



For where
your *treasure* is
there will your
heart be also
Luke 12:34

The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, August 7th, 2022 9:30am
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

PRELUDE **“Wounded Heart”** Jude Johnstone Monica Wagner, soloist

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: From the heavenly city to the earthly foundations,

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth!

*HYMN No. 10 ***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*** *Vs. 2 & 3*

GATHERING PRAYER

God of the Universe, you are the architect and builder of all things. Make our hearts ready to offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and praise. Grant us in worship to draw near to your vision. Protect us from evil. Let us learn to do good. May we ever seek justice, rescue the oppressed, lend aide to the needy, and advocate for the voiceless. Summon us to live into your heavenly city on earth. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM *from Psalm 50*

Leader: The mighty one, God the Lord, summons the earth,

People: From the rising of the sun to its setting.

Leader: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

People: Our God comes and does not keep silence.

Leader: Before God is the tempest and devouring fire.

People: God calls to the heavens above.

Leader: God calls to the earth below to judge the people.

People: Gather to me my faithful ones,

Leader: Who made covenant with me by sacrifice.

People: Hear, O my people, and I will speak.

Leader: I am God, your God.

People: Those who bring thanksgiving I show the way.”

***All who are able please stand**

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*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

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-10 “The Heavenly City”

ANTHEM

“Pie Jesu” (Merciful Jesus) 1985
Andrew Lloyd Webber Monica Wagner , soprano

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:32-34 “On Treasures in Heaven”

SERMON “God the Architect and Builder”

*HYMN No. 314 *As We Gather at Your Table* *Vs. 1, 2, 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 invest in the heavenly treasures in the giving of our gifts!

OFFERTORY HYMN No. 316

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ *Vs. 1, 2*

*DOXOLOGY No. 44

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, we dedicate our gifts with sacrifices of thanksgiving! Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive who seek to be served from the Lord's Table.

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.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

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.

Lamb of God Please see insert.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

For today, please eat the bread and drink the cup when served.

COMMUNION MUSIC **“Panis Angelicus”** (Bread of Angels)

César Franck (1822-1890)

Monica Wagner, soprano; Walter Spencer, baritone

CLOSING PRAYER *unison*

God of Love, we thank you for inviting us to receive from your Holy Table and to be strengthened in your Spirit. Grant that as we go from here, we may live our faith boldly and proclaim your message of saving grace to all who seek your heavenly treasures. Amen.

COMMISSIONING AND CONNECTING

Send a blessing to all in your circle far and wide from the OCC.

Look for the heavenly design in building each new day!

HYMN No. 325 ***Now Let Us from This Table Rise*** *Vs. 1, 2, 3*

SPOKEN BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go in Peace No. 349



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Welcome to the OCC!

Today we offer the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

All who seek to receive the gifts of God through the Table of Sacrifice and of the Risen Christ are welcome. May all the gifts of the Spirit be with you and guide you in this portion of your Spirit Journey!

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LIFE OF THE CHURCH

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Lynnete Beaudro, for prayers of comfort and safety during her deployment.

Peg Mercier, for prayers of peace and continued healing.

Les Burch, for continued progress, strength and wellness.

Jean Dusty, needing thoughts and prayers for 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: **Pam Jennette and Ralph Lambalot**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Beth Lacroix and Ralph Lambalot**

WE HAVE SOME wonderful and yet sad news. Our Music Director/Organist Director, Teddy Cetto is leaving. Teddy came to the OCC in February 2018. He'll be moving to San Francisco to be chief bottle washer for Generalissimo Xuji Amaru Cetto. He'll also be teaching school and doing church work. Teddy wishes all at the OCC the best. His last service with us will be August 14th. He will be greatly missed.

"GROW THE OCC"....Ideas are in bloom with our new **"Grow the OCC"** group, as it works on ways to grow our church and bring active church life back after the pandemic. Ideas, thus far, include: creating an atmosphere of welcome (visuals in the church such as signage and bulletin boards, social and digital media, greeting and welcoming new folks), planning new events, increasing community involvement (such as Wrentham Day and upcoming Wrentham 350th anniversary), and supporting our Christian education and youth. Check out our bulletin board (coming soon) with more details and ways to get involved. We can all help as our group expands and becomes even more active in September. We welcome all to join in and help us grow the OCC!

GINGERBREAD FAIR....

Please see the newest Website postings for updates about the November 19, 2022 Gingerbread Fair, or if you prefer, copies of the posting are on the information table outside of the library.

The office will be on summer hours, **Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00am-3:00pm, from July 4th thru September 6th.**

THE OCC WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP will be taking a break during the month of August. We will resume meeting at The Village Griddle in Plainville in September on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Any questions call Emmie Foster at 508-384-9338.



The 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.

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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