

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

**Jan 15, 2023                      2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Epiphany**

*Bold italics indicate the work of the people.*

*\*Indicates places to stand if able to.*

The hymnal for today is the Black Hymnal

PRELUDE & PROCESSIONAL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Help us, O God our Savior;*

***Deliver us and forgive us our sins***

*Look upon your congregation;*

***Give to your people the blessings of peace;***

*Declare your glory among the nations;*

***And your wonders among all peoples.***

*Let not the oppressed be shamed and turned away;*

***Nor let the poor be forgotten.***

*Continue your loving kindness to those who know you*

***And your favor to those who are true of heart.***

*Satisfy us by your loving kindness in the morning;*

***So shall we be glad, all the days of our life.***

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*God of Creation, who stretched your mighty bow across the heavens, be present in our midst. Grant us steady hands, hearts and minds, to do your work, so that all creation may prosper and sing your praise. Through Jesus Christ, our life and light we pray. Amen.*

**\*HYMN #164**    “Arise Your Light Has Come”

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*O God, we confess that we are a distracted people. We are quick to forget your presence and to fill our minds with clutter. Help us to be still and wait on you. For we wish to act with understanding and clarity, for our own sake and for the salvation of the world.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*The Lord says: “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10)*

***Speak, O God, and we will be blessed in the hearing!***

**\*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 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-11

**Holy Gospel**

John 1:29-42

**SERMON**

“The Polished Arrow”

**HYMN # 503**

“O Savior Let Me Walk With You”

**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 100<sup>th</sup>)*

**\*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 #16**      “Let Us With A Joyful Mind”

**\*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 January is Lorraine York-Edberg.
- Join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship after the service.
- Council Meeting follows fellowship time today
- 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**