

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

Oct 16, 2022 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Bold italics indicate the work of the people.

**Indicates places to stand if able to.*

“...where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”
Matthew 18:20

The hymnal for today is the Black Hymnal

**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

By grace we have been saved through faith.

And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.

For we are God's handiwork,
redeemed in Christ Jesus for good works,
*works God has prepared for us,
that we should walk in them.*

Praise be to God!

Let God's name be praised!

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gather us in, O God, and hold us forever; Gather us in and make us your own; Gather us in, all people's together; put the fire of your love in our flesh and our bones. (“Gather Us In” Marty Haugen)

***HYMN #306** “The Church of Christ in Every Age”

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you, O God, in thought, word and deed – by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, we have not loved our neighbors

as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 1:11,16-18

Epistle

Romans 5:1-5

Holy Gospel

John 16:12-15

SERMON

“To Gather Together” Rev. M. Koyama

SPECIAL MUSIC

“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 #314** “Community of Christ”

***BENEDICTION**

Response (To the tune of Amazing Grace)

“Depart in peace to do God’s will, walk ever in the light. For Christ is with us evermore, to guide us day and night.”

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Deacon for October is Beth Marshall
- Rev. Mark Koyama, Minister at United Church of Jaffrey, NH is our guest preacher this morning.
- Council Meets after fellowship time.
- Prospective New Members, Please see Rev. Koyama.
- Join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service.
- The Fall Festival follow-up meeting will be on October 24th.
- Fete Noel will be held on November 12th
- 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.

PRAYER GARDEN