

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE,
TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA
Bulletin for the Season of Lent
(March 9 to April 6, 2025)**

*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

*To know the warmth of love,
To have the assurance that someone cares,
To be confident of our worth,
To be bold to love in return,
To be washed over with grace,
To be accepted as we are:
This is to know a bit of God.
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*

Holy God, we do not live as we ought. We have not loved you with our whole hearts and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Walk with us in this holy season. Purify our hearts so that we may see the world through your eyes, and embrace all creation with your loving arms.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

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

The Gloria is Omitted During Lent

**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 “Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”)

*Gracious Spirit dwell with me, I myself would gracious be. And
with words that help and heal, would thy life in mine reveal. And
with actions bold and meek, would for Christ my Savior speak.*

POSTLUDE

(Please remain seated for the Postlude)

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