

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

**May 1, 2022            3rd Sunday in Easter**  
*Bold italics indicate the work of the people.*

*\*Indicates places to stand if able to.*

The hymnal for today is the Red Hymnal

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

*Sing praises to God, O you saints of God.*

*Give thanks to God's Holy Name.*

*Praise God for the joyous gift of a new day*

*Praise the one who upholds us when we are discouraged.*

*God sees and hears our weeping.*

*God lifts our souls from the pit of despair.*

*Give thanks to God, who turns mourning into dancing.*

*Praise God, who hears our cries and answers our prayers.*

**\* INVOCATION**

*Come to us as a light from heaven, Sovereign God. Piece the shadows of doubt and despair, anger and scorn, that we allow to rule in our lives. Surprise us with a presence we cannot avoid, a summons we dare not evade, a mission we cannot escape; to love others as you have loved us. Through Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen*

**\*HYMN #38**      "Morning Has Broken"

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Loving God, we admit to attitudes that exclude rather than embrace. We prefer to associate with others who think and act as we do. We turn away from those who are different from us. Forgive us, O God, for seeking to limit your family. Awaken us to*

*the limits of our understanding and the narrowness of our dealings. Let the scales fall from our eyes that we may recognize your presence in every stranger and heed your call to love as you love us.*

**\*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 MUSIC**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Responsive Reading**

**Psalm 36**

**(p. 520, #75)**

**Epistle**

**Acts 9:1-20**

**Gospel**

**John 21:1-19**

**SERMON**

**"The Scales Fell From His Eyes"**

**HYMN # 391**

**"Be Thou My Vision"**

**PRAYERS**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Pastoral 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*

**COMMUNION**

(see insert)

**\*HYMN #195** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

(verses 1,4 and 5 only)

**\*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**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Deacon for May is Janet Andrews
- May 8<sup>th</sup> Mother’s Day!
- May 8<sup>th</sup> Diaconate Meeting after Worship.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm, Rev. Koyama will be installed as our Pastor.  
The service will be conducted by the Association.
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- There is no fellowship hour this morning, due to May Day traffic.
- Rev. Koyama’s office hours are Tuesday am. Call ahead 808-282-6711.

**PRAYER GARDEN**