

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

**May 28, 2023 Pentecost Sunday**

*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**

*We are all one family, made in the image of God.*

***We are all one family, all over the world.***

*We are all one family, each unique, each special.*

***We are all one family,***

***brothers and sisters on one journey of faith.***

*We are all one family, given gifts and talents to share.*

***We are all one family, united in love, united in peace,  
united in Christ our Lord.***

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*O God we gather in praise of your presence in our lives. Send your Holy Spirit upon. Dispel the gloom and division of days past. Set our hearts aglow with the light that Christ shines on the new day. Be among us as we gather in devotion and seek your loving will.*

**\*HYMN #243** "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*God of all people, we confess that we are a more divided people than we would like to think. We gather in like-minded bubbles and hear what we wish to hear. Rather than emphasize our shared interests, we see each other as competitors, as winners versus*

*losers. Forgive us, for turning away from each other. Overcome our rebellious hearts and restore us to unity, as one body united in your Holy Spirit, so that all may strive for the good of all and share in the peace and prosperity you offer.*

**\*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**

**New Testament**

**Acts 2:1-13**

**NT Epistle**

**1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

**Gospel**

**John 7:37-39**

**SERMON**

"Unity in the Spirit"

**HYMN # 246**

"Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me"

**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 #346** “Come Let us Join with Faithful Souls”

**\*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.
- Next Sunday, we will begin using the Summer Bulletins
- Join us in front following the service for a brief Memorial Day Ceremony.
- Rev. Koyama’s office hours are Tuesday am. Call ahead 808-282-6711.

**PRAYER GARDEN**