



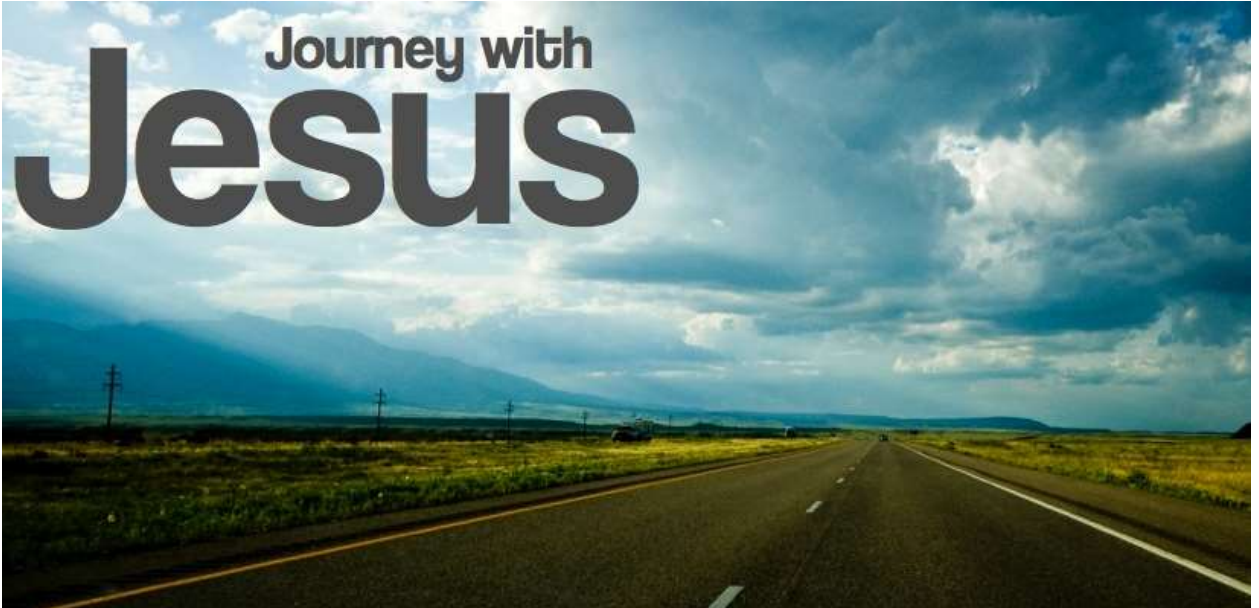
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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 7, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.



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Childcare available for 2nd Graders and under in the Library.

Doris Torres, our devoted Nursery Room caregiver and a teen will have games, coloring and relaxing activities.

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

PRELUDE

Mr. Daniel Hague

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dale B. Rosenberger, Pastor

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN

“WE SING YOUR MIGHTY POWER, O GOD”

1. We sing your might-y power, O God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2. We sing your good-ness, sov-ereign God, who filled the earth with food;
3. There's not a plant or flower be-low, but makes your glo-ries known;

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad, and built the loft - y skies.
you formed the crea-tures with your word, and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from your throne.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God". It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the remaining lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in the bass clef.

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“WE SING YOUR MIGHTY POWER, O GOD” (cont’d)



We sing the wis- dom that or- dained the sun to rule the day.
Oh! how your won- ders are dis- played, wher- e’er we turn our eyes:
While all that bor- rows life from you is ev- er in your care,



The moon shines full at your com- mand, and all the stars o- bey.
if we sur- vey the ground we tread, or gaze up- on the skies.
and ev- ery- where that we can be, you, God, are pres- ent there.



***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsively*)

Gather before God and hear the message
heard by our parents, and by their parents.

**God’s word shakes the foundations of the earth.
His promises keep us moving, even scrambling.**

This day is holy, a time to lay aside personal agendas,
and learn of what purposes God meant by creating us.

**We delight in all of God’s words and works,
finding eagerness to live our lives as God’s.**

As we gather, we ask: is there any new word
from God? As we hear, we ask: can it be true?

