



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

September 25, 2011

10:30 a.m.

Meditation

*Jesus said to them, "I came to show human possibilities. What has been created by me, all can create. And that which I am, all will be."
 ~Ancient Tibetan Manuscript~*

PRELUDE

Ellen Montgomery

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 #30 (red) "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"**

(During hymn - please proceed down with your Shoebox)

THE BLESSING

Pastor Frank

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Heather Baczewski

Leader: Come, believers and faithful ones, sing your alleluias to God!

People: Praise God, who invades us with the rush of a mighty wind and fills us with fire.

Leader: Praise God, who out of love for us sent Jesus Christ to live among us.

People: Praise God, whose spirit is poured out upon all flesh so our sons and daughters might prophesy.

Leader: God reaches into our lives and claims us, calling us honored and

loved.

People: We are God's people: We are redeemed; for God has called us by name.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, and find us in our wilderness. Lead us forth into the wonders of your love.

Leader: Let us pray:

(in unison): **God of Love, you have loved us first and continue to love us. We come before you a people longing to love you in return. We hunger for your healing love in our lives, for we long to love ourselves and our neighbors. Come to us this day and fill our longing. In Jesus Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Kathy Daley

A TIME FOR THE CHILDREN IN ALL OF US

Brian Smith

and the LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

(Children are dismissed afterward for Sunday School Classes.)

ANTHEM

"Pie Jesu" by Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Choir

SCRIPTURES Pat Darby

Old Testament: Exodus 3:1-8,13-14

Gospel: John 8:52-58

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

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

SERMON

"The name above every name."

Pastor Frank

***HYMN #108 (blue) "There's Something About That Name"**

(sing thru 2X)

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

Offertory

Ellen Montgomery

***DOXOLOGY #34 (blue)**

*CLOSING HYMN #499 (blue) "He Leadeth Me"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ellen Montgomery

**A special thanks to our guest organist
Ellen Montgomery.**

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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28 Green Street

Gardner, Massachusetts 01440

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Take off

your sandals,

for the

place

where

you are

standing is

holy ground.

Exodus 3:5



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.