



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

October 23, 2011

10:30 a.m.

Meditation

"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, and Standby) that He may remain with you forever."
~Jesus Christ~

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 #35 (red) "When Morning Gilds the Skies"**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The God of New Beginnings has called us to this place.

People: We come celebrating the new life that is ours as God's faithful people.

Leader: Let your joy ring through the universe, and let your vision see to the depths of every soul.

People: We will be shouters of joy and seekers of God's light wherever we go. Praise God for this day!

Leader: Let us pray:

(in unison): **You who have created us and who sustains us: We come with thanksgiving for these moments when we can ease the pace of our lives and listen for your voice. Create a spirit within us that truly draws us toward our brothers and sisters: a deep, perceptive, gentle, and bold. Clear our minds, open our hearts, and touch us with your presence and your power. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our friend and our Savior. Amen.**

A TIME FOR THE CHILDREN IN ALL OF US and the LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

Pat Darby

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Peter Scott

(Children are dismissed afterward for Sunday School Classes.)

ANTHEM

"Amazing Grace" by John Newton

Choir

SCRIPTURES Diane Moretti

Old Testament: Micah 7:15-20

Responsive Reading: 72 – Page 519 of Red Hymnal

Gospel: Luke 5:27-32

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

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

SERMON

"That is Amazing."

Pastor Frank

***HYMN #257 (blue) "What Wondrous Love Is This"**

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

Offertory

Linda Tooley

***DOXOLOGY #34 (blue)**

***CLOSING HYMN #422 (blue) "Amazing Grace!"**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Linda Tooley

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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THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Rejoice in the Lord
and be glad, ... all
you who are upright
in heart!



Psalm 32:11

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.