

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

January 2, 2021 Second Sunday after Christmas

Bold italics indicate the work of the people.

**Indicates places to stand if able to.*

The hymnal for today is the Black Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

INVITATION 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)

INVOCATION

*Merciful God, we praise you for sending Jesus as Light for the
nations, for in him is the glory and radiance of your compassion
and care. Illuminate our hearts with his light, so that our voices
may rise to you in praise and our hearts may give heed to your
instruction.*

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

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Source of salvation and bringer of light, we fail to sense the
mystery of your love. We bear grudges against our neighbors, while
it is your nature to forgive. We hold tightly to our possessions,
while Christ blesses the poor. In him you have spoken peace, yet*

*we live in turmoil. We care little for this planet, which you in
goodness created for our habitation. In mercy forgive us, and help
us to mend our ways.*

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

In Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***A Gloria**

From all that dwell 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!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sirach 24:1-12

Psalms 139:13-18

John 1:1-18

SERMON

“Wonderfully Made”

HYMN # 145

“Once in David’s Royal City”

PRAYERS

Joys and Concerns (Joys are followed by Concerns)

Prayers of Intercession

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

*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

CHORAL ANTHEM

***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 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

THE COMMUNION

(Please turn to p. 16 in your Black Hymnal. We will use Rubric B).

***HYMN #132** “Joy to the World”

***BENEDICTION**

Response (To the tune of Amazing Grace)

“Depart in peace to do God’s will, walk ever in the light. For Christ is with us evermore, to guide us day and night.”

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Deacons for January are Lorraine York-Edberg and Janet Andrews.
- Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments after worship.
- Soup Luncheon (Tuesday, January 11 , 11:30am -12:30pm)
- Rev. Koyama’s office hours are Tuesday am. Call ahead 808-282-6711.

Wishing you a Joyous and Blessed New Year!