



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

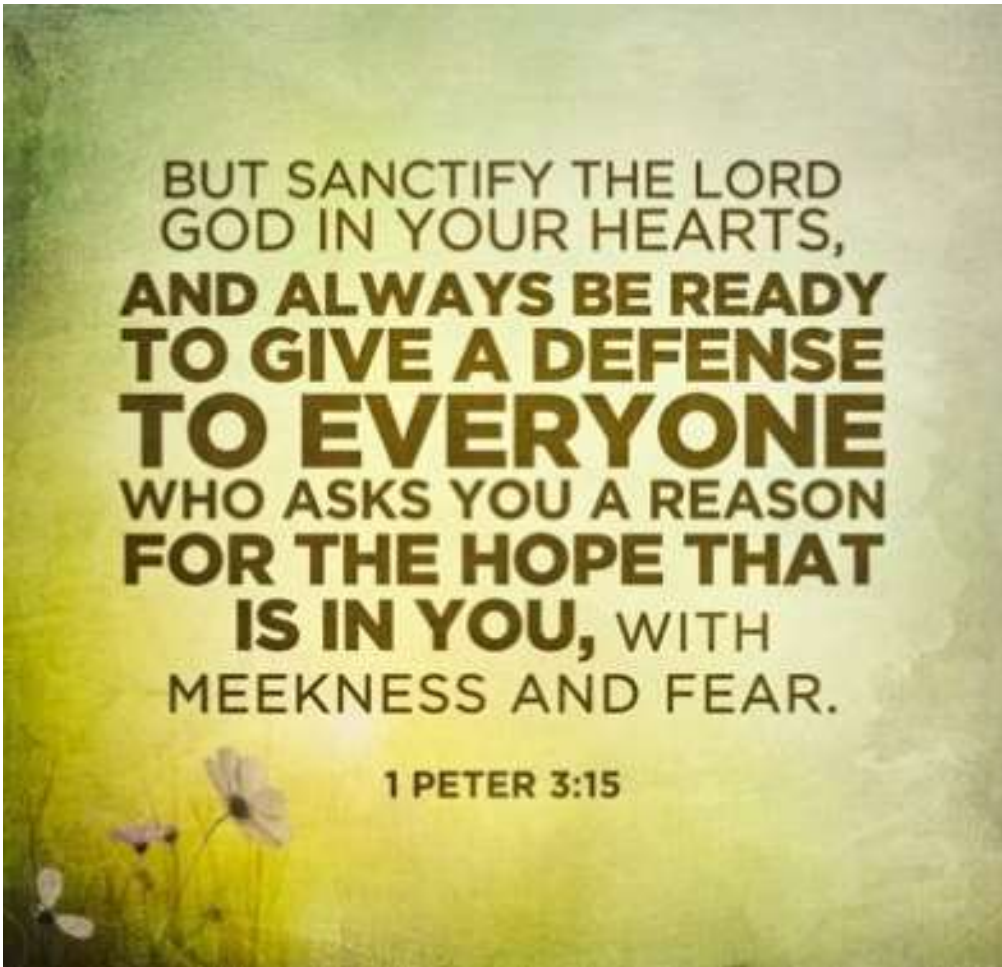
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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 2, 2016 – 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

BUT SANCTIFY THE LORD
GOD IN YOUR HEARTS,
**AND ALWAYS BE READY
TO GIVE A DEFENSE
TO EVERYONE**
WHO ASKS YOU A REASON
**FOR THE HOPE THAT
IS IN YOU,** WITH
MEEKNESS AND FEAR.

1 PETER 3:15



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Childcare is available for children up to 2nd Grade
in the administrative wing Meeting Room (former Youth Room)

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

PRELUDE

Maxim Pakhomov

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dale B. Rosenberger

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN

“SOLDIERS OF CHRIST, ARISE”



1 Sol - diers of Christ, a - rise, And put your ar - mor on;
2 Stand, then, in his great might, With all his strength en - dued,
3 Leave no un - guard - ed place, No weak - ness of the soul,



Strong in the strength which God sup - plies Through his e - ter - nal Son,
And take, to arm you for the fight, The pan - o - ply of God,
Take ev - ery vir - tue, ev - ery grace, And for - ti - fy the whole.



