

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

Jan 29, 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 Black Hymnal

PRELUDE & PROCESSIONAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

*We are blessed when we hunger for justice
and thirst for reconciliation.*

Our souls are nourished by God's hope and grace.

*We are blessed when we grieve over the brokenness of the world,
**choosing, as God does, to be
with those who are weak and powerless.***

*We are blessed when we become God's fools,
**willing to do what is right and good
and not what is easy.*** (Thom Shuman, "Hopscotch in Heaven")

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***Our God speaks to us from the holy mountain. From out of the
thunder clouds his servant Moses brought us the law. You speak to
us from the mountainside, O Lord, sitting among us and sharing
your word of blessing. Teach us and bless us as we gather at your
feet with hearts open to receive. Through Christ and the Holy
Spirit. Amen.***

***HYMN #531** "God Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***Gracious Lord, You love us and long to supply what we need to live
according to your will. But we are often to busy to stop and listen.***

*Help us to remember never to turn away from any help or blessing
you would give; your sustenance, your guidance, your love, your
friendship and your spiritual gifts. For we wish to be worthy
ambassadors of your Kingdom, wherever we are, and wherever we
go; to your Praise and Glory; Amen*

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*Come, God is speaking and it is for our blessing.
We will listen together and be blessed!*

***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	Micah 6:1-8
Epistles	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Holy Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

"Priceless"

HYMN #502

"Dear God, Embracing Humankind"

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

***HYMN #565** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

***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