

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

Oct 23, 2022 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Bold italics indicate the work of the people.

**Indicates places to stand if able to.*

The hymnal for today is the Red Hymnal

**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We gather this day, and much is visible:

Our smiles may show our joy; our eyes may speak of pain.

We come to this place, seeking signs of the living God:

Will we see God today? Will our living make God's love visible?

Let us worship God, Holy Mystery, Eternal Love.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Light of Christ, illuminate our lives. Grant us the vision to see with greater depth and clarity, your joy, your suffering, your humanity and divinity in the faces of all we encounter; that we may recognize you and be a blessing in return.

***HYMN #243** "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, we come into your presence knowing that your mercy is beyond our deserving. We confess before you our sins of self-righteousness, pride and possessiveness. Remove the blinders with which we conceal our faults and increase our sensitivity to those around us. Renew your peace within us, that we may approach you with confidence and serve you with joy. We ask it through your Son, our risen Lord Jesus Christ. 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

Unison Reading #125

(Red Hymnal p. 544)

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

SERMON

"The Tip of the Iceberg"

HYMN # 214

"Blest Are the Pure in Heart"

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 #252** “O Word of God Incarnate”

***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
- 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