

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

Sept 18, 2022 15th 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

The work of the Creator is visible.

Let us respond with praise

The example of Jesus is apparent.

Let us respond with obedience.

The wind of the Spirit is blowing.

Let us respond with joy.

The word of God is calling.

Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

*** UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Gracious God, you created us in your image, breathed upon clay and gave us life. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may know, without doubt, how precious this gift truly is. Fill us with Christ's passion for life, so that we may be good stewards of your Creation.

***HYMN #34** "Awake, Awake to Love and Work"

***STATEMENT OF FAITH**

(see insert)

***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

Genesis 45:1-14

Responsive Reading

Psalm 8

(see insert)

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:10-13

SERMON

"Environmental Stewardship"

HYMN #478

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" (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 #66**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

***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.
- Next Sunday, Sept 25th during the fellowship time, the Darlings will share with us about their ministry to “Community Meals.”
- Sept.25th at 3pm Installation for Rev. David Jones at Ashfield UCC.
- Sun. Oct. 2nd Crop Walk –2-4pm Methodist Church in Greenfield.
- Sat. Oct. 8th Fall Festival 9am-4pm in front of the Church.
- Fete Noel – 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