

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

Nov 20, 2022 Reign of Christ, Sunday

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

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, the mountains shake.

Come behold the works of the Lord.

God makes wars cease to the ends of the earth, breaking the bow and shattering the spear. Every shield is thrown on the fire.

Be still and know that I am God.

God is our refuge and our strength.

We shall go forth and not be afraid!

(Adapted from Psalm 46)

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God. From your mouth all truth proceeds and in you all authority resides. You alone are our true sovereign and guiding star, and we would not be separated from the grace which you dispense. Let your Holy Spirit reign within our hearts, now and always. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen

***HYMN #301** "Crown With Your Richest Crown"
(verses 1-3 only)

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We confess to you, O God, that we are often too impatient to pause and wait for your guidance. We rush to judgement. We rush to get things done. And in doing so, we ignore what you are telling our

hearts. ~ Help us to be more conscious of when you are speaking to us, so that in the glitter and chatter of the coming holiday season, our thoughts and deeds may be rooted in your peace and your glory magnified. Through Christ our Sovereign we pray.

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

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(see insert)

Paul and Julia MacMunn

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrew Scriptures

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Epistle

Colossians 1:11-20

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:68-79

SERMON

"A Chat With The Boss?"

HYMN # 237

"In the Garden"

PRAYERS

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Pastoral 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 #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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Deacon for November is Janet Andrews.
- Join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service.
- This Saturday, November 26th “Decorating of the Sanctuary” (TBA)
- Next Sunday is the First Sunday in Advent.
- Welcome new members Paul and Julia MacMunn!
- 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.

Wishing you a Joyful Thanksgiving!

PRAYER GARDEN