



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

October 9, 2011

Family Sunday

10:30 a.m.

**Meditation**

*"We spend our life, until we are about twenty years old,  
deciding what parts of us to put into the bag  
and we spend the rest of our lives trying to get them out again.."  
~Robert Bly~*

**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 #260 (red) "The Church's One Foundation"**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Wayne Stevens

Leader: Rejoice people of the Most High. God is here. Let us celebrate

**People: Glory fills this place.**

Leader: Arise O God; let darkness be dispelled by the light of the World.

**People: Know the life of Christ within you;**

Leader: For the indwelling of the Christ is our hope of Glory.

**People: Praise, Honor, Glory be given to God.**

Leader: Truly God receives Glory.

**People: You are worthy to receive glory and worship, and adoration.**

Leader: Let us worship God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: One God, undivided.**

Leader: Let us pray:

(in unison): Almighty and everlasting God, our Sovereign, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day: defend us in the same with your mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, nor run into any danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by your governance, may be righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

Pastor Frank

**ANTHEM**

*"Here I am Lord", by Daniel Schutte*

Choir

**SCRIPTURES** Joan Mellanson

*Epistle: Colossians 1: 24-28*

*Responsive Reading: 94 – Page 531 of Red Hymnal*

*Gospel: Luke 4: 14-23*

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

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

**SERMON**

*"Indwelling Spirit."*

Pastor Frank

**\*HYMN #300 (blue) "In the Garden"**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

Offertory

Ellen Montgomery

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

**\*CLOSING HYMN #267 (red) "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Ellen Montgomery

*A special thanks to our guest organist*

**GO** and Make Disciples



**Ellen Montgomery.**

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.*

**The First Congregational Church**

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**Fellowship:  
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## THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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28 Green Street  
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*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.*