

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE,
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Bold italics indicate the work of the people.

**Indicates places to stand if able to.*

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are all one family, made in the image of God.

We are all one family, all over the world.

We are all one family, each unique and special.

We are all one family, brothers and sisters on one journey of faith.

We are all one family, given gifts and talents to share.

We are all one family, united in peace, united in Christ our Lord.

(by permission Beth Merrill Neel)

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal God, companion of all who seek you and seeker of all who turn away from you, draw near to us that we may draw near to you.

Grant us grace to love and serve you, that we may find in your will our true freedom; through Jesus Christ, the way the truth and the life. Amen

***HYMN OF GATHERING**

(see insert)

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty and merciful God, in your presence our limits lie stark before us. We confess our unclean lips, our cold hearts, our turning away from our neighbors, our broken promises and unrepentant hours. ~ We have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have neglected the land. We have grasped for goods. We have used each other. We have loved power more than people.

Forgive us, O Holy One. Cleanse us from the illusion of innocence. Come into our hearts and make us new again. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Christ forgives us and in the Holy Spirit has freed us for new life. 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READINGS

(see insert)

SERMON

HYMN

PRAYERS

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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

(1st Sunday of the Month)

***CLOSING HYMN**

(see insert)

***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)

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