

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE,
TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA
Sunday Before Thanksgiving
November 24, 2024

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

All Hymns today are from 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, Through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen

***HYMN #462** “Come, Ye 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 of trusting in your everlasting care. Give us again the assurance of your love and care. Grant us grateful hearts and open hands, that we may rest in your providence. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*See how God has clothed even the lilies of the field. And will not God do this and more for us?
God will do this and more for us. Alleluia. Amen*

***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:	Joel 2:21-27	(OT p. 801)
Responsive Reading	1 Timothy 2:1-7	(NT p. 184)
Gospel Reading:	Matthew 6:25-33	(NT p. 5)

SERMON

“Slow Down, There”

HYMN #492 “O Gracious God, Who’s Constant Care”

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 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 #29** “Now Thank We All Our God”

***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.
- 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.

PRAYER GARDEN

For the families of Toby Holmes, Mary Choiniere, Trevor Bross and Brenda Hefflon and Paul Edberg as they remember their lives. . For Taylor Rogers in her recent loss. Successful treatment and healing for Peg’s sister Betty, for Alan Darling, Charlene Cormie, Walter Sadowsky and Gwen Brickett. Healthy growth and strength for baby Emma.