

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE,  
TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA  
The Five Sundays in Epiphany  
(January 7 to February 4, 2024)**

*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**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*The work of the Creator is visible.  
Let us respond with praise.  
The example of Jesus is apparent.  
Let us respond with obedience.  
The wind of the Spirit is blowing.  
Let us respond with joy.  
The Word of God is calling  
Let us worship in spirit and in truth.*

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION\***

*Compassionate God, greet us with your grace this day, for we need you and cannot save ourselves. Today we would be quiet enough to hear your voice. Today we would be still enough to feel your touch. Let us come before you and learn your ways, laying down our weapons and feeding the hungry. Come to us now, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.*

**\*HYMN OF GATHERING** (see insert)

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION\***

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin has hidden from us your light. We have turned away from the poor, ignored cries for justice; we have not striven for peace. Forgive us and cleanse us with your Spirit, so that your glory may shine forth through us.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*Brothers and Sisters, in Christ we are forgiven.  
May the light of Christ shine through all we say and do.*

**\*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!*

**SPECIAL MUSIC  
CHILDREN'S TIME**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** (See insert)  
**SERMON**  
**HYMN**

**PRAYERS**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of Intercession  
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*

**COMMUNION**  
(First Sunday/see insert)

**\*CLOSING HYMN** (See Insert)

**\*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)

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