



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ***August 21, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.***



"In the Temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out..."

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August 21, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

Childcare is available for children up to 2nd Grade
(this week we will meet in the Library)

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

PRELUDE

Mr. Daniel Hague, Music Director

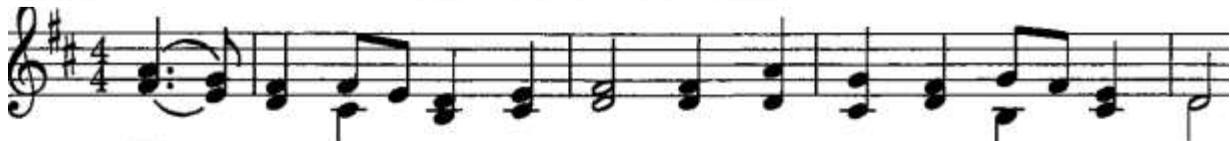
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Joseph Pankowski

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN

“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;



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“THE VOICE OF GOD IS CALLING” (cont'd)



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



*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

ISAIAH 56:1-8

Mandy Teare, Deacon

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. Happy is the mortal who does this, the one who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and refrains from doing any evil. Do not let the foreigner joined to the Lord say, "The Lord will surely separate me from his people"; and do not let the eunuch say, "I am just a dry tree." For thus says the Lord: To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant — these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

*HYMN

“WON’T YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT?”



1, 6. Won't you let me be your ser-vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2. We are pil-grims on a jour-ney, we are trav-'lers on the road;
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad-ow of your fear;
4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5. When we sing to God in heav-en we shall find such har - mo - ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser-vant, too.
we are here to help each oth-er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor-row till we've seen this jour-ney through.
born of all we've known to-geth-er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.



GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN: 2:13-17

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple, he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the moneychangers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the Temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the moneychangers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

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)

Gracious God, whose creative energy has filled all heaven and earth with good things for us to enjoy and share. We would honor you with our offerings. May the ministries we initiate and the outreach we support work toward healing inequity in the world. We look to Jesus as our model in serving and giving of ourselves. Amen.

*HYMN

“LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION”

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

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"LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION" (cont'd)

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty.
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty.
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Mr. Daniel Hague

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IN MEMORIUM

We are saddened to report the passing of former church member, Lorraine Fenn..

A memorial service has been planned for Saturday, September 17th at 3:00 p.m.,
with a reception to follow.

TODAY'S USHERS are Bill Lattimer and Mandy Teare.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

The First Congregational Church Nursery School has a couple 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!

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



CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

Welcome Back to Church

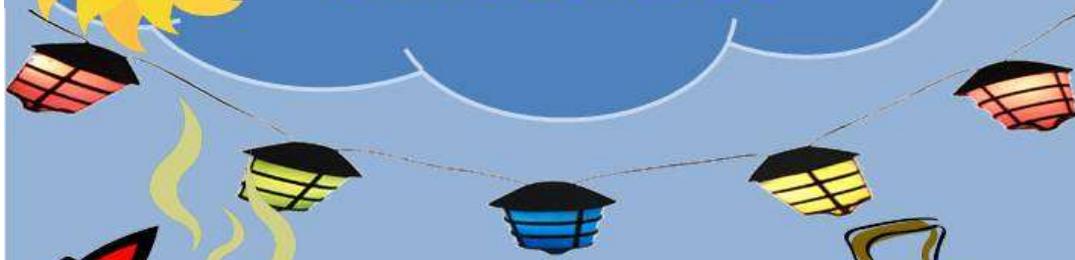
PICNIC

The word 'PICNIC' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Inside each letter, there are black silhouettes of people engaged in various picnic activities: a person holding a drink, a person sitting at a table, a person grilling, a person holding a child, a person playing a guitar, and a person holding a kite string.

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

A bright yellow sun with a smiling face, rosy cheeks, and radiating rays.

FOOD
LIVE MUSIC
ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS

A string of five colorful lanterns (red, yellow, blue, yellow, red) hanging across the scene.

JOIN US!
BRING A FRIEND!!

A red and white checkered picnic table with a picnic basket on it, and a red charcoal grill with smoke rising from it. A red apple with a small insect is on the grass.

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH - 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE

Bring your favorite pet: walking, crawling, flying, dare we say, *slithering*, or even a child's toy stuffed animal for a special blessing.



Youth Group Car & Pet Wash



Sunday, September 25

11:00-1:00 p.m.

\$10 per car; \$10 per pet

**After the Blessing of the Animals service, you can get your car and/or pet washed!
Look for us in the lower parking lot.**

**All proceeds will benefit the 2016-17 Youth Group
and our upcoming activities and service projects.**

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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