



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
 United Church of Christ  
 Order of Worship

*\*All who are able please stand*

April 19, 2015

10 AM

**Meditation**

*“You can’t stop the waves, but you can learn to surf.”*

*~Jon Kabat-Zinn~*

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

PRELUDE *“I Am His, and He is Mine”* Jay Chandler  
 James Mountain

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#251(Red)  
*“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Denali LeBlanc  
 Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;  
**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
 Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down;  
**People: Let us kneel before God, our Maker.**

Let Us Pray:  
 O God, all-powerful, true and incomparable, present in all things, yet limited by none, untouched by place, unaged by time, unhurried by the years, undecieved by words, not subject to birth nor in need of protection: you are above all corruption, you are beyond all change, you are by nature immutable, living in light that none can approach, invisible, yet you make yourself known to me and you are found by all who seek you with their whole heart; you are the God of Israel and of all who hope in Christ. You are our God. We adore you. Amen

ANTHEM:

Choir



*The Sacrament of Baptism:  
 Blancalee Lopez*

*Child of Mindylee and Albert Lopez Jr.*

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 Amy LeBlanc

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 15: 12-26

GOSPEL: Mark 16: 12-20

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

\*GLORIA PATRI #734 (blue)

SERMON *“Sacred Mysteries of Life, Death and Resurrection”*  
 Pastor Frank

\*HYMN: #94 (Blue) *“Shout to the Lord”*

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE Choir

OFFERTORY *“Like a River Glorious”* Jay Chandler  
 James Mountain

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

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #195(Red)

*“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE Choir

POSTLUDE *“We Are More Than Conquerors”* Jay Chandler  
 Ralph Carmichael

**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: Joan Mellanson**

**Trustee: Ben Parker**

**Fellowship: Carol Bailey**

**Ushers**

**Nursery: is available for parents use**

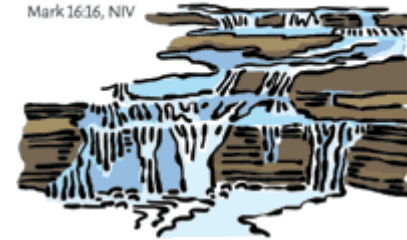
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United Church of Christ  
28 Green Street  
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"Whoever believes and is  
baptized will be saved."

Mark 16:16, NIV



*Welcome Blancalee Lopez  
child of Mindylee and Albert Lopez, Jr.*

*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.*