

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE,  
TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA**

**April 16, 2023      1<sup>st</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 Red Hymnal

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

*God is our strength and our salvation!*

*Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!*

*We are witness to a resurrection faith.*

*We are here to offer our worship and praise,*

*For Christ is Risen!*

*He is Risen indeed!*

**\* UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*God of salvation, we come with abundant joy and hearts transformed by your love. Through Christ, you have broken the chains that oppress us and removed all barriers to your unending love. Nothing can separate us from the fullness of life with you. We are gathered now to sing in praise of your glory!*

**\*HYMN #193**      “Thine Is the Glory”

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Loving God, we confess to you that we are foolish and slow to believe. We run from the wounds on the world and retreat in fear. Come into our locked rooms and breath into us your peace, so that we may go forth to thrive as witnesses to your saving power. Through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. 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 MUSIC**

**RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 16** (#67 p, 517 Red Hymnal)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Epistle Reading**

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

**Gospel**

**John 20:1-18**

**SERMON**

**“God’s Wounds”**

**HYMN # 338**

**“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”**

**PRAYERS**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

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 #195**      “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”  
(verses 1,2&5 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)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Deacon for April is Lu Ann Herrick
- Join us for fellowship and refreshments after worship.
- Deacon's Meet today following fellowship time.
- April 23rd Council
- Rev. Koyama's office hours are Tuesday am. Call ahead 808-282-6711.

**PRAYER GARDEN**