

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

**September 26, 2021 Eighteenth 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  
PROCESSIONAL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

*O sing to the Lord a new song;*

***Sing to the Lord, all the earth.***

*For behold, I am doing a new thing, says your God.*

***And this we long to see and embrace.***

*Do not be afraid, says your God.*

***We come before our God with expectancy and hope.***

***Come let us worship God!***

**INVOCATION**

*Pour forth your Spirit on our assembly and beyond, O God, as you did in the days of Moses and of Christ's first disciples, so that all the earth may join with us in proclaiming the mighty wonders your love has accomplished. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and evermore.  
**Amen***

**\*HYMN # 260 "The Church's One Foundation"**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Beyond all human boundaries, O God, your deeds of power take place, and your healing mercy is at work. Ours is not to restrict the wonders of your saving grace, but to give joyful thanks for your compassion, wherever we find it. Forgive us when we stand as a*

*"stumbling block" in the way of your designs as you intend them to unfold through others. Teach us how to listen and use well the riches of nature and grace you entrust to us, so that every voice may resound in the symphony of praise that finds its way to your ears.*

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*Sisters and Brothers in faith, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.*

***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!***

**INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**(see insert)**

Senaida Bautista, Amelia Bruso, Tim Edberg and Lorraine York-Edberg, James and Sheryl Koyama, Sue Smith.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29**

**Mark 9:38-50**

**SERMON**

**"Welcome, welcome!"**

**HYMN # 415**

**"In Christ There Is No East or West"**

**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 #383**      “Forward Through the Ages”

### **\*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**

- Come welcome the new members at Coffee Hour after worship.
- Community Soup Lunch, Tuesday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall.
- Next Sunday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Baptism of Adeline Julia VanScotter.
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> Crop Walk.
- Sermons will be posted after worship on the church web site.
- Thanks Beth Marshall for leading the Induction of New Members.