



**The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, April 24th, 2022 10am
Second Sunday of Easter
Guest Musician Lola Richardson**

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Prelude in C Major”

J. & S. Bach

GREETING

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Notices for the program, ministries and people of the church are shared.

ONA Moment

Joan Mello

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We praise the Lord for mighty deeds and extravagant love.

People: We praise the Lord for gentle guidance and reassurance.

Leader: We praise the Lord for loving care and answered prayer.

People: We praise the Lord for crowning all life with beauty.

*OPENING HYMN No. 210 ***Crown Him with Many Crowns*** Vs. 1 & 5

GATHERING PRAYER

Leader: Holy God, you are the creator of all our years. May our lives roll out from the dark places of fear and isolation and return to your community of love and care. We confess we let our doubts get the better of us. We try to reason our way out of faith in your wondrous ways. Grant to us a new beginning. May we hear your wisdom and wonder in the song of every living thing. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *all versions are welcomed in the Spirit*

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***All who are able please stand**

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RESPONSIVE READING *from Psalm 150*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God in the sanctuary.

Leader: Praise God in the mighty firmament.

People: Praise God for all the mighty deeds.

Leader: Praise for God's surpassing greatness!

People: Praise God with trumpet sound.

Leader: Praise God with lute and harp.

People: Praise God with tambourine and dance.

Leader: Praise God with strings and pipe.

People: Praise God with clanging cymbals.

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

People: Praise the Lord!

*ACT OF PRAISE No. 36

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 4:9-11 "The Living Creatures Give Glory to God"

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31 "Thomas Sees the Risen Jesus"

SERMON "Every Living Thing"

*HYMN No. 216

The Day of Resurrection!

Vs. 1 & 3

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: Christ is in our midst.

Leader: Let us pray.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING & SERVICE

Let us present our gifts to the Glory of God!

OFFERTORY

"La fille aux cheveux de lin"

Claude DeBussy

*EASTER DOXOLOGY No. 44
**Your name we bless, O Risen Lord.
And sing today with one accord.
The life laid down, the life restored.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, bless all who receive of these gifts to be filled with the Spirit. Amen.

*COMMISSIONING & CONNECTING

Send a blessing on your social media and contacts far and wide.

Faith turns what is doubtful into what is hopeful.

*CLOSING HYMN No. 206

Lord of the Dance

Vs. 1, 4 & 5

*BENEDICTION

Leader: Let us dance in the morning when the sun begins.

People: Let us dance in the evening when the stars shine.

Leader: Let us go out in the strength and peace of the Lord.

People: The steadfast love of God goes with us everywhere.

Leader: Believe in the unbelievable and we shall see great love.

People: Let us go in peace and return peace to the world.

*POSTLUDE

“River of Life”

Yasunori Nishiki



Thank you for joining us in worship today!

Welcome to the OCC!

Please share in a time of refreshments in our Fellowship Hall
following the service

A very special thanks to our Musical Guest, Lola Richardson. Lola is a sophomore at Franklin High School. She has been playing piano since she was eight years old and also plays the flute. Lola performed this year with the Massachusetts All-State Band.

*Some of her favorite composers are Chopin, Yuki Kajiura and Lena Raine.
She very much enjoys spending time with her cat, Kenny.*

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LIFE OF THE CHURCH

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Lynnete Beaudro, for prayers of safety during her deployment.

Muriel Beresford, for prayers of strength and health.

Peg Mercier, for prayers of peace and healing.

Jean Dusty, prayers for a speedy recovery.

Les Burch, prayers for strength in recovery.

Cindy Peters, for prayers of healing.

Today's Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGISTS: **Ned Ligon**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Mike Foster, Ken Graves, Kim Kelly and Gordon Wetmore**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Joyce and Jerry Long**

OUTREACH....HELPING THE PEOPLE of THE UKRAINE

The crisis in Ukraine, as we watch citizens painfully deciding to remain or flee, is distressing to witness. We had just established a hands-on connection to provide support to the Afghan people forced to abandon their homeland. Since our Outreach meeting this past Sunday, we are searching and researching for the most effective route for sending contributions for Ukrainian relief.

As we identify the appropriate recipient for a Ukrainian donation, anyone wanting to contribute can write a check to Original Congregational Church, designating it "The Ukraine Fund". We are considering International Rescue Committee, <https://www.rescue.org>, a well-established disaster relief organization.

THE 2022 SPRING YARD SALE will be held on May 21 from 8 am to noon. MANY DONATIONS ARE NEEDED. Donations may be dropped off in the Vestry . Call Mike Foster if you need assistance. As usual, **do not bring any clothes, books** that aren't in pristine condition, **TVs, computers, large stereos, or large furniture.**

SOUTHERN RAIL BLUE GRASS BAND will be our musical guest next Sunday, May 1st, 2022 during our 10am Worship Service. The service will be outdoors, weather permitting! Although there will be a few chairs, we ask the congregation to please bring your chair. Southern Rail's music is upbeat, high voltage Bluegrass, featuring stunning instrumentals, powerful gospel quartets, and a world of onstage fun. To find out more about Southern Rail, visit www.SouthernRail.com. The group can also be reached at SouthernRail.bluegrassband@gmail.com.

ONA UPDATE



TODAY, ONA Open Forum III, Today, Sunday, April 24th



Open Forum III will be held after the church service today, in the Parlor at 11:20! Charlie Oliver of Second Congregational Church in Attleboro will share with us what his church experienced after it joined the ONA Coalition some years ago. If time permits, after Charlie has spoken and answered questions, there will be an open discussion of ONA matters. So grab a cup of coffee, etc., in \ Fellowship Hall and join us in the Parlor.

Below is the “Covenant and Welcoming Statement” as presented by the Open and Affirming Task Team. We hope that this statement makes clear that the mission of ONA is to proclaim publicly an unqualified welcome to *all* people at the OCC. This statement expresses what is at the very heart and core of the ONA movement. Try reading it aloud to yourself – it is a very powerful statement! Any questions or comments? Please see Leesa Burke, Charlotte Capone, Jenn Chace, Jane Claffey, Ned Ligon, Joan Mello, or Walter Spencer.

Welcome to The Original Congregational Church in Wrentham! Because we believe all people are created in God’s image and thus blessed and loved equally by God, and because love is the unifying and strengthening force of our Christian faith, we the members of The Original Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, hereby declare ourselves an Open and Affirming Christian community, expressing Jesus’ inclusive embrace of all people.

We welcome all who have no church home, seek strength, and want to follow the teachings of Jesus.
We welcome believers and non-believers, doubters and questioners, and questioning believers.
We welcome new visitors and old friends.
We welcome grandparents, mothers, fathers and children.
We welcome single and partnered people.
We welcome people of all ages, colors, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions.
Here at The Original Congregational Church, Wrentham, we believe that **whoever you are, and wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.**

Portions adapted from Bethany Church, Foxboro, MA, and United Church, Walpole, MA