



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

March 15, 2015

10 AM

Meditation

*“Beyond “our” ideas of right and wrong, there is a field. I will meet you there.”
 ~Rumi ~*

Please join us in a period of meditative silence before the Service.

PRELUDE *“I Need Thee Every Hour”* Jay Chandler
 Robert Lowry/William H. Monk Arr. Cindy Berry

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#559(Blue)** *“Here I Am, Lord”*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** John Moretti
 Leader: This is the day that God has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
People: Welcome to this sacred place where, indeed, all are welcome.
It is here, in this safe space, we receive one another just as we are, just as God receives us.
 Leader: Wherever you are along your life’s journey; whatever your name; however you feel – come one and all.
People: Come, and experience the abundance of God’s love for you, providing for your every need.
 Leader: Come, and experience the invitation to give back to our God who has given us life itself.
People: Come and be empowered by the Good News of Christ so that we can share that abundant love with other

Let Us Pray:
 (In unison) Lord our God, you sit high but look low and meet us where we are. Pour out your spirit with power on us. Let resurrection light dispel all darkness, let healing waters flow and the sound of praise fill your house. May our ministry together be made truly prosperous, meaningful, and life transforming. We are always careful to give you the thanks and praise, in the name of Jesus and with the participation of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ANTHEM: *“What Wondrous Love is This”* Choir
 Traditional

MISSION MOMENT *“Give and Change the World – One Great Hour of Sharing”* Pat Darby

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 Diane Moretti
EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 8: 1-11
GOSPEL: Matthew 6: 31-34
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Praise be to God.
***GLORIA PATRI #734 (blue)**

SERMON *“Because You Know the Grace”* Pastor Frank

***HYMN: #391 (Red)** *“Be Thou My Vision”*

PASTORAL PRAYER
CHORAL RESPONSE Choir
OFFERTORY *“Nearer My God to Thee”* Jay Chandler
 Lowell Mason Arr. Cindy Berry

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

***CLOSING HYMN #349 (Blue)** *“Seek Ye First”* (sing twice through)

BENEDICTION
RESPONSE Choir
POSTLUDE *“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”* Jay Chandler
 Traditional, Arr. Cindy Berry

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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Nursery: is available for parents use.

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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.