## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE, TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA Graduation Sunday June 2, 2024

Bold italics indicate the work of the people. \*Indicates places to stand if able to.

The Hymnal Today is the Black Hymnal

PRELUDEPROCESSIONALKeegan & Amelia (acolytes)ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOYS AND CONCERNSMOMENT OF SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Karson

Dear God, by your wisdom we are taught. You teach us how to be true and loving. You teach us how to be patient and creative. We thank you for everyone who teaches and guides us. We will support and care for each other We will walk together into the future. Strengthen the talents and skills of every graduate So that we may live for the good of all creation.

## **UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Karson

Dear God, your sunshine makes the flowers grow. And your love is like sunshine that makes our hearts warm. Come and shine your love on us today, from the youngest to the oldest. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

\*HYMN OF GATHERING #31 "All Things Bright and B'tiful"

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. Koyama Dear God, we are sorry about the times when we are mean to each other. We know that you love us and that you even love people who make us angry. Forgive us and help us to be fair and to treat others kindly, the way we want to be treated.

#### **\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Friends, God is happy to forgive anyone who is truly sorry for hurting others. In Christ we are forgiven.

#### \*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!

SPECIAL MUSIC Choir & Sunday School

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

Colossians 3:12-17 "Clothed in Grace" Konrad

## **GOD'S CLOTHING SHOP**

## CELEBRATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATES Gospel: Matthew 7:7-12 "Seek and Ye Shall Find"

HYMN #525 "This Little Light of Mine"

**PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER** Lily & Rev. Koyama 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 100<sup>th</sup>)

(Offering Presented by Alli & Adeline)

## **\*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** (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month) (The children will come up first in line to receive a blessing)

\*CLOSING HYMN #327 "Jesus Loves Me"

\*BENEDICTION Sung 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** (Please remain seated for the Postlude)