

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

Feb 5, 2023 4th Sunday in Epiphany

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

Happy are those who worship the Lord, delighting in God's precepts.

They rise before dawn as a light to the upright.

They are gracious, merciful and righteous.

Their light shines before others, for all the world to see.

They will never be moved!

Let our delight in living by your precepts be our worship, O God.

(from Psalm 112)

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

You do not desire a fast of sackcloth and ashes, but deeds of righteousness. You call us to loose the bonds of injustice, undo the thongs of the yoke and set the captives free. Train our hearts this hour in what is right and good, that we may dwell securely in grace and mercy, with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen

***HYMN #34** "Awake, Awake to Love and Work"

***A UNISON PRAYER OF LONGING**

Caretaker of our souls, aid us in our quest. We long to be the salt of the earth and light for the world. We yearn to live with such passion and purpose that our lives may be like a city on a hill; our congregation resplendent in serving your justice and righteousness. We seek to reflect your glory in all that we say and all we do.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

The righteous will not be moved. Their hearts are firm in the Lord. May our passion for sharing God's love, keep us near to God's heart.

***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

Isaiah 58:1-12

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

SERMON

"The Salt of the Earth"

HYMN # 353

"Lord, I Want to Be A Christian"

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

COMMUNION

(see insert)

***HYMN #345** “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” (verses 1-4 only)

***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 refreshments and fellowship after the service.
- Please stay for the Annual Meeting following fellowship time.
- 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