

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**United Church of Christ
28 Green Street
Gardner, Massachusetts 01440**

September 4, 2011

Communion Service





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Order of Worship
**All who are able please stand*

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Family Worship

9:30 a.m.

Meditation

*"Something we were withholding made us weak,
until we found it was ourselves."*

~Robert Frost~

PRELUDE

Linda Tooley

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 #228 (red) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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: We pray to God for the forgiveness of our sins.

Let mercy flow from the sacred heart of Jesus.

**All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion
forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and
so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of**

life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MISSION MOMENT

Pat Darby

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:8-12

GOSPEL ALLELUIA #736 (*remain seated to sing*)

Gospel: Mark 5:33-41

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

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

SERMON

“Taking God at His Word.”

Pastor Frank

***HYMN #254 (red) “Break Thou the Bread of Life”**

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

Offertory

Linda Tooley

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

***DOXOLOGY #34 (blue)**

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***CLOSING HYMN #447 (blue) "Because He Lives"**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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