

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE,  
TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA

April 23, 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter

*Bold italics indicate the work of the people.*

*\*Indicates places to stand if able to.*

The hymnal for today is the Black Hymnal

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

*Come let us walk together.*

*Hand in hand, we will walk along this road.*

*Let us talk together of what was, is and will be.*

*We will speak and we will listen.*

*For Christ is with us*

*Our hearts will burn when he speaks with us*

*And we will know that Christ is here!*

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*Come Holy Spirit, make yourself known to us in the study of scripture, in our songs of praise, and especially in the grace and love we offer one another. Make yourself known in every friend we have yet to meet, in the good and blessed name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen*

**\*HYMN #294** "There's A Spirit in the Air" (verses 1-5)

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Risen Savior, so often we are concerned with petty distractions and concerns and fail to recognize you, even when you are standing before us. We see what we desire to see, rather than what we need to see. Forgive us and open our hearts to your truth and life, that*

*we may live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen*

**\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

In Christ we are forgiven.

*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!*

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Epistle Reading**

**1 Peter 1:17-23**

**Gospel**

**Luke 24:13-35**

**SERMON**

"On the Road to Emmaus"

**HYMN # 506**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

**PRAYERS**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

A Litany of Intercession

(Black Hymnal #878)

The Lord's Prayer

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 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 #315**      “O Word of God Incarnate”

**\*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)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Deacon for April is Lu Ann Herrick
- Join us for fellowship and refreshments after worship.
- Council Meet today following fellowship time.
- Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> Deacon's Breakfast 8:30 -10:30am Come one & all!
- Rev. Koyama's office hours are Tuesday am. Call ahead 808-282-6711.

**PRAYER GARDEN**