

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

**Jan 22, 2023                      3<sup>rd</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 Red Hymnal

PRELUDE & PROCESSIONAL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?*

*God is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

*One thing I asked of the Lord,*

*To live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life.*

*“Come,” my heart says, “seek the face of the Lord.”*

*Your face, I will seek.*

*Let us worship God!*

(from Psalm 27)

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*Almighty God, who names and claims us in our baptisms, wash over us with the waters of new life. Unite us in this house with golden cords of companionship, so that we may go down the road together, arm in arm and singing your praise. Through Christ our Redeemer and the Holy Spirit, Amen*

**\*HYMN #415** “In Christ There Is No East or West”

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Great God of all, we come into your presence humbled by your majesty and ashamed of the many ways we fall short of your desires for our lives. You create us to live in community, yet we distance ourselves from one another. You call us to follow you, yet we shirk*

*our responsibilities. We expect much from you, and want to give little of ourselves. Turn us away from sin and toward you. Strengthen our faith and our obedience, that our lives may show forth your praise. In Christ’s name we ask it. Amen.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*God is with us, to join our hearts together. He will mend them with golden cords of love.*

*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 9:1-4

Epistles

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

**SERMON**

“I Pledge Allegiance To...”

**HYMN #348**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

**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 #252** "O Word of God Incarnate"

**\*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**