

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

Feb 12, 2023 6th Sunday in Epiphany

Bold italics indicate the work of the people.

**Indicates places to stand if able to.*

The hymnal for today is the Black Hymnal

PRELUDE & PROCESSIONAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

*On this new morning and in every moment of our lives, O God,
from generation to generation, we will praise your holy name.*

Like our ancestors before us,

we will share your blessedness with our children,

*For we have seen your deeds of power and witnessed
your goodness in our lives.*

You open your hand to all,

satisfying the desire of every living thing.

With hearts open to receive, we offer you our worship and praise.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Holy God, we thank you that you receive us not according to our
failing goodness, but according to your overflowing grace. You
come to us in Jesus Christ, to share our common lot; reconciling
us to yourself. Sweep over us with your Spirit. Change us by your
love, that we may live to your glory in the world. Amen.*

***HYMN #26 “We Worship You God”**

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*God, our Creator, we give you thanks for those who have been
fathers and mothers for us. Help us inherit from them that which
will make us more fully your people. Where they have offered us*

*blessings of love, may we incorporate those gifts into our lives.
Where they have hurt us or fallen short, may we learn from them
that we might not repeat their mistakes. Forgive us for our own
failures to witness more faithfully among our own children and the
children in today’s world, that they too may enjoy your blessings.
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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrew Scriptures

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1-8

SERMON

“Let the Children Come”

HYMN # 323

“Little Children, Welcome”

PRAYERS

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Prayer Response

***DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures hear below. Praise him 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 #359** “O God Who Teaches Us To Live”

***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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Deacon for February is Janet Andrews 413-522-1117
- Join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship after the service.
- Diaconate Meeting follows fellowship time today
- Reverend Koyama will be away this week until Friday. No office hours.
Notify deacon Janet Andrews in the event of a pastoral emergency.

PRAYER GARDEN