**Though we will never grasp all of God’s message,
we journey gladly together beneath its claim on us.**

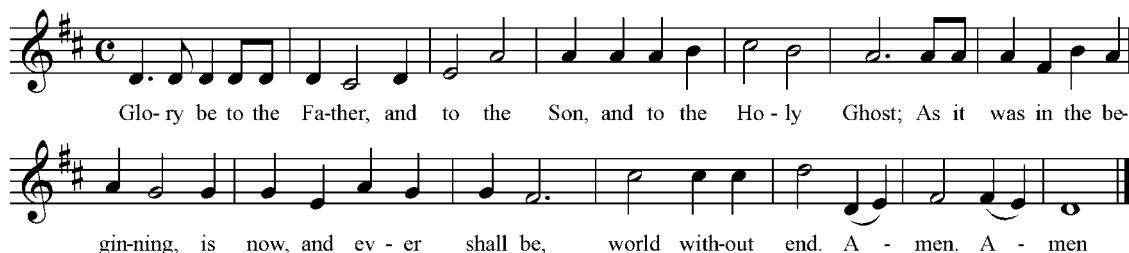
***OPENING PRAYER**

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

Steve Weeden, Deacon

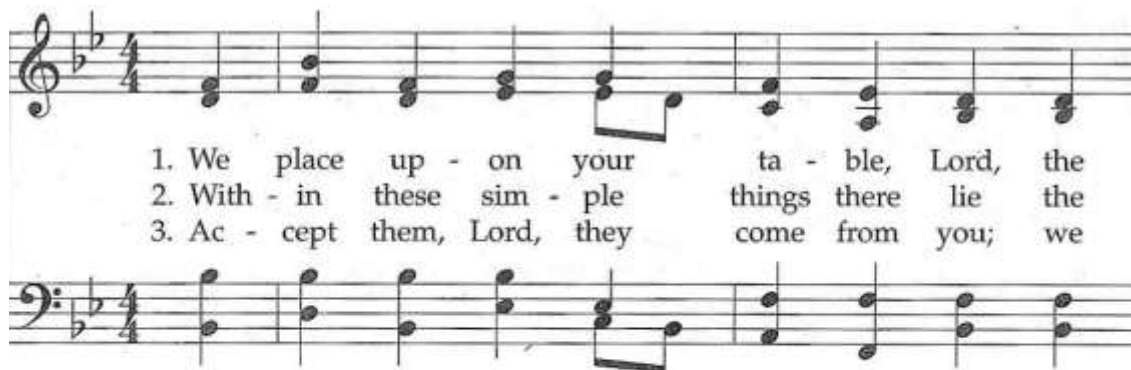
Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered himself faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

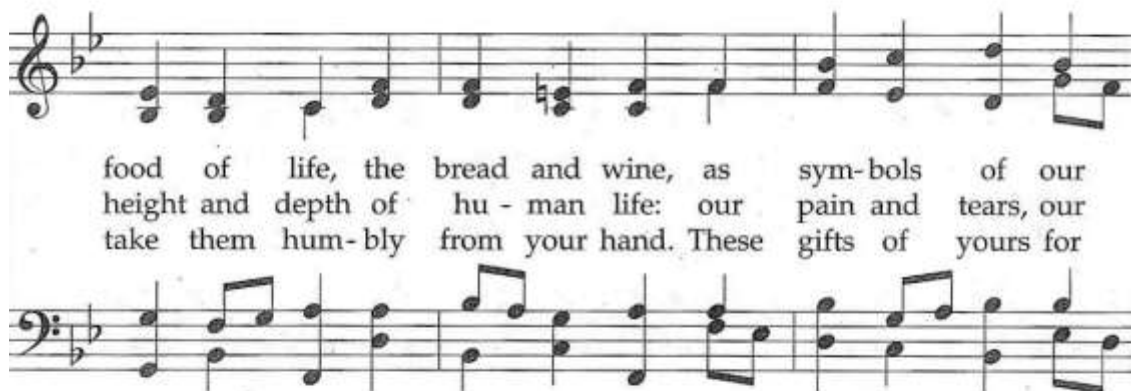
All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*HYMN

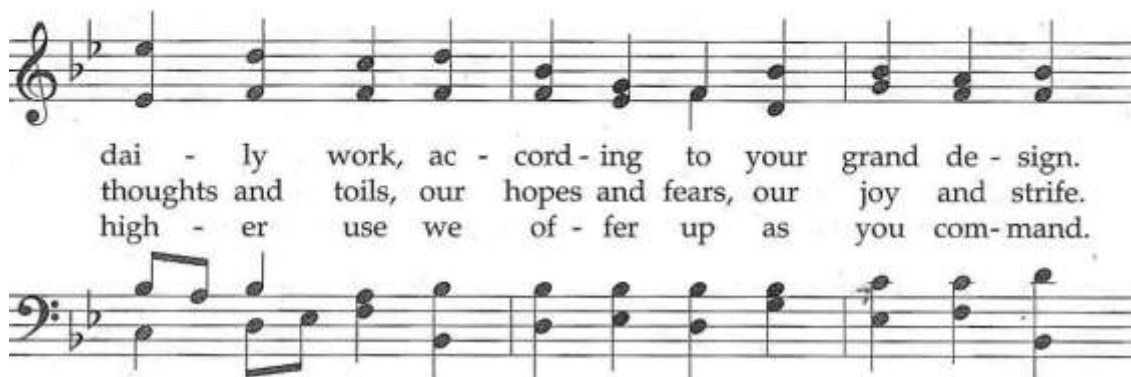
"WE PLACE UPON YOUR TABLE, LORD"



