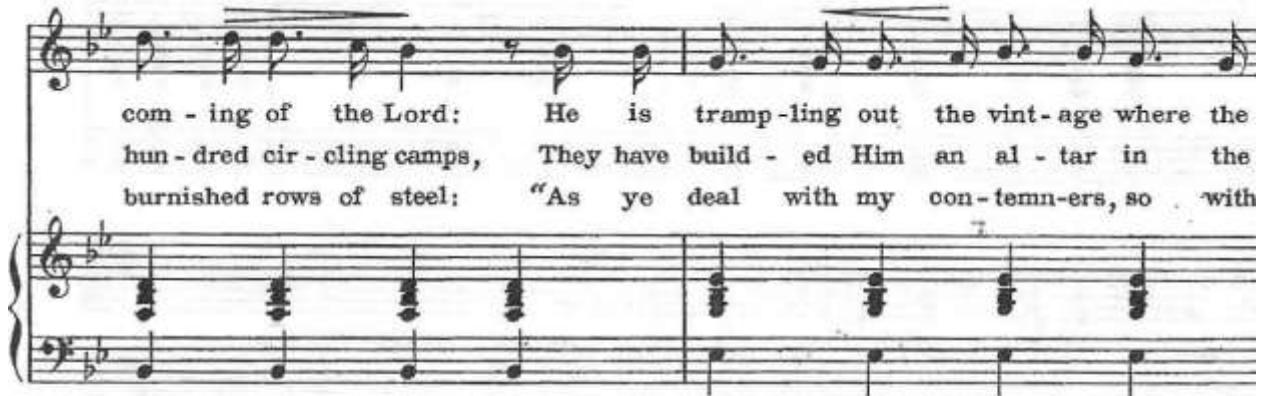


it shall be Thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
 fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
 soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.  
 thou shalt see That Christ is all in all to thee. A - men.

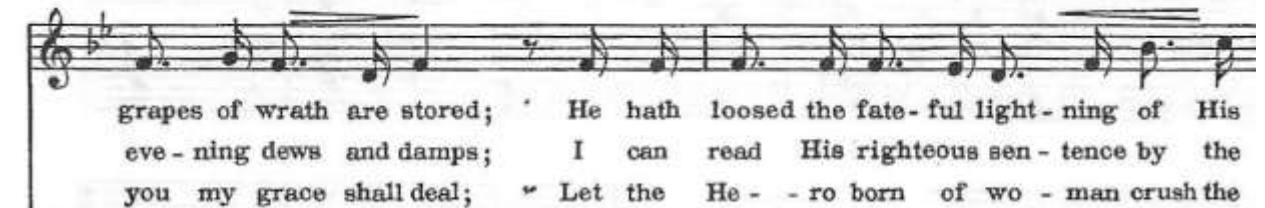
# BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC



1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - - ry of the  
2. I have seen Him in the watch - fires of a  
3. I have read a fier - - y gos - pel writ in



com - ing of the Lord: He is tramp - ling out the vint - age where the  
hun - dred cir - cling camps, They have build - ed Him an al - tar in the  
burnished rows of steel: "As ye deal with my con - temn - ers, so with



grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His  
eve - ning dews and damps; I can read His righteous sen - tence by the  
you my grace shall deal; " Let the He - - ro born of wo - man crush the

(continued)

# BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC (continued)

ter - ri - ble swift sword; His truth... is march - ing on.  
 dim and flar - ing lamps; His day..... is march - ing on.  
 ser - pent with his heel, Since God..... is march - ing on.

*cresc.*

## CHORUS

Glo - ry! Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry Halle - lu - jah!  
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry Halle - lu - jah!

Glo - ry! Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on. *D.C.*  
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on. *D.C.*  
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on. *D.C.*

## 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**

**TUESDAY, JULY 4**

Church Offices closed in observance of Independence Day

**SUNDAY, JULY 9**

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. (with Communion)

**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*