



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 United Church of Christ
 Order of Worship

**All who are able please stand*

Mother's Day

10 AM

May 10, 2015

Meditation

"We, like Mary, must give birth to Christ by living lives of love and a sincere conscience."

~St. Francis of Assisi~

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

PRELUDE "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Jay Chandler
 William Bradbury

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#38(Red) "Morning Has Broken"

*CALL TO WORSHIP Denali LeBlanc
 Leader: We come to have our spirit nourished by you who are the Living Bread.
People: As a mother provides food for her children, you provide food for us.

Leader: We come to you to find protection in the storms of live.
People: As a mother protects her children so you protect us.
 Leader: We worship you for you first loved us and gave us the spirit as a guarantee.

People: As a mother loves her children so you love us.
 Leader: You are truly the source of our peace.
People: As a mother comforts her children, you comfort us.

Let Us Pray:

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 work 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: "Give Me Jesus" Choir
 Howard Helvey

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER: Christy Gulsby

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES:
 In Honor of our Mothers and in Memory
(Mothers are the light of the World)

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
 OLD TESTAMENT: (Pew Bible Page 691) Isaiah 60: 15-18
 GOSPEL: (Page 109) John 15: 9-17

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Praise be to God.**
 *GLORIA PATRI #734 (blue)

SERMON: "The Maternal Love of God" Pastor Frank
 *HYMN: #66 (Red) "For the Beauty of the Earth"
 PASTORAL PRAYER
 CHORAL RESPONSE Choir
 OFFERTORY "Evening Prayer" Jay Chandler
 E. Humperdink

*DOXOLOGY #34 (blue) #514 (Red)
 *RECESSIONAL HYMN #438(Blue) "On Eagle's Wings"
 BENEDICTION

RESPONSE
POSTLUDE

“Maestoso e Vivace from Organ Sonata 2”

Felix Mendelssohn

Choir

Jay Chandler

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Gardner, Massachusetts 01440

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*Given in Memory of:
Mrs. Anne Ashton and
Mrs. Artemis Stevens
By their family*



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: Calvin Brooks



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.