

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

Feb 19, 2023 Transfiguration Sunday

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 day of God dawns like a morning star rising.

God's brightness is too intense for our gaze.

Come up to the mountain of God's presence.

Wait for God to reveal divine intentions for us.

We are eyewitnesses to God's majesty.

We have sensed God's presence in stories of Jesus.

Look up and do not be afraid.

Jesus, whom you seek, is transfigured before you.

We will serve God with fear and trembling.

Happy are those whose refuge is in God.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mighty God, we come to this high place seeking to encounter you.

***Lift us above the fog in our lives. If you have instructions for us,
we want to hear them. If we need a change of direction, turn us
around. If we have overlooked the truth, awaken us to it and grant
us courage to respond in accordance with your grace. Through
Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen***

***HYMN #16** "Praise My Soul The King of Heaven"

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of the mountaintops, we confess that we have lived in a cloud.

*The mystery of life eludes us because we take for granted what
seems commonplace and refuse to deal with matters beyond our
understanding. Shake our complacency, we pray, and awaken us
to new life in all its fullness.*

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

God will deliver us, and good things will come of it!

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

Exodus 24:12-18

Epistles

2 Peter 1:16-19

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON

"Listen"

HYMN # 397

"Lord Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

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 #63** “Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”

***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
- Join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship after the service.
- Council Meeting follows fellowship time this morning.
- **Lenten Series Ash Wednesday Service** here this Wed. at 7pm
(Check with a deacon if you want to come, but don't drive at night).
- Feb 25th **Roast Pork Supper**
- Office Hours are Tuesdays from 9:30-12:00 noon. To set up a time to come in or request a visit call Rev. Koyama at 808-282-6711.

PRAYER GARDEN