1. We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the
 2. With - in these sim - ple things there lie the
 3. Ac - cept them, Lord, they come from you; we



food of life, the bread and wine, as sym-bols of our
 height and depth of hu - man life: our pain and tears, our
 take them hum-bly from your hand. These gifts of yours for



dai - ly work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign.
 thoughts and toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.
 high - er use we of - fer up as you com-mand.

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 12:32-40

Rev. Rosenberger

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

SERMON

“ON THE ROAD AGAIN”

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)*

Help us, O God, to see ourselves on a journey of giving where we move away from ever wanting to build “bigger barns” of security to a new place where we see ourselves and our giving as instruments of your purpose to build up your reign for all of your children. Transform our giving from grim obligation to pure delight at our role in your saving story. 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)

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. We thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live in faith. Help us to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.

*HYMN

“I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS”

(next page)

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

Unison

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
 2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -
 3. Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go
 4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -

cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
 hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -
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Je - sus— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fore me— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fol - low— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 Je - sus?— No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

POSTLUDE

Daniel Hague

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TODAY'S USHERS are Lou Converse and Steve Weeden.

TODAY'S MUSIC: “**We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God,**” Words: Isaac Watts, 1715, alt. Music: *Gesambuch der H.W. k.Hofkapelle*, 1784. Public Domain. “**We Place upon Your Table, Lord,**” Words: M.F. C. Wilson. Music: Adapt. from *Musicalisches Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690. Public Domain. “**I Have Decided to Follow Jesus,**” Words and Music: Anonymous. Public Domain.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR CHURCH EXPENSES DO NOT TAKE A SUMMER VACATION!!

Please keep your pledge current!

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

The First Congregational Church Nursery School has a couple of openings in the 2's and the 4's for 2016-2017. Please call the school 203 655-3150 or email fccns@sbcglobal.net for more information.

TEACHING TEAM NEEDED FOR GRADE LEVELS PRE-K/1ST, 4TH -7TH!!

Calling parents to step up and volunteer one Sunday a month throughout September 4th - June to assist, and facilitate Sunday School classes. We wish to remind parents how important and gratifying it is to encourage and be an active participant in your child's faith journey. Please note that all lessons are prepared for you in advance. When there are teams of 6 parents per grade sections (eg. K/1, 2/3,...) the rotation of committed Sundays becomes less frequent.

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 do not delay! Order forms are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Questions, please contact kristindesautelle@gmail.com. Thank you!

HELP NEEDED/ OFFICE FURNITURE MOVE!

Our Church Office Wing is getting new flooring over the next 2 weeks. We need help moving desks, file cabinets, etc. into the corner meeting room this Sunday (8/7) right after our service. We think it will take between 1 and 2 hours. You can bring a change of clothes to the service. We also need help moving the furniture back next Sunday (8/14) right after the service. Please feel free to sign up for one or both of these opportunities to help! Let Jim Gleason know if you can lend a hand, (203) 656-9613. Also, if we can obtain a second 4-wheel dolly, it would help a great deal!

MEETINGHOUSE RENOVATION UPDATE – JULY 28

The engineering firm has produced a set of concept designs for potential repair/replacement options for our roof and ceiling in the Meetinghouse. Our contractor is currently reviewing the drawings and will provide us with rough cost estimate for each option. Once we have the designs and cost estimates, we will present the options to the congregation for discussion.

In addition, we are working to insure that we maintain the quality of the acoustics in our historic Meetinghouse. We have engaged a firm that specializes in organ maintenance (Foley-Baker) to work with our contractor to protect the organ prior to any renovations.

We are also in discussions with Jaffe Holden, the acoustical consultants who worked with the Church during the installation of the organ. Jaffe Holden will review the designs and make recommendations so that the acoustics will be as music (and sermon)-friendly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Barnard
Chair, Board of Stewards



CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

Welcome Back to Church

PICNIC

A series of black silhouettes depicting various picnic activities: a person holding a drink, a person with a dog, a person sitting at a table with a picnic basket, a person in a stroller, a person standing, a person playing a guitar, a person playing a drum, and a person with a child.

Sunday, September 11, 2016
Right after our 10 a.m. "Jazz Worship" service



FOOD
LIVE MUSIC
ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS



JOIN US!
BRING A FRIEND!!



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WELCOME TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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

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*

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