



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

October 30, 2011

10:30 a.m.

**Meditation**

*"Doubt is the seedbed of faith."*

~Martin Luther~

**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 #363 (red) "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Brenda Larocque

Leader: O Lord, come to my assistance.

**People: O Lord, make haste to help me.**

Leader: Before we call, you would have already answered.

**People: There is no just and saving God but you.**

Leader: For you have called us out of darkness.

**People: Into the kingdom of your marvelous light.**

Leader: Let us pray:

(in unison): **O God, you are the great "I AM", the great physician, the light in darkness and the calm in our storm. Touch our lives with your grace, raise us with your power and enlighten us with your touch. We**

are always careful to give you the praise – in the name of Jesus we pray.  
 Amen.

**A TIME FOR THE CHILDREN IN ALL OF US** Pastor Frank  
**(STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE) and the LORD'S PRAYER (debts)**

**DUET**

**"Blessings"**

Carol

Bailey & Karen Lenthall

*(Children are dismissed afterward for Sunday School Classes.)*

**SCRIPTURES** Dale Larocque

*Epistle: Ephesians:24-10*

*Responsive Reading: 67 – Page 517 of Red Hymnal*

*Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12*

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

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

**SERMON**

**"Saying "grace"."**

Pastor Frank

**\*HYMN #177 (red) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

Offertory

Linda Tooley

**\*DOXOLOGY #34 (blue)**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #306 (red) "For All the Saints"**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Linda Tooley



*Anointing of the Sick*

*"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well."*

James 5:15

## Following Worship Service

**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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For by  
**GRACE**  
you have  
been saved  
through  
**FAITH ...**  
it is the gift  
of **GOD ...**

Ephesians 2:8, NRSV

***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.***