

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

Feb 20, 2022 The 7th Sunday after Epiphany

Bold italics indicate the work of the people.

**Indicates places to stand if able to.*

The hymnal for today is the Red Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*Trust in God, and do good; so you will dwell in the land
And enjoy security.*

*We will be still before God, and wait patiently, refraining
from anger and forsaking wrath.* (Ps 37:3)

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How can the dead be raised to life?

The single grain of wheat that falls to the earth will die—

But when it does, it will come to life again

And bear much good fruit for the Reign of God. (1 Cor 15:42)

*** INVOCATION**

*God of abundant mercy, you alone can turn evil into good, sorrow
into rejoicing, and death into everlasting life. Teach us your way of
grace- to meet hatred with kindness, to answer curses with blessing,
to love without holding back, as did Jesus our Savior. Amen*

***HYMN # 228** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (verses 1-3)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or
trusted your promises. We have loved only those who love us; we
show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only when*

*we expect to receive. Forgive us Lord. Fill our hearts with your
selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace.*

***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!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrew Scriptures

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-43

Gospel:

Luke 6:27-38

SERMON

“The Successful Loser”

HYMN # 399

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

PRAYERS

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our
debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever Amen.*

Prayer Response

CHORAL ANTHEM

***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**

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 #370** “He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”

***BENEDICTION**

Response (To the tune of Amazing Grace)

“Depart in peace to do God’s will, walk ever in the light. For Christ is with us evermore, to guide us day and night.”

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Deacon for February is Janet Andrews.
- Please join us for fellowship and refreshments after worship.
- The Council will meet following fellowship time.
- Rev. Koyama’s office hours are Tuesday am. Call ahead 808-282-6711.

PRAYER GARDEN

Please keep in prayers for healing: Harry and Del Williston, Milt’s sister Joyce, Nancy Patterson, Beth Marshall in the passing of her father Don Marshall. The people of the Ukraine. Thanksgiving for the birth of Alexandria.