

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE,
TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA

May 15, 2022 5th Sunday in Easter
Bold italics indicate the work of the people.

**Indicates places to stand if able to.*

The hymnal for today is the Red Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRELUDE

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*Great are the works of God
and pondered by all who delight in them.*

*God is gracious and compassionate,
He has caused his deeds to be remembered.*

God provides for those who heed his words.

God remembers his covenant forever.

*** INVOCATION**

Gracious and loving God, you meet us where we are. We gather from many walks of life, but are unified as one heart in the body of Christ. As we worship together, open our minds to receive your word; open our hearts to perceive your presence. Amen

***HYMN #34** “Awake, Awake, to Love and Work”

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Generous God, you have given us so much. Give us one more thing. Give us thankful hearts because we know our hearts can be hard and cold. We often hold on when we should let go. We hoard when we could be generous and are doubting when we should lean on faith. We are fearful instead of trusting in your everlasting care. Give us again the assurance of your love and care, and fill us with grateful hearts and open hands.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Every morning, offers us a new day to share more fully from God’s abundant grace, and so are we forgiven!

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 148 (#538, page 538, Red Hymnal)

Epistle Acts 11;1-18

Gospel John 13:31-35

SERMON

“Passing the Baton”

HYMN # 392 “Father in Heaven, Who Lovest All”

(verses 1,2,5,6 only)

PRAYERS

Sharing of Joys and 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

***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 #454** “Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand”

***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 May is Janet Andrews
- Due to the installation, there will be no social hour this morning.
- Today at 2:00pm, Rev. Koyama will be installed as our Pastor.
The service will be conducted by the Association.
- Copies of the proposed Bylaws are available today. A Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, May 22nd to approve them.
- Sat. May 21st 3-5pm Celebration of Life for David Foster (Social Hall).
- Rev. Koyama’s office hours are Tuesday am. Call ahead 808-282-6711.

PRAYER GARDEN