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“SOLDIERS OF CHRIST, ARISE” (cont’d)



Strong in the Lord of hosts, And in his might, - y power,
That, hav - ing all things done, And all your con - flicts past,
From strength to strength go on; Wres - tle and fight and pray;



Who in the strength of Je - sus trusts Is more than con - quer - or.
Ye may o'er - come through Christ a - lone And stand en - tire at last.
Tread all the powers of dark - ness down And win the well - fought day. A - men.



***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

All around the world people gather in the name of Christ.
Many believe as we do, and yet they forget to serve God.

They who are not for us are against us. (Matthew 12:30)

We don't seek uniformity, but to serve God's purposes.

All around the world people gather in the name of Christ.
Some do not believe as we do, yet they do the work of God.

They who are not against us are for us. (Mark 9:20)

We don't seek uniformity, but to serve God's purposes.

(All uniting)

**We are not called to judge our neighbors, but to reveal God's good news.
So we worship God in spirit and truth and then go to serve a broken world.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Mr. Gary M. 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

1 KINGS 17:8-24

Phil Meyer, Deacon (8:30 a.m.)
Anne MacInnes, Deacon (10:00 a.m.)

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' But she said, 'As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.' She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah. (cont'd)

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. She then said to Elijah, 'What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!' But he said to her, 'Give me your son.' He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the Lord, 'O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?' Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, 'O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again.' The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, 'See, your son is alive.' So the woman said to Elijah, 'Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.'

*HYMN

"HE LEADETH ME, O BLESSED THOUGHT"

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1 He lead-eth me, O bless-ed thought! O words with heaven-ly com-fort fraught
 2 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er mur - mur nor re-pine
 3 And when my task on earth is done, When, by thy grace, the vic-tory's wor



What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
 Con-tent, what-ev - er lot I see, Since 'tis my God that lead-eth me.
 E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jor-dan lead-eth me.



HE LEADETH ME, O BLESSED THOUGHT (cont'd)

REFRAIN

He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, By his own hand he lead-eth me;

His faith-ful fol-lower I would be, For by his hand he lead-eth me. A-men

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system is labeled 'REFRAIN' and contains the lyrics 'He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, By his own hand he lead-eth me;'. The second system contains the lyrics 'His faith-ful fol-lower I would be, For by his hand he lead-eth me. A-men'. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

GOSPEL LESSON

1 PETER 3:8-17

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. For

'Those who desire life

and desire to see good days,

let them keep their tongues from evil

and their lips from speaking deceit;

let them turn away from evil and do good;

let them seek peace and pursue it.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and his ears are open to their prayer.

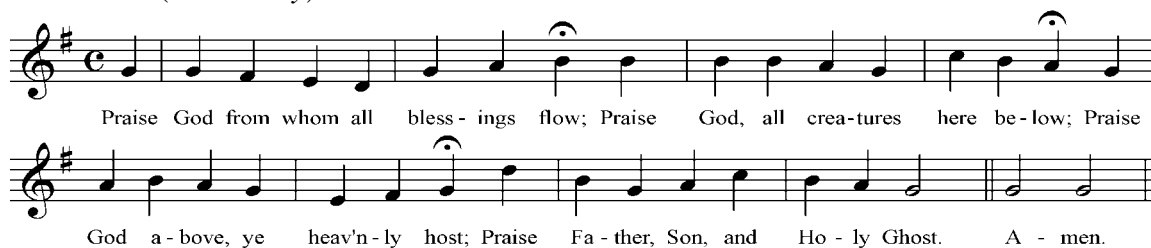
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.' (cont'd)

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

SERMON "HOW MUCH CAN WE MAKE OUT OF WHAT WE HAVE?" Rev. Rosenberger

OFFERTORY (10:00 only) "AVE VERUM CORPUS" F. de Peñalosa
Senior Choir (c. 1470-1528)

***DOXOLOGY** (10:00 only)



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** (10:00 only) (unison)

Almighty God, we lift our offerings before you, with the hopes, aspirations and dreams of your people. They are close to us and far beyond our horizon. You know their condition and need as we never will. Remember, O Lord, all of those for whom your will and your way is a refuge. May they discover their destiny first and last in your holy purpose. 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

