

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE,  
TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA  
Thanksgiving Week  
November 19, 2023

*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**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*We gather to celebrate and joyfully sing to you O God!  
Together, let us share our praise and thanksgiving.  
For you, O God, are the Holy One, always and forever!  
You are the eternal One, from whom all blessings flow.  
Come, let us worship together in this sacred space.  
O God, we are your children, created by and for your love.  
We enter your gates with thanks and praise!*

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION\***

*Almighty and gracious God, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labor of those who harvest them. Make us faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, Amen*

**\*HYMN OF GATHERING #422** “Come, O Thankful People Come”

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION\***

*Generous God, you have given us so much. Give us one more thing. Give us thankful hearts, because we know our hearts can be hard and cold. We often hold on when we should let go. We hoard when we could be generous and doubt when we should lean on faith. We are fearful instead of trusting in your everlasting care. Give us again the assurance of your love and care, and fill us with grateful hearts and open hands. Amen.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*Brothers and Sisters, God forgives us our failings.  
Thanks be to God who showers hardened hearts with blessing and causes us to blossom anew.*

**\*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	Deuteronomy 8:7-18 (OT p.154)
Epistle Reading	2 Corinthians 9:6-12 (NT p.162)
Holy Gospel	Luke 17:11-19 (NT p. 70)

**SERMON** “The Little Red Hen & The Gospel”  
**HYMN # 23** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

**PRAYERS**

Sharing of 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*

**\*HYMN #423** “Great is Your Faithfulness”

**\*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**

- Pastor's Office Hours: 9:30-12pm Tuesdays 808-282-6711 (Call ahead)
- Chapel and Kitchen doors will be locked at 9:55am, prior to worship.
- Please join us for refreshments downstairs following the service.
- Council Meeting Today
- The Deacon for November is Paul MacMunn

**PRAYER GARDEN**