

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

**September 19, 2021 Seventeenth 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  
PROCESSIONAL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

*Listen! God is welcoming us to this time of worship.*

*Young and old, rich and poor, all are welcomed*

***This is a place where all belong.***

***This is a time when all are accountable to God.***

*The maker of all seeks our common good.*

*The God of Mercy calls on us to be merciful.*

***We are not judges over our sisters and brothers.***

***We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.***

*Let us sing God's praises and prepare to serve in Christ's name.*

***We lay our needs before you God, our hope.***

***We want to share faith and hope with others.***

(Lavon Bayler "Led by Love")

**INVOCATION**

***God of love, you teach us a life journey that calls us to deny what is unhealthy and unloving. Lead us in that pathway. Awaken us to the ever-new abundance that is ours through your Word. In the name of the one who died and rose, Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen***

**\*HYMN # 13 "O My Soul, Bless Your Creator"**

**\*UNISON READING "A New Creed" - UCC Canada**

*We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and other by the Spirit. We trust in God. ~ We are called by the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!*

**\*A Gloria**

*From all that dwell 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!*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Proverbs 31:10-31**

**James 3:13- 4:3,7-8a**

**Mark 9:30-37**

**SERMON**

**"Forgetting Self"**

**HYMN # 539**

**"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant"**

**PRAYERS**

Joys and Concerns

(Joys are followed by Concerns)

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever Amen.***

Prayer Response

## CHORAL ANTHEM

### INVITATION TO GIVING & 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 #80** “Savior, Again to Your Dear 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

- **Council Meeting** following worship.
- **New Members Sunday** Sept 26<sup>th</sup>
- Baptism of Adeline Julia VanScotter Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>
  
- The Deacon for September is Kip Dresser.
- Rev. Koyama’s office hours are Tuesday mornings. Call ahead 808-282-6711.