

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

**May 14, 2023          6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter**

*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

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

*Though the earth may change and mountains shake  
into the sea, we will not fear, for God is with us.*

*The God of hosts is with us.*

*The Lord of heaven and earth is our refuge.*      (from Psalm 46)

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*In loving kindness, O God, you call to us trust in you and to seek  
shelter under the protection of your wings. Rekindle our Spirits  
now in the warmth and goodness of your house, so that we may  
walk in the light of your mercy. Through Christ and the Holy  
Spirit. Amen.*

**\*HYMN #354**      “Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode”

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Compassionate God, we are unsettled by the things happening  
around us and we confess that we are prone to forget you in our  
frantic efforts to save ourselves. Help us to find that place where we  
can receive as well as give, wait as well as act, and listen as well as  
speak. Our whole world needs your peace. Come to us now and by  
your grace restore our minds and hearts.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*In Christ we are forgiven.*

*Thanks be to God!*

**\*A Gloria**

*From all that dwells below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Let the Redeemer's name be sung,*

*Let God the Spirit loose each tongue!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Hebrew Scriptures**

**Exodus 1:22-2:10**

**Gospel**

**Luke 13:31-35**

**SERMON**

“A Portait of Motherhood”

**HYMN # 372**

“How Firm a Foundation”

**PRAYERS**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Intercessory Prayers

The 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 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 #63**      “Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”

**\*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**

(Please remain seated for the Postlude)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Deacon for May is Lorraine York-Edberg
- Join us downstairs for fellowship hour following worship today.
- Deacon's Meeting today.
- Rev. Koyama's office hours are Tuesday am. Call ahead 808-282-6711.

**PRAYER GARDEN**

Thanksgiving for Mother's and for all the Women Saints in our lives!  
Happy Mother's Day!