

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE,  
TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA  
Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost  
November 17, 2024**

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

All Hymns today are from the Black Hymnal

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?*

*God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble,  
and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!*

*Day after day, we seek the assurance of God's holy love:*

*O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us!*

*Be our guide and our light instead!*

*One thing we ask of God:*

*That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our life,  
and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.*

(from Psalm 27)

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*In the security of your love, mighty God, it is well with us. You give  
food to the hungry, set prisoners free and lift the spirits of those bowed  
down. Be present in our midst. Strengthen and enliven us to serve in  
the Spirit of Christ our Lord, Amen*

**\*HYMN #597 "Shall We Gather at the River"**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION\***

*Gracious God, we come before you in need of healing: the healing  
of our bodies and souls, the healing of our relationships, the  
healing of our pride, fear and apathy. We know that with you  
nothing is impossible. Heal us and heal our world, so that we will  
be freed to love and serve and dream and be, as Christ calls us.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*Friends, hear the good news! God forgives us and has set us free.  
We will serve God with glad hearts!*

**\*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!*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Hebrew Scriptures:** 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (OT p.227)

**Responsive Reading** Jeremiah 17 (see insert)

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 13:1-8 (NT p.43)

**SERMON**

**"Living with Change"**

**HYMN #329 "Jesus the Joy of Loving Hearts"** (skip verse 3)

**PRAYERS**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

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*

**\*CLOSING HYMN #315 “O Word of God Incarnate”**

**\*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.*

**RECESSIONAL**

**POSTLUDE**

(Please remain seated for the Postlude)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Join us for Fellowship Hour following the Service.
- Council Meets after worship today.
- Rev. Koyama's office hours Tuesday am. Call ahead 808-282-6711.
- Deacon's Breakfast Saturday, November 30 @ 8:15am followed by decorating the sanctuary for Advent & Christmas.
- Many thanks to today's guest preacher, Rev. Sheryl Sadler-Twyon

**PRAYER GARDEN**