

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE,
TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA
All Saints Sunday
November 3, 2024**

*Bold italics indicate the work of the people.
Indicates places to stand if able to.

The Hymnal for today is the Red Hymnal

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to all who have come in search of something;

We have come to seek the living God.

Happy are those who find a way and follow that path;

We do not make this journey by ourselves.

Blessed are those who give their lives to the Creator's love.

In faith, in trust and with hope, let us worship God.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God, send your Holy Spirit upon us. Give us pure hearts and humble spirits, that we may be Christ-like in all that we say and do. Grant us perseverance and hope, to live as saints, so that your true light may shine into the future, just as it came to us through our forebearers. In faithful reverence, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #260 "The Church's One Foundation"** (vss 1,2&4 only)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We yearn to be counted among the saints of old, but the journey is long and difficult. We long to love others as we should, even when they revile and hate us. We seek to forgive those who wrong us, even when it means swallowing our pride. We strive for the

openness of spirit to pray even for those who persecute us. And when we fail, forgive us, and disciple us; for apart from your light we lose our way.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*Beloved of God, even when we fail, God's love for us prevails.
Thanks be to God!*

***A Gloria**

*From all that dwells below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Let the Redeemer's name be sung,

Let God the Spirit loose each tongue!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrew Scripture: Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 (Apocrypha**)

Gospel Reading: John 11:32-44 (NT p.92)

LITANY OF OUR SAINTS IN LIGHT

HYMN #489

"I Would Be True"

PRAYERS

Prayers of Intercession

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

***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 100th)

***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

COMMUNION

(see insert)

***CLOSING HYMN #306 “For All the Saints”** (vss 1-4 only)

***BENEDICTION**

Response (To the tune of Edelweiss)

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever, grant you peace, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor; lift up your eyes and then see his face, and his grace forever; May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

POSTLUDE

(Please remain seated for the Postlude)

PRAYER GARDEN

**Biblical material not contained in the Protestant Bible.