



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY

July 9, 2017

9:00 a.m.



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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 #26**

“PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our Lord and Creator spoke to the Hebrews saying,
“I am the Lord your God, delivering you from slavery.”

**So also God lays claim to us
in the bonds of love to free us.**

As God summoned Moses to meet him on a holy mount,
and was revealed as the one true God, holy and zealous.

**So again God summons us anew today,
to glimpse his glory as enemies reconcile.**

Today may we each affirm God’s encompassing love,
and, like Moses, declare from the bottom of our being,

**“Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.”
We worship the God whose love forces us
beyond our tribe and color, our clan and kin.**

*OPENING PRAYER

Gary Morello, Associate Minister

*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

ISAIAH 11:6-9

Liz Werner, Deacon

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

***HYMN #68**

“THOUGH I MAY SPEAK”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

ROMANS 11:25-36

Rev. Rosenberger

So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written,

‘Out of Zion will come the Deliverer;
he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.’

‘And this is my covenant with them,
when I take away their sins.’

As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways!

‘For who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counsellor?’

‘Or who has given a gift to him,
to receive a gift in return?’

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

SERMON

“HOW DOES JESUS SAVE US?”

Rev. Rosenberger

FEAR OF THE OTHER: NO FEAR IN LOVE

Sermon #4 in a Series

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

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*)

You bless us, Gracious God, with the gift of creation. We thank you for all of your works. Gratitude will always provide us our first impulse for giving. Accept our grateful hearts as we bring these grateful gifts. Grant us wisdom and discernment in the use of these gifts, looking ever beyond ourselves and our own cause, to places where you await us. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

CALL TO PRAYER

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| (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*)

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 #373**

“WE ARE YOUR PEOPLE”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Rosenberger

POSTLUDE

Mr. Pakhomov

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TODAY'S USHERS are Mandy Teare and Liz Werner.

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

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

OUR CHURCH EXPENSES DO NOT TAKE A SUMMER VACATION

Please keep your pledge current!

Summer Worship!

Sunday, June 25 - September 3

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



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

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

Ministers: Every member of the congregation.

Clergy and Staff:

The Rev. Dale Rosenberger, *Senior Minister (emergency pager) 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*