



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, June 5th, 2022 10am
Pentecost

Order of Worship

PRELUDE **“In My Life”** (1965) Lennon & McCartney

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: Wherever two or three are gathered our Lord is in our midst.

People: Whoever calls on the name of the Lord receives saving grace.

Leader: Whenever we feel the Spirit, we are moved to pray to God.

People: Whatever time it is, it is always time to sing to the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN No. 224 ***Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart***

Please sing verse 4 boldly, as it will be a cappella.

V.s. 1, 4 & 5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: And in this time, we feel the Spirit moving in our heart, let us pray.

All: O Lord, we look at what we have done with the world that you have made, and we are moved. We are moved when we see such suffering, heartbreak and pain. We are moved when we see such struggling, striving and strain. We confess that we cannot free ourselves from our own condition. Forgive us when we have not shown love to our neighbor. Forgive us when we forget that we are all your children. May your vision of a peaceable world come and direct our steps aright. May your dream of a world made with love come to all. May all who call on your holy name be delivered into days made for joy and delight. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *from Romans 8:26*

Leader: Beloved, be assured that the Spirit helps us in our condition.

All: For we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the very Spirit of God intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the human heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit for us, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. Amen.

***All who are able please stand**

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RESPONSIVE READING *from Psalm 104*

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

People: In wisdom you have made them all.

Leader: The earth is full of your creatures.

People: Yonder is the sea, great and wide.

Leader: Creeping things innumerable are there.

People: Living things both small and great are there.

Leader: These all look to you to give food in due season.

People: When you open your hand,

Leader: They are filled with good things.

People: When you hide your face,

Leader: They are dismayed.

People: When you take away their breath, they die.

Leader: When you send forth your spirit, they are created.

People: You renew the face of the ground.

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever.

People: May the Lord rejoice in all the works of Creation!

*ACT OF PRAISE No. 439 *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit Moving in my Heart*

[Refrain] Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Yes, ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

3. Down in the valley, when I feel weak, it's when the devil usually speaks.

Because he's crafty, and full of lies, I need the Spirit to keep me wise. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:14-17 "In the Spirit All Are Children of God"

ANTHEM "The Risen Christ" Gilbert Martin Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21 "All Were Filled with the Holy Spirit"

SERMON "The Language of Love"

*HYMN No. 437 *It's Me, It's Me, O Lord* Vs. 1 & 4

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: Christ is in our midst.

Leader: Let us pray.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE BREAD

Please eat the bread when served.

COMMUNION MUSIC **“Come My Way, My Truth, My Life”**

from “*The Temple*” (1633) by George Herbert; music by John Leavitt

Monica Wagner, soprano

There is a paraphrase, of this famous poem, at the end of the Life of the Church.

SHARING OF THE CUP

Please hold the cup until all are served and instructed to drink as one in the Spirit.

PRAYER *in unison*

Most Gracious Lord, we thank you for inviting us to your table and refreshing us in the Holy Spirit. You color the world with love. Send us forth to joyfully extend your song of life to all whom we meet. Increase our strength of soul that we may joyfully give and receive your variety of gifts with all your children. May your sacrifice in love heal the world with your beautiful words of life. Amen.

COMMISSIONING & CONNECTING

Send a blessing to your social contacts far and wide.

God is glad when you turn around a heart that’s sad!

*CLOSING HYMN No. 218 ***Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*** *Vs. 1*

No. 222 ***O Holy Spirit, Root of Life*** *All verses*

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE **“May the Road Rise to Meet You”**

An Irish Blessing

CHORAL POSTLUDE **“Swing Down Chariot Stop and Let Me Ride”**

Spiritual, arr. Cetto



Thank you for joining us in Worship today!
May God bless you and your loved ones.

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.

Les Burch, for continued strength and wellness.

Today's Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGISTS: **Gordon Wetmore**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Ralph Lambalot, Kathy Boissy, Heather Castelo, Alice Gero, Kim Kelly and Judy O'Neill**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Alison Wade and Beth Lacroix**

SPECIAL MEETING TODAY, JUNE 5, 2022

There is a Special Meeting of the Original Congregational Church today, immediately following the worship service in the Sanctuary.

A vote will be taken at this meeting on a motion that the Original Congregational Church accept the ONA Covenant/Welcoming Statement, and that the Original Congregational Church join the Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ.

All are welcome to attend, but only members of the Original Congregational Church may vote.

SPIRE CORRECTION:

Originally, the 3rd Sunday of the summer months were to be outside, making Father's Day one of those Sundays. It will be the 4th Sunday of the summer months. I did not make that correction before I sent the Spire. Father's Day will NOT be outdoors AND the date is the 19th, not 17th. Sorry for the confusion, I guess the brain is still on vacation.

The outdoor services are June 26th, July 24th and August 28th.

Donna

A Paraphrase of George Herbert's *The Call* (1633)

Jesus, come near. You are my way (path), truth (reason) and life (everything). You give me breath; you end my suffering and defeat death. I can almost taste your beautiful countenance, and that food mends me, not just now, but in length, forever. And though I invite you as my guest, when I'm with you, your graciousness makes me the guest. Generosity is your strength. No one moves me like you do, and we can never be parted. Your heart (my heart) is like the joy of being in love.



The ONA Covenant



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.

The ONA Welcoming Statement

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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