

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

April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday
Bold italics indicate the work of the people.

**Indicates places to stand if able to.*

The hymnal for today is the Black Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE & REDRESSING OF THE ALTAR

PROCESSIONAL

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Antiphonal Hosanna”

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Sing the glad songs of victory;

God is creating a day of newness and joy.

God is our strength and our song;

This is the day of our salvation.

The tomb in our hearts have been opened,

and Christ has been raised from the dead!

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

*** INVOCATION**

God of salvation, you have rolled away the stone and the tomb is empty. Nothing can defeat your love for the world. The night is passed and with dawn comes the new creation. Hear our shouts of adoration as we enter the courtyard of your redeeming grace.

Through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen

***HYMN #233 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”**

***STATEMENT OF FAITH**

(see insert)

***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 “Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord”

(Don Besig & Nancy Price)

UNISON READING FROM PSALM 118

(see insert)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

SERMON

“Easter Vision”

HYMN # 241

“Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day”

PRAYERS

Prayers of Intercession

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**

Gracious God, through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, you have given immeasurable grace to us. Receive these gifts as a sign of our gratitude and commitment to live and serve in accordance with your love. Amen

EASTER COMMUNION

(By Intinction)

(see insert)

***HYMN #245** “The Day of Resurrection”

***BENEDICTION**

Sung Response:

Alle, Alle, Alle-luia! Alle, Alle, Alle-luia!

POSTLUDE

(Please remain seated for the Postlude)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Deacon for April is Lu Ann Herrick
- Join us for fellowship and refreshments after worship.
- Tuesday Soup Lunch April 11th 11:30am downstairs.
- Saturday, April 15th Chicken Dinner
- Rev. Koyama’s office hours Tuesday am. Call ahead 808-282-6711.

PRAYER GARDEN

May you have a Joyous Easter!