

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

**May 8, 2022          4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter**

*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**

*Arise, people of God, to greet the one who calls us*

*Surely God's goodness and mercy are with us here.*

*The shepherd is calling us to new ventures.*

*We follow the one who speaks truth to our hearts.*

**\* INVOCATION**

*Draw us together, Good Shepherd, from paths of aimless wandering. Draw the fragments of our lives together into a meaningful whole. Lead us toward the community which you intend, where your goodness and mercy flows for evermore. Through Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**\*HYMN #252**      "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*O God, we look at events around us and we fail to perceive you in them. We listen for your voice and do not hear it. The world seems full of enemies waiting to devour us. On every hand, there are problems too complicated for us to solve. We live in fear rather than in faith. Come Shepherd! Bring us to the comfort and security of your fold, so that we may live courageously for you.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*The Shepherd will guide us to springs of living water.*

*We are freed to live courageously through Christ!*

**\*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**

**Unison Reading: Psalm 23**

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*

*He makes me to lie down in green pastures;*

*He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul;*

*He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,*

*I will fear no evil; For You are with me;*

*Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;*

*You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;*

*And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.* (New King James Ver.)

**Epistle**

**Acts 9:36-43**

**Gospel**

**John 10:22-30**

**SERMON**

"The Good Shepherdess"

**HYMN # 488**

"Be Still My Soul"

**PRAYERS**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

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

**\*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 #407**

“How Firm a Foundation”

(verses 1,2,4 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
- Join us for refreshments in the Social Hall.
- The Diaconate meet today.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm, Rev. Koyama will be installed as our Pastor. The service will be conducted by the Association.
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Congregation to vote on revised Bylaws.
- Rev. Koyama’s office hours are Tuesday am. Call ahead 808-282-6711.

**PRAYER GARDEN**