



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

April 12, 2015

10 AM

Meditation

"The same spirit that raised up Christ, dwells in you."

~The Apostle Paul~

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

PRELUDE **"He Hideth My Soul"** Jay Chandler
 William J. Kirkpatrick

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#187(Red) **"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"**

*CALL TO WORSHIP Christian Larocque

Leader: Open your hearts to the Divine Presence, brought to us by the Risen Christ.

People: The God we know in Jesus Christ is worthy of our praise.

Leader: The Christ has destroyed death by his death.

People: Oh Christ our God, you are risen from the dead, we sing to You, Alleluia.

Let Us Pray:

We sing to you O lover of our souls for you are not in the grave, not up there, but here in our midst:

We sing together:

*HYMN # 131 (Blue) **"Surely the Presence"**

ANTHEM: **"Near to the Heart of God"** Choir
 Cleland B. McAffree



**The Sacrament of Baptism:
 Isak Ryan Berg**

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 Dale Larocque

EPISTLE: Acts 4: 32-35

GOSPEL: John 20: 19-31

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

*GLORIA PATRI #734 (blue)

SERMON **"You Can't Make Me Doubt it, Can You?"** Pastor Frank

*HYMN: #192 (Red) **"The Day of Resurrection"**

PASTORAL PRAYER
 CHORAL RESPONSE Choir

OFFERTORY **"He Keeps Me Singing"** Jay Chandler
 Luther B. Bridgers

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

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #447(Blue) **"Because He Lives"**

BENEDICTION
 RESPONSE Choir

POSTLUDE **"I've Got Peace Like a River"** Jay Chandler
 Spiritual



**Given in celebration of Isak Ryan Berg
 from his loving parents**

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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Fellowship: Denise and David Smith

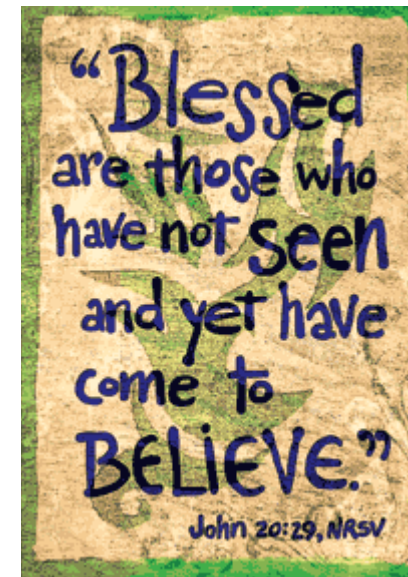
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As the First Congregational Church of Gardner, our Mission together through Jesus Christ is to nurture, inspire and support ourselves and each other in our daily lives through worship, fellowship, education and service so that we may reflect God's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