



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, May 15th, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Carol of the Risen Lord”

Raymond Haan

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 our voices sing! Let our bells ring!

People: Let the sunshine beam! The moonlight gleam!

Leader: To God, we lift-up alleluias from the heart.

People: To God, in worship we rejoice to take our part!

*OPENING HYMN No. 51

All Creatures of Our God, Now Sing

GATHERING PRAYER

Leader: Dear God, we are glad to receive the gifts found in the heart of your heavenly city. In our worship this day we rejoice to know that you have the power to make all things new. Restore peace to the earth. Wipe away tears from all eyes. Turn mourning and crying into moments of love and deep appreciation

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 148*

Leader: Praise the Lord from the heavens!

People: Praise the Lord all you angels!

Leader: Praise God, sun and moon!

People: Praise God, you shining stars!

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth.

People: Praise God you sea monsters of the deep!

Leader: Praise the Lord, fire and hail, snow and frost!

People: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Leader: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

People: Praise for all the people who are close to 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 21:1-6 "A New Heaven and A New Earth"

ANTHEM

"God Is So Good"

Anonymous

arr. James Biery Wrentham wRingers

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:31-35 "Love One Another as I Have Loved You"

SERMON "Looking for Jesus"

*HYMN No. 54

For the Beauty of the Earth

Vs. 1, 2, 5

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 celebrate the beauty in all things as we return our gifts to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

"Many and Great"

Dakota melody

Cathy Moglebust Wrentham wRingers

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*DOXOLOGY No. 44

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God, we dedicate our gifts and our hearts to creating beautiful moments. Amen.

*COMMISSIONING & CONNECTING

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

Every flower that opens, every bird that sings, shows us the ways of the Lord.

*CLOSING HYMN No. 63 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE **“Harbour”** Anna Tabbush

*POSTLUDE Theme from **“The Andy Griffith Show”**



Welcome to the OCC!

We are glad to have you join us in our worship service today.
Please join us for conversation and refreshments in Fellowship Hall.
May all the gifts of the Spirit be yours in this Spring Season.

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Bells Director: Martha Goodman

Sextons: Bob & Sandy Cummings Office Administrator: Donna Charbatji

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Lynnete Beaudro, for prayers of safety during her deployment.

Muriel Beresford, for prayers of strength and health.

Aida Catlow, for prayers of recuperation, healing and well-being.

Peg Mercier, for prayers peace and healing.

Les Burch, for continued strength and wellness.

Cindy Peters, for health and healing

Today's Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGISTS: **Pam Jennette**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Steve Becker, Alice Gero, Judy O'Neill and Jean Roche**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Trevor Knott and**

The 2022 SPRING YARD SALE will be held next Saturday, May 21st from 8 am to noon.

Donations may still 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.**

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, next Sunday, May 22nd.** If you have any "thinking of you" cards or get well cards that you would like to bring, please do. We do 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. We also have the Prayer Shawl Ministry, the 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.

UKRAIN SUPPORT..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.



ONA UPDATE



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

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