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

April, 20<sup>th</sup> 2025 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

**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 praise and 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!

CHORAL MUSIC "Acclamation for Easter"

(Jon Paige)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 118** (see insert)

SCRIPTURE READING

The Holy Gospel John 20:1-18

SERMON "The Stone Was Moved"
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**

(see insert)

(with Lord's Prayer)

\*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 Deacons for April are Mark Fisk and Janet Andrews
- Join us for fellowship and refreshments after worship..
- Rev. Koyama's office hours Tuesday am. 9:30am-12:00pm Call ahead 808-282-6711

# PRAYER GARDEN

May you have a Joyous Easter!