



**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

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***TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

***August 27, 2017***

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

Words command us. Names define  
us. Definitions bind us. Words are  
where we keep our sacred secrets.

Hal Duncan

quotation

# **TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**August 27, 2017**

**9:00 a.m.**

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

**PRELUDE**

Mr. Daniel Hague

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dale Rosenberger, Senior Minister

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*HYMN #6**

“BRING MANY NAMES”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(responsively)

Like a whisper inviting us to find our way home,  
**Strong as a shout that bids us to come,**

Gentle as an offered prayer that eases our worry,  
**Like a clear bell that rings out our name,**

So it is, your word comes to invite us, Loving God.  
**Your holy Scripture reminds us who we are.**

You urge us to forsake evil and do good, to seek peace and pursue it.  
**Open our hearts to hear you, and free our voices to praise you.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Christine Geeding, Director of Christian Education

**\*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**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

EXODUS 3:1-15

Bill Lattimer, Deacon

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you":

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.

**\*HYMN #104**

"HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS"

## GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

## SERMON

“SO WHAT’S IN A NAME?”

Rev. Rosenberger

## OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY

*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*)

**God, we cannot deceive you with the mere appearance of generosity. You know how much we have and how we manage it. Help us to experience the joy of sharing from what you provide. Help us to trust the impulse toward generosity, away from fearful scarcity. Enable us to become givers, not just receivers. Amen.**

### \*HYMN #107

“ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME!”

### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Rosenberger

## POSTLUDE

Daniel Hague

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TODAY’S USHERS are Bill Lattimer and Phil Meyer.

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CLASSICS BOOK GROUP

The Classics Book Group is reading Trollope's, Barchester Towers and is meeting on Wednesday, September 20 in the library, at 3:30 p.m. Come check us out. Call Sally Bassler or just come, (203) 655-9658; [sbassler13@gmail.com](mailto:sbassler13@gmail.com).) even if you haven't read/finished the book. This is a long one - hence for summer reading!

## 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 DIDN'T TAKE A SUMMER VACATION**  
***Please keep your pledge current!***



**MOBILEPACK**

**SAVE THE DATE**

***Feed My Starving Children***

***Annual Event is Around the Corner***  
***September 30<sup>th</sup> - October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017***

***ALL ARE WELCOME!!***

***Participation VERY rewarding***

Any questions, please feel free to contact Tracey Berry  
([tbc@optonline.net](mailto:tbc@optonline.net))

Welcome Back to Church

# PICNIC

A row of black silhouettes depicting various picnic activities: a person holding a drink, a person with a dog, a person sitting at a table, a person with a stroller, a person standing, a person with a stroller, a person with a stroller, a person with a stroller, and a person with a stroller.

Sunday, September 10, 2017  
Right after our 10 a.m. "Jazz Worship" service

FOOD  
ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS



JOIN US!  
BRING A FRIEND!!



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MEET THE NEW



# DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN ED

AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL IN DARIEN!

## CHRISTINE GEEDING

Hi everyone! I am truly looking forward to an exciting year at FCC! I can't wait to meet you and to share in growth and friendship. I am passionate about making sure you know that God loves you and that He is there for you.  
Hope to see you soon!

### ABOUT ME

I grew up in Kansas/Idaho/Oregon, then attended college and graduate school in Illinois where I met my wonderful husband, Benjamin! We love to read, travel, and try new restaurants.



### FAVORITES

Food: Hawaiian pizza  
Drink: Grapefruit Izzy  
Hobbies: Cooking  
Color: Yellow  
Flower: plumeria

### SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. Call, visit, or come talk to me any time! I am here for you.
2. It is my goal to create a safe and welcoming atmosphere for you and your children. I appreciate your feedback!
3. I love God's Word and am passionate about the Gospel of Jesus. Questions? Let's talk!

### CONTACT ME

Phone: 203-655-0491 ext. 319  
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and Sundays!



**WELCOME TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

***“Where God’s extravagantly welcoming love brings us all in,  
and Christ’s transforming truth sends us all back out again.”***

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, SEPTEMBER 3**

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. (no 8:30 service)

***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*

Christine Geeding, *Director of Christian Education*

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*