

MEDITATION: “This call for a world-wide fellowship that lifts neighborly concern before one’s tribe, race, class, and nation is in reality a call for an all-embracing and unconditional love for all [people].” anonymous

MUSICAL PRELUDE

CALL FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: It is time for God’s message of redeeming love to be spread through the land.

P: But who will spread this message?

L: You have been called and will be given the strength and courage for this joyful task.

P: Lord, be with us on our journey of faith.

L: Come, friends, let us tune our hearts and spirits to the Lord.

P: Let us receive God’s blessings and prepare to serve God by serving God’s people.

AMEN.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*all in unison, please stand if able*)

Lord, we have come here this day, needing your healing power and your encouragement in our lives. Help us be open to your words of mercy and peace. Prepare us to serve you with our whole lives, for it is in Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

HYMN: (*please stand if able*)#223R O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*all in unison*)

Lord, you have called us here and you ask us to be ready to go on a journey with you. But our hearts are fearful and our spirits drag. We want to think we could do the work that you have placed before us, but we lack the enthusiasm and true belief in your

guiding presence. So we just sit back and let the winter days roll by. Stir us up, Lord. Shake us up, Lord. Get us ready to joyfully serve you. Help us believe in your powerful presence and your guiding love. For we ask these things in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not fear. God is with you, healing and restoring you. Get ready to serve and witness to God’s love and mercy, for God has placed much trust in you. AMEN.

GLORIA PATRI 513R (*all in unison, please stand if able*)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Psalm 147:1-11, p. 545 in pew bible

Epistles: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 p.150

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 p.30

SERMON: Lifted to Serve

HYMN (*please stand if able*) In the Midst of New Dimensions

TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

L: Let us join in prayer. The Lord be with you.

P: And with your spirit

Silent Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (*all in unison*) **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread**

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever Amen.

Prayer Response

OFFERING

Invitation to Giving

Offertory Anthem

Doxology #514R (*all in unison, please stand if able*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (alternate: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost)

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self: (*all in unison, please stand if able*) **Compassionate God, we make this offering with the prayer that those who are vulnerable be delivered and roTECTED from the powers of evil. May they be healed and feed for new life in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.**

HYMN Go My Children with My Blessing (82NCH insert)

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Depart in peace to do God's will; walk ever in the light; for Christ is with us evermore, to guide us day and night.(Tune of Amazing Grace)

First Congregational Church of Montague,
Trinitarian



February 8, 2015

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Minister of Children's Education Rev. Sherril Willis
Music Director Ann Cenzano
Deacon of the Month Janet Andrews

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