



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, May 8th, 2022 10am
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Ave Maria”

Text from the Gospel of Luke; first published in 1485; Music from 1825
Franz Schubert - Lorri Cetto, soprano

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let love lead us in.

People: We speak God's Words to inspire.

Leader: Let love guide our every deed.

People: By worship, in God's Spirit we are freed.

*OPENING HYMN No. 68 ***Though I May Speak*** (The Gift of Love)

GATHERING PRAYER

Leader: Dear God, we confess we cherish the gift of love. With your divine design you fashioned all the days that are before us. Show us the way to live them well. At the end of the day, have we created peace? At the close of the day have we blessed others with kind words? Grant that in this time of worship we may draw inspiration from your Words and turn them into acts of Love. 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 139*

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts.

People: You knit me together in my mother's womb.

Leader: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

People: Wonderful are your works that I know well.

Leader: My frame was not hidden from you,

People: When I was being made in secret,

Leader: Intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

People: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

Leader: In your book were written all the days that were formed for me.

People: How vast are your thoughts, O God!

Leader: If I try to count them—they are more than the sand.

People: I come to the end—I am still with you.

*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 66:10, 12-13 "As a Mother Comfort Her Child"

ANTHEM "What Joy! He Lives!" Robert Wetzler Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:25-27 "Here Is Your Mother"

SERMON "Where the Days Go"

*HYMN No. 429 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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

As the Spirit watches over all God's children let us share our Holy Gifts.

OFFERTORY "Keeper of Israel" Raymond Haan

*DOXOLOGY No. 44

**Praise God for love we all may share.
Praise God for beauty everywhere;
Praise God for Easter hopes to be;
Praise God for truth and charity. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bless our gifts that they may enact love wherever they go. Amen.

*COMMISSIONING & CONNECTING

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

May the love you find be more than all the grains of sand at the sea.

*CLOSING HYMNS

No. 474	<i>Rise Up, O Saints of God!</i>	<i>Vs. 1 & 4</i>
No. 603	<i>He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought</i>	<i>Vs. 1</i>

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE **“If I Can Stop One Heart From Breaking”**

Emily Dickinson arr. Mary Alice Amidon

*POSTLUDE

“The Glory of Love”

Theme from *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* (1967)

You've got to give a little, take a little,
And let your poor heart break a little.
That's the story of, that's the glory of love.

You've got to laugh a little, cry a little,
Until the clouds roll by a little.
That's the story of, that's the glory of love.



Today we wish all a most Happy Mother's Day and we celebrate the presence of all our
beloved mom's here and in our hearts.

Thank you for being in worship with us this morning!

We are glad to welcome you to the OCC.

THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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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 peace and healing.

Jean Dusty, for a speedy recovery.

Les Burch, for strength in recovery

Services for Aida Catlow, will be held here at the OCC Sanctuary on Saturday, May 14th at 11am.

The collation is immediately following in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend.

Today's Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGISTS: **Joan Mello**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Bob and Kathy Boissy, Mike Foster, and Ken Graves**

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

The 2022 SPRING YARD SALE will be held on May 21 from 8 am to noon.

DONATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED. And 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.**

UKRAINE SUPPORT ... It seems realistic that the war in Ukraine will be with us for quite a while into this year. Thankfully, we have identified several ways we can support the Ukrainian people as they struggle to maintain their homeland.

The Outreach Team has chosen the IRC (International Rescue Committee) to receive our "Ukraine Relief" donations. An initial donation of \$2000 was sent to them in March. The IRC has been helping displaced people for the past 90 years. Their work began in Germany as German citizens began to flee the tyranny of Adolf Hitler. Since then, they have responded by helping people affected by humanitarian crises to survive, recover and rebuild their lives. The IRC has stood with people in some of the toughest places on Earth, including Yemen, Syria and Somalia.

We will continue to accept donations from the congregation as long as the need is there. Checks can be made out to the Original Congregational Church, with Ukraine

WELCOME TO THE CARD TABLE AT COFFEE HOUR!

We were thrilled to see many of you stopped by the Card Table March 27th to jot a quick note to some of our members who are at home for various reasons.

We will do this again on May 22nd. If you have any "thinking of you " cards or get well cards that you would like to bring, please do. We have a card ministry that Becky Cuoco has been doing for some time. She sends cards every month. If you have any extra cards that Becky could use, please put in an envelope, mark for Becky Cuoco and put them in the Pastoral Care basket in the Church Library. This is one of the many Pastoral Care Ministries here at OCC. Other include the Prayer Shawl Ministry, the Kitchen Elves, the Lunch Bunch, the Prayer Chain, to name a few. Please speak to Pearl Gottberg or Sue Schwarm if you are interested in joining.



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