

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE,
TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA
Bulletin for the Season of Lent
(February 11 to March 17, 2024)**

*Bold italics indicate the work of the people.
Indicates places to stand if able to.

**PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS
MOMENT OF SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

CALL TO WORSHIP

*We are on the road that will lead to the cross.
It is a journey we take together, and a journey we make alone.
We are invited to notice things along the way -
To notice the sharp stones, the uneven ground, the mercy of shade,
the faithfulness of those who walk with us.
We carry little, but that which is in our hearts:
We carry hope, trust, fear, apprehension, wonder, sorrow.
On this walk we rest and sing and pray and listen.
In our worship, we rest and sing and pray and listen.
Then, let us worship God.*

Beth Merrill Neal

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION*

*God of the covenant, in the glory of the cross your Son embraced
the power of death and broke its hold over your people. In this time
of repentance, draw us to yourself, that we who confess Jesus as
Lord, may lay aside the deeds of death and turn and embrace the
life of your Kingdom.*

***HYMN OF GATHERING** (see insert)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

*Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done.
We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves
to things that will never last. We worship things that will never
bring salvation. Still you offer us the gift of living water. Still you
offer us the gift of life everlasting. Forgive us, O Lord and give us
this living water, so that we may never thirst again.*

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*Brothers and Sisters, in Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC
CHILDREN'S TIME**

SCRIPTURE READINGS (See insert)

**SERMON
HYMN**

PRAYERS

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of Intercession
Lord's Prayer
Prayer Response

***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*

COMMUNION
(First Sunday/see insert)

***CLOSING HYMN**

(See Insert)

***BENEDICTION**

Response (To the tune of “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”)
*Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, One holy passion filling
all my frame; The baptism of the heaven descended Dove. My
heart an altar and thy love the flame. Amen*

POSTLUDE

(Please remain seated for the Postlude)

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