

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

Oct 30, 2022 21th Sunday after Pentecost

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

With what shall I come before the Lord?

I will give God my first and my best.

I will not offer to the Lord that which has cost me nothing,

but will return to God every good and perfect gift.

Great is God's faithfulness!

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Christ Jesus, as you encountered many sinners on the road to Jerusalem, pause now in our midst - that we may look upon your face and be uplifted; unshackled by your grace. Then we will follow you, rejoicing all along the way, to the greater glory of God.

***HYMN #551** "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Dear God, we know that it is your will to help those who are afflicted, to comfort and strengthen the weak, and to provide support for those in need. And yet, there are moments where we hold back and we miss the joy of freely giving from a heart of generosity. We confess our sin, and we ask for your cleansing forgiveness. May our humble gifts be multiplied to help those with meager resources. We pray in the name of Jesus, Our Savior.
Amen*

(Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church)

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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Epistle

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12

Holy Gospel

Luke 19:1-10

SERMON

"Who Jesus Came to Save"

HYMN # 449

"Softly and Tenderly"

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 #565** “God Who’s Giving Knows No Ending”

***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.
- 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