

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

May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

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

*O Lord, how manifold are your works! The earth is full of
your creatures.*

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:

I will sing praise to my God, while I have my being.

*May our meditations be pleasing to you, O God,
for we rejoice in you.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul. Sing praise for all of
God's abundant mercies!*

(adapted from Psalm 104)

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Holy God, you spoke the world into being. Pour your Spirit to the
ends of the earth, that your children may return from exile as
citizens of your commonwealth, and our divisions may be healed by
your word of love and righteousness. In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.*

***HYMN OF GATHERING #228** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Spirit of God: You come, aflame with new life, but our apathy
threatens to douse your passion; You come, on fire with love, yet we
limit our affections to a select few; You come, glowing with the
vision of the kingdom, yet we close our eyes to your future. Forgive
us, Spirit of Truth. Shatter our hardened hearts with your tender-
ness. Set our souls on fire with your love and send us into a world
which aches your presence.*

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

In Christ we are forgiven and made whole!

Holy Spirit, Enter In!

***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

Genesis 11:1-9 (OT p.8)

New Testament

Acts 2:1-8,12-13 (NT p.103)

Gospel

John 16:12-25 (NT p.96)

SERMON

"Scattered and Gathered"

HYMN #223

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

PRAYERS

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Intercessory Prayers

The 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 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

***CLOSING HYMN #245** “Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me”

***BENEDICTION**

Sung Response

(from Hymn #82 Black Hymnal)

Go my children with my blessing, never alone; waking sleeping I am with you, you are my own; In my loves baptismal river, I have made you mine forever, Go, my children with my blessing, you are my own.

POSTLUDE

(Please remain seated for the Postlude)