

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

September 5, 2021 Fifteenth 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

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

Rev & Mrs Allan and Linda Comstock

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst,

Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed,

Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war,

**Come worship a God who desires nothing less than
peace for the world.**

*In the midst of a world where love is not freely shown and
forgiveness is hard to find,*

Come worship a God whose grace and love know no end!

INVOCATION

***HYMN # 42 “O For a Thousand Tongues”**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment and the freedom to serve you. Free us from our false pride and reconcile us to you and to all

people. Forgive us, and strengthen us anew for life as you attend it; Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

In 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!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 37:4-7

Mark 7:24-31

SERMON “The Unexpected Trajectories of Life”

HYMN # 412 “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

PRAYERS

Joys and Concerns (Joys are followed by Concerns)

Prayers of Intercession

Pastoral Prayer

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 “When In Our Music God is Glorified”

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

CHORAL MEDITATION “Behold the Lamb”

THE COMMUNION

(Please turn to p. 16 in your Black Hymnal. We will use Rubric B).

***HYMN OF CLOSING #573 “Lead on Eternal Sovereign”**

***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

- The Deacon for September is Kip Dresser
- Rev. Koyama’s office hours are Tuesday mornings. Call ahead 808-282-6711.