



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
 United Church of Christ  
 Order of Worship  
 \*All who are able please stand

JANUARY 25, 2015

10 AM

**Meditation**

*“If you bring up what is within you what is within you will save you. If you do not bring up what is within you what is within you will destroy you.”*

*~Jesus – Gospel of Thomas ~*

**PRELUDE** “*Shall We Gather At The River*” Jay Chandler  
 Robert Lowry, Arr. Kurt Kaiser

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS\*\*\*** Pastor Frank  
 \*\*\**If you have an announcement to share, please come to the front of the church.*

**\*INVOCATION (responsively)** Pastor Frank  
 In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**  
 The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 Let us praise the name of the Lord

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN#93(Red)**  
 “*Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah*”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Tammy Kelley  
 Leader: Our help is in the name of the Holy One, who made heaven and earth.  
**People: Christ, our paschal lamb, has been offered for us. Let us, therefore, celebrate the festival.**  
 Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and and the Word was God.  
**People: God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.**  
 Leader: God has brought the people of the covenant from the land of bondage into freedom.

**Leader: We will continually praise God’s holy name.**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth. Holy One, heavenly God, sovereign God and Creator, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, God’s only begotten one, Lord god, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of Majesty: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Messiah, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of the triune God. Amen.

**ANTHEM:** Choir

**MISSION MOMENT:** With Sara Vettese – Director of Day Programing at Cottage Hill Academy in Baldwinville, MA

**A TIME FOR THE CHILDREN IN ALL OF US** Pastor Frank

**“JESUS LOVES ME”** Jay Chandler  
 (Children are dismissed during “Jesus Loves Me” for Sunday School.)

**SCRIPTURES** David Orwig

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Joshua 1: 1-9

**GOSPEL:** Mark 1: 14-20

*Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Praise be to God.*

**\*GLORIA PATRI #734 (blue)**

**SERMON “Taking Possession of the Place of Promise”** Pastor Frank

**\*HYMN: #197 (Red) “At the Name of Jesus”**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CHORAL RESPONSE** Choir

**OFFERTORY “Lead Me to Calvary”** Jay Chandler

William Kirkpatrick, Arr. Heather Murray

**\*DOXOLOGY #34 (blue) #514 (Red)**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #496 (Blue) “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”**

**BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE** Choir

**POSTLUDE “We Are the Reason”** Jay Chandler

David Meece, Arr. Ken Barker

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK FOLLOWING SERVICE**

**GO** and Make Disciples



Our Vision:  
An Active, Welcoming and  
Growing Community of Faith

*We always welcome visitors to join us at worship. We are glad that you are here. We encourage you to sign a visitor card, found in the pew, or to sign a guest book at the entry doors. If you leave a visitor card in the Offering Plate or your mailing address in the guest book, we can mail you our newsletter, the Tower Times, to let you get to know us better. Please join us for hospitality in the Fellowship Hall following Worship so that we may meet you and greet you personally. The Lord Bless your time here with his overflowing grace.*

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**Deacon: Bill Clabaugh**

**Trustee:**

**Fellowship: Potluck Luncheon**

**Ushers: Tammy and John Kelley**

**Nursery: Heather Girouard**

## THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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**“Be strong and courageous...  
for the LORD your God is  
with you wherever  
you go.”**

Joshua 1:9, NRSV



*As the First Congregational Church of Gardner, our Mission together through Jesus Christ is to nurture, inspire and support ourselves and each other in our daily lives through worship, fellowship, education and service so that we may reflect God's love and grace in our homes, our community and the world.*