



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

October 2, 2011

10:30 a.m.

Meditation

*"And so long as you haven't experienced this; to die and to grow,
you are only a troubled guest on the dark earth."*

~Goethe~

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 #649 (blue)** *"Gather Us In"*

"JESUS LOVES ME"

Linda Tooley

(Children are dismissed during "Jesus Loves Me" for Sunday School.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Zachary Orr

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights,

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

People: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,

and your salvation to the upright of heart!

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

ANTHEM

Choir

SCRIPTURES Carol Bailey

Old Testament: II Samuel 9:1-11

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

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

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

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

SERMON

"Dinning at the Kings Table."

Pastor Frank

***HYMN #317 (red)** *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

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 #320 (blue) "*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!*"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Linda Tooley

*Flowers given in loving memory of
Winona Vickery.*



GO and Make Disciples



Our Vision:

An Active, Welcoming and
Growing Community of Faith

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Communion Service