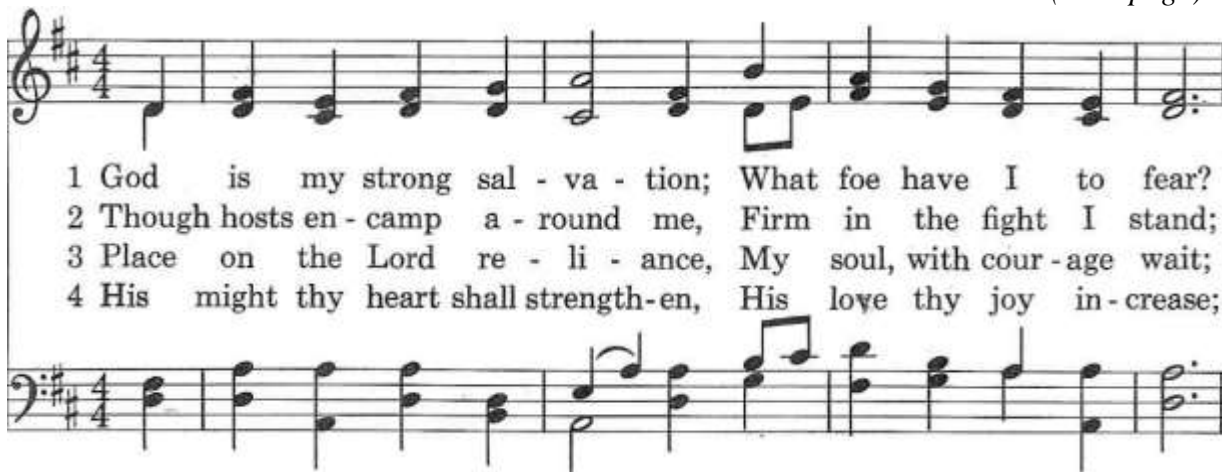
(unison)

Almighty God, we thank you for the wonders you work in the lives of men and women. We praise you for bringing us together as community, and for sending us forth from this spiritual home for works of service and glory. We celebrate both the sacrifice and the victory we glimpse at this table. Let us go with a purified vision that you might grasp us more deeply. Let us go with renewed purpose that we may follow Jesus more ardently; in his name we pray. Amen

***HYMN**

“GOD IS MY STRONG SALVATION”

(next page)



1 God is my strong sal - va - tion; What foe have I to fear?
2 Though hosts en - camp a - round me, Firm in the fight I stand;
3 Place on the Lord re - li - ance, My soul, with cour - age wait;
4 His might thy heart shall strength-en, His love thy joy in-crease;

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In dark-ness and temp-ta - tion My light, my help is near.
What ter-ror can con - found me, With God at my right hand?
His truth be thine af - fi - ance, When faint and des - o - late.
Mer-cy thy days shall length-en; The Lord will give thee peace. A-men.



*BENEDICTION

Rev. Rosenberger

POSTLUDE

Maxim Pakhomov

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TODAY'S USHERS are April Barker, Anne MacInnes, Phil Meyer (8:30) and Mandy Teare.

TODAY'S GREETERS are the Mullin family: Patrick, Anne, Jamie (Confirmant) and Tom.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are dedicated to the Emeline Fatherley family, also in loving memory of Rachel Ciba Markowitz

TODAY'S MUSIC: "Soldiers of Christ, Arise," "He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought," and "God Is My Strong Salvation," Public Domain.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS: CALL TO A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Scheduled for Sunday, October 9th, at 11:15 am

The purpose of this meeting is:

- to approve plans for the renovation and remediation of meeting house roof and ceiling as well as other smaller urgent and necessary repairs on our campus.

Caroline Burke, Moderator

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we will receive the Neighbors in Need Offering

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN HELPS! JOIN US!

- Food First - please bring your non-perishable food items to church on the first Sunday of each month . If you forgot your food today, bring it in as soon as you are able! Food will be distributed to local shelters.
- Feed My Starving Children packing event - October 21 -23 — Help hungry children worldwide by packing meals. This event is fun and very rewarding! Sign up opens on September 26 at www.fmssc.org. Questions? Email Nina Miller (pokebox@aol.com) or Tracey Berry (tbcb@optonline.net). “Blessed are those who are generous because they feed the poor.” - Proverbs 22:9
- Habitat for Humanity Build Day in Bridgeport - November 5, December 10. No experience needed! Just come with willing hands and heart! Helpers (16 or older) will meet at the warehouse by 8:30 am, and be done by 4. Please email Heather Raker at hraker@me.com to help.

