

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

**Jan 8, 2023                  Baptism of Jesus Sunday**

*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 voice of the Lord is over the waters;*

*the God of glory thunders over the waters*

*The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire,*

*shakes the wilderness and strips the forest bare!*

*In his temple all say “glory.”*

*The Lord sits enthroned over the flood, forever.*

*May God give strength to the people!*

*May the Lord bless his people with peace!*                  (from Psalm 29)

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*Almighty God, who shakes the wilderness and throws open the*

*shuttered doors of our hearts, you have come to dwell among us.*

*Our hearts overflow with gladness. Let us fill the air with songs of praise.*

**\*HYMN #144** “What Star Is This, Which Beams so Bright”

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*O God, through baptism you claim us and anoint us for your service. Cleanse our hearts and minds. Wash away the pride and arrogance with which we hold ourselves separate, and privilege ourselves above others. Help us to stand before you and before others as we are, unvarnished and without concealment. Grant that*

*we may see the true worth of all things and rejoice in your grace.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*Each of us is chosen. All of us are loved.*

*I have been chosen! I am loved! 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 42:1-9

Epistles

Acts 10:34-43

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

**SERMON**

“Baptized into Life”

**HYMN # 243**

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

**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 #147** “All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine”

**\*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.
- A Deacon's Meeting today after fellowship time.
- 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**