

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE,  
TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA  
Reign of Christ Sunday  
November 26, 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**

*Praise the Lord, you who worship the Lord;  
stand in awe of God, and give glory to the Lord.*

***For the Lord does not despise the poor and needy,  
but when they cry out, God answers them.***

*The hungry shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who love the Lord shall offer praise.*

***All the ends of the earth shall worship God,  
for the Lord rules over every nation.***

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION\***

***God of grace and glory, reveal yourself through our lives and our  
love. Shine your wisdom and truth into our hearts this day, that we  
may be the servants you created us to be. In your glory and grace  
we pray. Amen***

**HYMN OF GATHERING\* #16** “Praise..., the King of Heaven”

**UNISON READING OF PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11\***

(See Red Hymnal p. 548, #135)

**\*AFFIRMATION ALONG THE WAY**

*Brothers and Sisters, Let us be joined in humble servanthood, for in  
Christ’s servanthood, God has revealed to us the way to glory.  
Dwell in us, O Christ, and lead us into your glory.*

**\*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**

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 (OT p.759)

**Epistle Reading**

Ephesians 1:15-23 (NT p.169)

**Holy Gospel**

Matthew 25:31- 46 (NT p. 25)

**SERMON**

“The Power in You”

**HYMN # 84**

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

**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 #263** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

(vss 1&4 only)

**\*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.
- The Deacon for November is Paul MacMunn

**PRAYER GARDEN**