

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

**Oct 9, 2022 18<sup>th</sup> 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**

*Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart.*

*Great are the works of God. They are pondered  
by all who delight in them.*

*Glorious and majestic are his deeds, God's righteousness  
endures forever.*

*God has caused his wonders to be remembered.*

*The Lord is gracious and compassionate.*

*He provides food for those who fear him.*

*He remembers his covenant forever.*

(from Psalm 111)

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*O God, whose splendour fills the temple; our eyes behold the signs  
of your steadfast love. With hands cleansed by the forgiveness of  
Jesus, we will go about your altar singing songs of thanksgiving.  
Your works are wondrous and worthy of tribute; hear our voices as  
we return to you in glad adoration. Through Jesus Christ and the  
Holy Spirit. Amen* (James Kirk, "When We Gather")

**\*HYMN #55** "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart"

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Gracious God, nothing can compare with the love you have shown  
us - not the tribute of leaders, the fame of achievement, nor the*

*applause of friends and loved ones. We owe all to your kindness  
and mercy. Hear us as we pray for cleansing. Rid us of the vanity  
that clutters our thinking, and show us the truth of Christ who  
humbled and gave himself for us. Fill us anew with your Holy  
Spirit, so that our words may be your words, our work your work,  
and our gratitude may come to rest where it belongs, with You.*

**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 29:1, 4-7**

**Epistle**

**2 Timothy 2:8-15**

**Holy Gospel**

**Luke 17:11-19**

**SERMON**

"The Centrality of Gratitude"

**HYMN #565**

"God, Who's Giving Knows No Ending"

**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 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 #379** “Come, We Who Love God’s Name”

**\*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
- Deacons meet after worship today.
- Join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service.
- The “Blessing of Pets” will be at the end of fellowship time today.
- Rev. Mark Koyama will be guest preacher, next Sunday.
- Fete Noel – November 12<sup>th</sup>
- 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**