

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

April 24, 2022 2nd Sunday in Easter
Bold italics indicate the work of the people.

**Indicates places to stand if able to.*

The hymnal for today is the Black Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

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!

*** 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 #301** “Crown with Your Richest Crowns” (verses 1-3 only)

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful most merciful and mighty, we confess to you that we are foolish and slow to believe. We turn from others and retreat in fear. Come into our locked rooms and breath into us your peace, so that we may go forth again 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!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrew Scriptures

Psalm 118:14-24

Gospel

John 20:19-31

SERMON

“Jesus Walks Through Walls”

HYMN # 241

“Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day”

PRAYERS

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Pastoral Prayer

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

***HYMN #253** “Yours is the Glory, Resurrected One”
(verses in English only)

***BENEDICTION**

Response (To the tune of Amazing Grace)

“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 for April is Lu Ann Herrick
- Join us for fellowship and refreshments after worship.
- Rev. Koyama’s office hours are Tuesday am. Call ahead 808-282-6711.
- Many Thanks to Blair Huang, Deerfield Class of 2022, for being our keyboardist this morning!

PRAYER GARDEN