

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

**Mar 12, 2023 Third Sunday in Lent**

***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**

***In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst,  
Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.***

***In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed,  
Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.***

***In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war,  
Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace.***

***In the midst of a world where love is not freely shown and  
forgiveness is hard to find...***

***Come worship a God whose grace and love know no end!***

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***Most gracious God, Our thirst drives us beyond complaint to  
conversation, beyond rejection into relationship. Pour your love  
into our hearts, so that, refreshed and renewed, we may invite  
others to the living water, given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen***

**\*HYMN #485** "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

**\*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; the gift of  
eternal life. Forgive us, and give us this living water, so that we  
may never thirst again. Amen.***

**\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Minister: *Christ speaks to us with words of grace.*

*Your sins are forgiven, washed away and forgotten.*

All: ***Thanks be to God!***

**CHORAL MUSIC**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Hebrew Scriptures

**Psalm 95**

Holy Gospel

**John 4:5-42**

**SERMON**

"Thirsty"

**HYMN # 4**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

**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 #546**

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

**\*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 March is Janet Andrews.
- Join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship after the service.
- A Diaconate Meeting follows the fellowship time.
- An e-mail will be sent out for this Wednesday evening's Lenten Series.
- Please welcome the Rev. Dr. Christine Fontaine our guest Minister for this morning's worship service. Contact Janet Andrews at 522-1117 or one of the other deacons in case of a Pastoral Emergency. Rev. Koyama will be back next Sunday.

### **PRAYER GARDEN**