

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

Mar 5, 2023 Second Sunday in Lent

Bold italics indicate the work of the people.

**Indicates places to stand if able to.*

The hymnal for today is the Red Hymnal

PRELUDE & PROCESSIONAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, where do we put our trust?

Where do we find wholeness and meaning?

We lift up our eyes to the hills.

Our help comes from the Creator of heaven and earth.

We are sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah.

We trust in God, who neither slumbers nor sleeps.

We are followers of Jesus, who proclaimed God's realm.

We are born of the Spirit, born from above.

Our lives are a gift from God, who loves us;

Who sent us the gift of Jesus Christ.

Amen, Come Lord Jesus.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

May the winds of Your Holy Spirit blow in our midst today, loving

God. May we be stirred by the sound of its rushing in our midst.

*Hold open our hearts and buffet them in directions of your
choosing, not ours. Expand our hearts, so that there is room in us
to love all of your people as did Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen*

***HYMN #228** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*O God, We confess that we find it hard to live by faith. Jesus said,
"Not my will, but thine be done." Yet, we find it hard to trust and to
follow your guidance. Help us ease our desire to be in control. For
where your grace and guidance is refused, we have no life.*

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*God gives to the faithful a cup full to overflowing!
Thanks be to God!*

CHORAL MUSIC

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 121 (Red Hymnal 103, p.536)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrew Scriptures

Genesis 12:1-4a

Holy Gospel

John 3:1-9

SERMON

"The Man in Black"

HYMN # 85

"I to the Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes"

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 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*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

(see insert)

***HYMN #1** “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

***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.
 - Rev. Koyama will be away from tomorrow until Saturday, March 17th.
- Rev. Dr. Christine Fontaine will lead worship next Sunday.
Contact Janet at 522-1117 or another deacon in a Pastoral Emergency.

PRAYER GARDEN