

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE,  
TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA  
December 19, 2021 4th Sunday in Advent  
*Bold italics indicate the work of the people.*  
*\*Indicates the people shall stand if able.*

The Hymnal for today is the Red Hymnal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
PRELUDE & PROCESSIONAL

A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP*

*Comfort my people, says the Lord.*

*Speak to them words of deliverance.*

***God will break the chains of the bound.***

*Comfort my people, says the Lord.*

*Speak unto them words of peace.*

***God will cast out the fears of the troubled***

***And lift up the eyes of those without hope.***

***The peace of God shall reign for evermore!***

HYMN #110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

(Reader 1): The candles for hope, love and joy have been lit. Today we light the fourth candle as a symbol for the peace that only God can bring.

(Reader 2): For God will lead us to a place under the stars where we will drink deeply of God's righteousness.

(All): Come Lord Jesus, Come!

\*HYMN #115 "On Jordan's Bank, the Prophet's Cry"

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***Holy One, By the light of your prophets illumine our hearts, that we may hear your call. Fill our songs of memory and praise with a full measure of your Holy Spirit, so that we may be channels of your***

***grace and make straight the path that leads to the manger side. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen***

\*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Refining God, you have sent prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.***

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The one who began a good work in us will bring it to completion. Rejoice, God's reign of peace draws near!

***All: Thanks be to God!***

THE WORD IN MUSIC

**"A CHRISTMAS CANTATA"**

Choir

(Natalie Sleeth, arr: Robert Lau)

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer:

***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

CHORAL ANTHEM

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***  
*(sung to the tune of Old 100<sup>th</sup>)*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*With gratitude for all that you provide, dear God, and to the service of the world you love so much, we dedicate these gifts and our lives to you, in Jesus name. Amen*

\*HYMN #131 “Lo How A Rose E’er Blooming.

**\*BENEDICTION**

*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.*

**POSTLUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The deacon this morning is Beth Marshall.
- Council Meeting follows fellowship downstairs in the Social Hall.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, December 24<sup>th</sup> at **6:30pm**
- Christmas Flowers order through Deacon Beth Marshall 413-218-8190.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 10am “Carol Sing”
- Rev. Koyama’s office hours are Tuesday am. Call ahead 808-282-6711.