FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE, TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost November 10, 2024

Bold italics indicate the work of the people.
*Indicates places to stand if able to.

All Hymns today are from the <u>Black Binder</u>.

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us gather in the presence of our God, who is gracious and full of love.

We come with thankful hearts, ready to worship the One who is faithful.

God invites us to come just as we are, bringing our joys and our burdens.

We come, trusting in God's mercy and strength.

Let us lift our voices in praise, for the Lord is good and His love endures forever.

With all that we are, we come to worship and honor our God.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord together!

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving Spirit of all, we gather today seeking understanding and peace. As we reflect on the question "Where is Home?", may we be open to the strings of our souls, and may we find a place of belonging within ourselves, with one another, and in your divine presence.

*HYMN #1 "Amazing Grace"

(vss 1-3&5)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we admit that we have fallen short and missed the mark. We have not lived as You called us to and we have let our selfishness, pride and fears guide us. Forgive us and cleanse us from our sins. Help us to turn back to You with open hearts. May your mercy renew us and your Spirit strengthen us.

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear the good news. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven! God's grace washes over us and his love makes us new. Beloved of God, even when we fail, God's love for us prevails.

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!

SPECIAL MUSIC CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle Readings: Romans 12:1-8 (NT p.141) **Hebrews 3:1-4** (NT p.193)

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:20-21 (NT p.70)

SERMON "Where is Home?"
HYMN #3 "I Come to the Garden"

PRAYERS

Joys and Concerns
Prayers of Intercession
Lord's Prayers

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 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

*CLOSING HYMN #9 "Let There Be Peace On Earth"

*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

- Join us for Fellowship Hour following the Service.
- Saturday, November 16th FETE NOEL 8:30am 1:30pm
- Rev. Koyama's office hours Tuesday am. Call ahead 808-282-6711.
- Many thanks to today's guest preacher, Rev. Sheryl Sadler-Twyon $\,$

PRAYER GARDEN