

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE,
TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA
Feb 27, 2022 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRELUDE

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We come together, a community of faith.

We have gathered to talk and listen to our God.

May our faces shine in anticipation.

Our God has invited us to this moment of meeting.

We share in a new covenant of promise and hope.

Our spirits have been set free for worship and praise.

We come with boldness, to encounter our Creator.

We come to share in the glory of the life God offers us.

*** INVOCATION**

Holy are you, O God of all time and space. Before your creation, our earth is but a speck. And yet you have given us life, and drawn us to the mountaintop to commune with you. And so we await your further revelation. Come, enlighten and empower us to be a blessing to others. Through Jesus Christ. Amen

***HYMN # 68** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we know there is a gap between the truth you set before us and our willingness to put it into practice. We go to the mountains to escape involvement. We hear your commandments and hide from their truth. We pretend not to notice, when you call

us to bold action. You are the potter and we are the clay. Transform our hearts. Grant us the courage to trust and live in full accordance with your love; for we know that it is both our truth and salvation.

***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 19:1-10

Epistle

Ephesians 2:13-20

Gospel:

Mark 14:3-11

SERMON

"The Steeple People"

HYMN # 85

"I to the Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes"

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

***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 #391** “Be Thou My Vision” (verses 1,2&4)

***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.
- Join us for fellowship and refreshments after worship.
- Please welcome Daphne Bye as our organist this morning.
- The Diaconate meets next Sunday after Worship.
- Rev. Koyama’s office hours are Tuesday am. Call ahead 808-282-6711.

PRAYER GARDEN