



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Order of Worship

**All who are able please stand*

September 6, 2015

Communion Sunday

10:00 AM

Meditation

"That which we do not bring to consciousness appears in our life as fate.."

~Carl Jung ~

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

PRELUDE "Three Meditations" Richard Boutwell
By: Robert Cundick, Jacob Acadelt, Jules Massenet

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 worship God.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #649 (Blue) "Gather Us In"**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Amy LeBlanc
Leader: Blessed be the name of God from this time on and forevermore.
People: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of God is to Be praised.
Leader: It is good to give thanks to God, to sing praises to your name,
O Most High;
People: to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

CALL TO CONFESSION Pastor Frank

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Leader: Let us confess our sin and receive grace from the ocean of mercy which flows from the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Let us pray:

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, work, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON



*NEW MEMBERS: Please welcome our new members joining with us today:
Heather Girouard, Shawn Gleason and
Randy Welch.*

*The Sacrament of Baptism:
Charlotte Lila Berg
Daughter of Laura and Troy Berg*



Christine Ruston

SCRIPTURES

OLD TESTAMENT: (page 668) Isaiah 40: 27-31

GOSPEL ALLELUIA #736 (*please stand to sing*)

GOSPEL: (page 72) Luke 11: 5-13

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

***GLORIA PATRI #734 (blue)**

SERMON "On The Verge of Breakthrough" Pastor Frank

***HYMN: ##326 (Blue) "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"**

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY "Pastorale" Richard Boutwell

G. Sammartini

***The 1st Sunday of the month loose cash goes to the Diaconate Fund for outreach.*

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

****Note: Red is wine and white is grape juice.**

INVITATION: *(responsively)*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE PRAYER

RESPONSE OF PRAISE: *(sung together)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might.

Heaven and earth are full, of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

(be seated at close)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

(Please wait until all have been served so as to share together)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***CLOSING HYMN #320 (Blue) "Alleluia, Sing To Jesus!"**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Fugue in C Major"

Richard Boutwell

G.F. Handel

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Fellowship: Jane Clabaugh

Nursery: is available for parents use

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.