Thank you for your hands on help for those in need!

The First Congregational Church of Darien Board of Outreach

Chair: Heather Raker, Vice Chair: Anna Denoyer, Members: Gayle Appleby, Lindsay Atha, Scott Barrett, Tracey Berry, Elmerina Brooks, Annette Madden-Kline, Bob McGee, Charlie Wetmore, Carol Wilson, Lauren Swenson



DO I KNOW YOU? ARE YOU NEW HERE? I KNOW WE'VE MET BUT...

Ever feel at a loss when you don't know or forget someone's name at church?

Never fear, NAMETAGS are here!

Given the growth of our church and so many new faces, we thought it would be helpful for church members to wear nametags when attending church services.

Beginning **October 2**, you will find "nametag ambassadors" at the entrance of Parish Hall with boards of magnetic nametags, already labeled and ready to go with your very own nametag. Grab yours, put it on (magnets mean no holes in your clothes) and wear it throughout the service and especially after service when you are visiting with other church members. Before you head home, please put your nametag back on the board and it will be there when you return next Sunday!

If you have any questions, or would like to be a "nametag ambassador", please contact David Young (davidy@hmnads.com) or Nancy Sheed (nmsheed@yahoo.com) for more information.

COMPANION HYMNALS - DON'T MISS OUT!!!

The new blue companion hymnals have arrived!! 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!

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS...

This week the children will be learning about the Book of Genesis and the Lords Prayer meaning. All children will congregate in the Rainbow Room in the Nursery School and then disperse to their classrooms. Please note that all children Nursery age to Youth Group must be registered. Please use the online registration link:

Visit www.tinyurl.com/fcc2016-17 - it should only take a few minutes of your time!

Please note that Pastor Dale will be coming to Church School on October 9th & October 30th to give the children a special sermon. On October 16th, Gary Morello our Associate Minister will be visiting the Church School to give a children's sermon.

First Congregational Church of Darien Presents:



2016-2017

Join us for our Sunday afternoon Worship Services on
September 25, October 16, November 13, December 18 (2016)
January 22, February 12, March 19, April 23, May 21 (2017)

We know that traditional Sunday morning worship doesn't work for everyone so we will be offering a Come As You Are worship service in Parish Hall at 4:30pm!

Key elements of the service include:

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First Congregational Church Fall Pot Luck Dinners - Come One, Come All

Saturday October 8, 6:30pm

Saturday October 22, 6:30 pm

Saturday November 5, 6:30pm

Here's how it works:

Small informal pot luck dinners will be held on three separate dates. Church members are encouraged to sign up to host a dinner and/or to bring part of the meal. The number of hosts will determine how many dinners will be held on each date.

Sign up sheets are on the Women's Association Bulletin Board in Parish Hall or contact Debbie Parnon or Susan Wilson (contact info below).

1. Sign up to host a dinner by checking the "Host" box on the sign up sheet in Parish Hall for the date you are available
2. Up to 6 people will be assigned to each host - for a total of 8 people including the host(s)
3. OR Sign up to bring part of the dinner by checking the appropriate box on the sign up sheet
4. BYOB and bring some to share
5. Please include your email address and a phone # you use/check regularly
6. We are hoping there will be enough sign-ups to hold several dinners on each of the three nights
7. Dinner groups will be a blend of new and veteran church members with a variety of interests and backgrounds
8. Everyone will receive confirmation for their respective fall dinner information
9. Once people are notified of their dinner group you can communicate with your host to confirm what you are bringing

Questions? Contact:

Debbie Parnon - dcsp1@aol.com, 203-505-1726

Susan Wilson - swilson@optonline.net, 203-655-0106



*Feed My Starving Children
Annual Town Wide Event is Around the Corner
October 21 – 23^d, 2016
ALL ARE WELCOME!!*

- *SIGN UP OPENS: September 26, 2016 (Online at: www.fmssc.org)*
- *October 21 – 23^d, 2016 Annual FMSC Packing event at Middlesex Middle School.*

Participation VERY rewarding

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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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

Board of Christian Education, 7:30 p.m. in Admin Wing Meeting Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Board of Christian Outreach, 7:30 p.m. in the Morehouse Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Night Owls, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Debbie Nelson

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room
Senior Choir, 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Worship Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
11th Hour Special Congregational Meeting

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*

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