

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

Jan 1, 2023 1st Sunday after Christmas Day

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

*Rise, shine, for your light has come; and the glory of the
Lord has risen upon you*

*Lift up your eyes. Sons and daughters gather together,
They come to you.*

*Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill
And rejoice.*

And all shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Let us worship God *(from Isaiah 60)*

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Lord, who sent Jesus to be born in a stable in Bethlehem; we praise
you for coming into this world as a child. Many have pondered the
mystery of the God who became flesh and dwelt among us. We
ponder that marvelous mystery today. Bless us in our singing, and
be honored as we rejoice in you! Amen.*

***HYMN #154** “Go Tell it On the Mountain”

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*We confess to you, O God, that we have not loved one another
faithfully across generational lines. All who attended the manger
focused their hearts on the precious infant and went forth with the
infant’s care in mind. And yet we ourselves have been distracted.*

*We have attended first to the needs and concerns of our own
generation and treated the needs of those who come after us as an
afterthought. Forgive us, for the ways in which we fail to respond
appreciatively to the gifts they bear.*

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*God’s child is born in Bethlehem and in our hearts. We will grow in
response to his life and he will deliver us.*

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!

CHORAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 63:7-9

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

SERMON

“Parents and Children”

HYMN # 148

“What Child is This”

PRAYERS

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Prayer Response

***DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

*Praise God, the Source of life and birth. Praise God, the Word, who
came to earth. Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame. All glory, honor
to God's name! 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 #145** “Once In Royal David’s City”

***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.
- 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