



The Original Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Sunday, April 3rd, 2022 10am  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Order of Worship*

PRELUDE           **“At the Name of Jesus, Every Knee Shall Bow”**  
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1925)

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.**

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

*We light a candle for the hope of world peace.*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

*All Little Ones are invited with Teachers and Helpers to Sunday School.*

\*OPENING HYMN No. B-22       **Rejoice the Lord is King**    *All verses*

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*singing Hymn No. 446   **I Need Thee Every Hour** as response*

Friends in faith, let us break open our hearts and pour out our spirits to the Lord in prayer.

Precious Lord, we have been unable to confess to you how much we need you. We have tried to rely on our own power and our own thinking. Forgive us our unbelief. Restore our souls in you.

**I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.  
I need thee, oh, I need thee; every hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.**

Gracious Lord, your love saves. Receive our prayers in your mercy. We have let our doubts direct our steps. We have been handed over to uncertainty. Forgive us our unbelief. Come quickly.

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**\*All who are able please stand**

**I need thee every hour in joy or pain;  
Come quickly, and abide or life is vain.  
I need thee, oh, I need thee; every hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.**

Abiding Lord when we are far from you our souls are heavy with grief. When we are handed over to the will of our adversaries we are overwhelmed. Surround us and set us on steady ground.

**I need thee every hour; teach me thy will,  
And thy rich promises in me fulfill.  
I need thee, oh, I need thee; every hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Dearly beloved, the Lord makes a way through the seas of despair restoring life to the lifeless. We are forgiven. Our fortunes are restored. We are like those who dreamed for love and found it!

**All: Amen.**

#### RESPONSIVE READING *from Psalm 126*

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

**People: We were like those who dream.**

Leader: Then our mouth was filled with joy and laughter;

**People: For the Lord has done great things for us.**

Leader: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**People: May those who go out weeping, bear seeds for sowing.**

**All: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, that we may rejoice!**

#### \*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

Isaiah 43:16-21 "A Way in the Wilderness"

ANTHEM "While on the Sea" Ukrainian Folk Song arr. Larry Sue

OCC Bell Quartet: Sherry Davis, Barbara King, Sue Wetmore and Lesley Whittemore

*Proceeds from the purchase of this music go to UNICEF for Ukraine.*

#### SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:1-8 "Mary Anoints Jesus"

SERMON "Like Those Who Dream"

\*HYMN No. B-26

***The Old Rugged Cross*** Vs. 1 & 2

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

*Please place your gifts in the collection box before or after service.*

Let us love the Lord with all our heart in the presentation of our gifts.

OFFERTORY        **“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”**

Raymond Haan    Chancel Choir

\*DOXOLOGY

*Please note these words for our Lenten doxology today.*

**Praise God for love we all may share;**

**Praise God for beauty everywhere;**

**Praise God for Lenten hopes to be;**

**Praise God for truth and charity. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Grace, turn all our gifts into moments of peace. Amen.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*All who seek the Risen Christ are welcome to receive.*

COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *please see insert.*

BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR *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.**

LAMB OF GOD *please see insert.*

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*Please eat the bread when served, hold the cup until all are served.*



## *Today's Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God*

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGISTS: **Jen Chace**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Ralph Lambalot, Kathy Boissy, Kim Kelly, Pam Jennette, Joan Mello and Lesley Whittimore.**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Beth Lacroix and Bob Casavant**

**PANCAKES FOR PEACE- Palm Sunday Breakfast - April 10th.** This fantastic brunch features pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit, juice, milk, coffee and tea. There is no charge, but there will be a freewill offering to support the relief efforts of the International Rescue Committee who provides care for the Ukrainian refugees. We will need a head count, so **Please sign up outside Fellowship Hall.** Breakfast will be served immediately following church service.

### **OUTREACH....HELPING THE PEOPLE of 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.

### **WORSHIP IN HOLY WEEK, Save the Dates!**

As we move through the season of Lent, we are making preparations for our special holy days in worship.

**Sunday, April 10** at 10:00 Palm Sunday

A large Palm procession and Pancake Breakfast at 11:00am .

**Thursday, April 14** at 7:00pm Maundy Thursday

Readings of the Passion, Music and the Last Supper.

**Friday, April 15** at 12:00 noon Good Friday Prayer Service

A reading the Seven Last Words of Christ.

**Easter Sunrise Sunday, April 17** at 6:00am.

Gather at the Fellowship Hall, we greet Easter with Flowers and Prayer.

**Easter Worship Sunday, April 17** at 10:00am

Easter Celebration in the Sanctuary with Music and Message.

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### **ANY EARLY RISERS OUT THERE? ...**

Teddy is looking for a ride to the Franklin/Forge/495 Train Station from Whiston House at **4:45 AM** for the **5:12 AM** to Boston on Monday, April 18. He's off to pay homage to el pequeño generalissimo, Xuji Amaru Yngojo Wong Silva Cetto, in SF. Please call Teddy at 781-264-6435.

**SPRING CLEAN UP....** Join us with your work gloves, rakes, leaf bags or tarps on **Saturday, April 16th** starting at 8:30am, for our annual Spring clean-up of the grounds of the OCC. Any amount of time you can give is welcomed.

**2022 SPRING YARD SALE ...**The 2022 spring yard sale is scheduled to be held on **Saturday, May 21st, 2022**, from 8 am to noon. Donations may be dropped off in the Vestry. Call Mike Foster if you need assistance. As usual, **do not bring any clothes, TVs, computers, large stereos, or large furniture.** Do not bring **books** (unless they are in pristine condition),

**ONA UPDATE RE: OPEN FORUM III**  
**Save the Date: ONA Open Forum III, Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**



Open Forum III will be held after the church service on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> (yes, the Sunday after Easter)! 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. The ONA Team hopes to see you all on the 24th.

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.**

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