



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

March 22, 2015

10 AM

Meditation

"Thinking makes up only a small part of consciousness."

~Eckhart Tolle~

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

PRELUDE **"He Hideth My Soul"** Jay Chandler
 William J. Kirkpatrick, 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#430(Blue) **"Be Not Afraid"**

*CALL TO WORSHIP Sean Bastien
 Leader: Let us prepare for a mighty impartation of Divine power and mercy
 As we sing together:

*HYMN: #654 (Blue) **"Holy Ground"**

Let Us Pray:

(In unison) Gracious God, gentle in your power and strong in your tenderness, you have brought us forth from the womb of your being and breathed into us the breath of life. We know that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from you. Feed our deep hungers with the living bread that you give us in Jesus Christ. May Jesus' promise, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them," be fulfilled in us. Make us a joyful company of your

people so that with the faithful in every place and time we may praise and honor you, God Most High. Amen

ANTHEM: Choir

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 Lauren Bastien

EPISTLE: Hebrews 5: 5-10

GOSPEL: John 12: 20-33

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

*GLORIA PATRI #734 (blue)

SERMON **"The Mystery and Miracle of the Seed of Faith"**
 Pastor Frank

*HYMN: #358 (Red) **"Rock of Ages"**

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE Choir

OFFERTORY **"Under His Wings"** Jay Chandler
 Ira D. Sankey, Arr. Cindy Berry

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

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #438(Blue) **"On Eagle's Wings"**

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

POSTLUDE **"God Will Take Care of You"** Jay Chandler

Walter S. Martin, Arr. Cindy Berry



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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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Ushers: John and Tammy Kelley

Nursery: is available for parents use.

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**“ALTHOUGH
HE WAS A
SON,
HE LEARNED
OBEDIENCE
THROUGH WHAT
HE SUFFERED.”**
Hebrews 5:8

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.