

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

Sept 11, 2022 14th 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

*From our wanderings and wonderings,
we are welcomed home by God.*

Lost on the highway or trapped on a cliff,

God comes to rescue and return us to safety.

Come to be found, for all are welcome here!

*** UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Shepherding God, gather us into your presence. Transform us into your people through the power of your Holy Spirit. Rescue us with your endless patience, that we may become instruments of mercy and grace to help others find their way home. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #122** “Come, O Long Expected Jesus”

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving Shepherd, pour your grace on us this day. You know when we are wandering and you know when we are lost. You know when we have sinned and forsaken your call. Forgive us and bring us home. Reclaim us and make us your own.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Return to God, no matter how long you’ve been away. Come home, no matter how far you’ve wandered. But if you don’t return on your own, don’t be surprised if God comes and finds you anyway. That’s what we call grace!

All: 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 4:11-12,22-28

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

SERMON

“Saving the Lost”

HYMN #547

“Amazing Grace”

(verses 1-3)

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** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

***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 September is LuAnn Herrick
- Join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service.
- Community Soup Lunch – Tue. Sept 13, 11:30-12:30, Social Hall.
- Sun. September 25th at 3pm Installation Service for Rev. David Jones at Ashfield Congregational Church
- Sun. October 2nd Crop Walk –2-4pm Methodist Church in Greenfield.
- Sat. October 8th Fall Festival 9am-4pm in front of the Church.
- 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