

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE,
TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA
March 27, 2022 The 4rd 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*Happy are those whose sin is forgiven,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

*Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayers
to the God of deliverance.*

*I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go,
as you trust in the Lord.*

*Be glad in the Lord and rejoice. O righteous; shout for joy
All you upright in heart.*

(Excerpts Psalm 32)

*** INVOCATION**

*Welcoming God, we have gathered together so that you may teach
us the way we should go. From our days of confusion and aimless
wandering you have rescued and restored us to our true identity.
Meet us now, as we worship together and shape us into a righteous
and reconciling people.*

***HYMN # 43** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*O God, we will not try to hide from the wrong we have done or the
good we have neglected. You know our transgressions. You have
observed our pretensions. At times our rebellion leaves us hungry,
alone, and friendless. Grant us your forgiveness. Restore in us a
renewed sense of who you have created us to be.*

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

In Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrew Scriptures

Psalm 32

Epistles

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel:

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

SERMON

"The Foolish Embrace"

HYMN # 502

"Dear God, Embracing Humankind"

PRAYERS

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our
debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever Amen.*

Prayer Response

CHORAL ANTHEM

***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*

***HYMN #471**

"What a Covenant"

***BENEDICTION**

Response (To the tune of Amazing Grace)

“Depart in peace to do God’s will, walk ever in the light. For Christ is with us evermore, to guide us day and night.”

POSTLUDE

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- The Deacon for March is Beth Marshall
- Please join us for fellowship and refreshments after worship.