



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

March 8, 2015

10 AM

Meditation

*"Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits."
 ~Psalm 103 ~*

Please join us in a period of meditative silence before the Service.

PRELUDE "All My Life" Jay Chandler
 Ralph Carmichael Arr. Harold DeCou

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 praise the name of the Lord

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN#366(Red) "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*CALL TO WORSHIP Cynthia Henshaw
 Leader: It is an awesome thing to stand in the presence of God, to call
 God's Holy Name.
**People: As far as the heavens are above the earth, God's ways are
 above our ways.**
 Leader: But we come with confidence, because in Christ we are called
 to be God's people.
**People: Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before God
 our Maker.**

Let Us Pray:
 (In unison) O almighty God, from whom every good prayer cometh, and
 who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication;
 deliver us, when we draw nigh to thee, from coldness of heart and
 wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections
 we may worship thee in spirit and it truth, through Jesus Christ our
 Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM: "I Will Live My Thanks" Choir
 Joseph M. Martin and Ruth Elaine Schram

A TIME FOR THE CHILDREN IN ALL OF US
 Pastor Frank and Pat Darby
 "JESUS LOVES ME" Jay Chandler
 (Children are dismissed during "Jesus Loves Me" for Sunday School.)

SCRIPTURES Wayne Stevens
 EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21
 GOSPEL: Mark 2: 13-17

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Praise be to God.**
 *GLORIA PATRI #734 (blue)

SERMON "Who's Counting?" Pastor Frank

*HYMN: #422 (Blue) "Amazing Grace"

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE Choir

OFFERTORY "In the Garden" Jay Chandler

C. Austin Miles Arr. Cindy Berry

*DOXOLOGY #34 (blue) #514 (Red)

*CLOSING HYMN #319 (Red) "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE Choir

POSTLUDE "Because He Lives" Jay Chandler
 Bill and Gloria Gaither Arr. Cindy Berry



In Loving Memory of Mary Lou Pross
 The Clabaugh

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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Trustee:

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Ushers:

Nursery: is available for parents use.

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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.