FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
April 6, 2014
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Those who are able may stand where marked (*).

Gathering Music #179 "Our God Is an Awesome God"

Welcome and Announcements *Mary Menzies*

Opening Prayer

Prelude "Deep River" (*Mark Hayes, arr.)*
Jo Beth Dudley, flute

Ministry of the Acolyte

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 130*
One: Out of the depths we cry unto you!
All: Let your ears hear us! O God, be attentive to our cries!
One: If you should mark our iniquities, God,
which of us could stand in your presence?
All: But you are forgiving—you fill us with awe!
Our souls flood with hope; we wait for your coming
even more than those who watch for the morning—
even more than those who watch for the morning!
One: O my people, put all your hope in God;
for with God there is mercy, and power to save.
All: It is God who will save us. The Holy One, the Sovereign will free us from the darkness of our sins.

*Hymn: #342 "Rock of Ages"

Confession: **God of mercy, we confess before you and each other that we have been unfaithful to you. We lack love for our neighbors, we waste opportunities to do good, and we look the other way when you cry out to us in the suffering of our brothers and sisters in need. We are sincerely sorry for our sins, both those we commit deliberately and those that we allow to overtake us. We ask your forgiveness and pray for strength that we may follow in your way and love all your people with that perfect love which casts out all fear; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon
* Gloria Patri #813
* The Apostles' Creed *(insert)*

Anthem "Till He Comes Again" *Schrader*

Moments of Concern and Celebration (please fill out a blue card)
Pastoral Prayer and Savior's Prayer ("trespasses")

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory
*Doxology #815 with Offertory Prayer

Scripture: John 11:1-44

Sermon: "Out of the Depths"

*Hymn #488 "Just as I Am"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Hymn #293 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

*Benediction

*Response: #179 "Our God Is an Awesome God"

*Ministry of the Acolyte and Postlude