

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

Mar 26, 2023 Fifth 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

O mortal, can these bones live?

Only the Lord God knows.

O people, hope in the Lord.

*With the Lord there is steadfast love, and great power
to redeem!*

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*You are merciful and just in the deliverance of your people, O God.
You draw us out of the depths of distress; you incline your ear as
we call on your name. Lay now your hand upon us and draw us out
by your Spirit, that we may sing praises to your name. Through
Jesus Christ, Amen*

***HYMN #12** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. By what
we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved
you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbors as our
selves. For the sake of your Son, have mercy on us. Forgive us,
renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk
in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen*

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

In Christ you are forgiven

Thanks be to God!

CHORAL MUSIC

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 130 (Black Hymnal p.707-8)

(The Reader will read the first part of each verse. The Congregation
responds by reading the indented portions)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrew Scriptures

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Holy Gospel

John 11:1-45

SERMON

"Resurrected Community"

HYMN #393

"Blessed Be the Tie that Binds"

PRAYERS

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

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 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*

***HYMN #379**

"Come, We Who Love God's Name"

***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 for refreshments and fellowship after the service.
- Council Meets following the fellowship time.
- Soup Lunch resumes this coming Tuesday 28th.
- An e-mail will be e-mailed out for this Wednesday evening's Lenten Series. Rev. Koyama will be presenting at North Hadley Congregational Church at 7pm (attendance is by Zoom or in person).
- Holy Week begins next Sunday upstairs in the Sanctuary.
- Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm April 6th
- Easter Sunrise Service 6:30am April 9th
- Easter Service 10am.

PRAYER GARDEN