

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

Nov 13, 2022 23th Sunday after Pentecost

Bold italics indicate the work of the people.

**Indicates places to stand if able to.*

The hymnal for today is the Black Hymnal

**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Today is the seventh day

We shall have a holy sabbath of solemn rest in the Lord

Take from among you an offering to the Lord

*We bring our tithes, blue, purple and crimson yarns, and
finest linen*

Set oil for the light, spices for anointing oil and fragrant incense upon
the altar

*We have prepared the screen for the entrance to the
Tabernacle*

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Gracious Lord, we accept your words and treasure up your
commandments within us. Our ears are attentive to your wisdom;
our hearts inclined to understanding. We cry out for insight and
raise our voices for understanding. We seek your understanding
like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures – Then we will
understand the fear of the Lord and find knowledge of God.*

(Proverbs 2:1-5)

***HYMN #86** “When Morning Gilds the Sky”

*** UNISON STATEMENT OF FAITH**

*We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come
in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who*

*works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. ~ We are
called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to love and
serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. ~ God is with us. We
are not alone. Thanks be to God*

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

Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 12

Epistle

Ephesians 2:11-22

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:1-9

SERMON

“Time to Worship”

Beth Marshall

HYMN # 438

“When Peace, Like a River”

PRAYERS

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Pastoral & 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

***HYMN #471** “What a Covenant”

***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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Deacon for November is Janet Andrews.
- Please stay for a quick congregational meeting following worship to vote on membership for Paul and Julia MacMunn.
- Join us downstairs for refreshments after the service.
- The Diaconate Meets after Social Hour.
- The Annual Meeting of the Franklin Association will be held at Shelburne Congregational Church at 2pm today. All are welcome!
- Office Hours are Tuesdays from 9:30-12:00 noon. To set up a time to come in or request a visit call Rev. Koyama at 808-282-6711.

PRAYER GARDEN