



The Original Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Sunday, August 14th, 2022 9:30am  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

**“Largo”** from *Lute Concerto in D*  
Scott Halligan, violoncello

Antonio Vivaldi

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 from *Psalm 98*

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song,

**People: For God has done marvelous things.**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth.

**People: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Leader: Sing praise to the Lord with strings.

**People: Sing praises to the Lord with the sound of melody.**

Leader: Let the sea roar and all that fills it,

**People: The world and those who dwell in it.**

Leader: Let the rivers clap their hands,

**People: Let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN

No. 26 ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*** Verse 4

No. 210 ***Crown Him with Many Crowns*** Vs. 1 & 5

GATHERING PRAYER

Leader: Holy God, you are the One who holds our years. You embrace all space and time. You are the Creator of all that is ineffable, of all that is sublime. Your continual sacrifice of love shall never fail throughout all eternity. We praise you, for with your love, all things come together in perfect harmony. Grant us to sing your joyous song of life today and forever. Amen.

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

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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.**

RESPONSIVE READING *from Psalm 100*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**People: Serve the Lord with gladness!**

Leader: Come into God's presence with singing!

**People: Know that the Lord is God.**

Leader: It is God who made us and we belong to God.

**People: We are God's people, the sheep in God's pasture.**

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving.

**People: Enter God's courts with praise.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and bless God's name.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever,  
God's faithfulness to all generations.**

\*ACT OF PRAISE No. 36

*Please sing along*

**Glory be to God, 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 12:2-6 "The Lord is My Strength and Song"

ANTHEM Summer Sunshine Songs

**"Here Comes the Sun"** (1969)

George Harrison

**"Sunshine Go Away Today"** (1971)

Jonathan Edwards

**"You are the Sunshine of My Life"** (1972)

Stevland Hardaway Morris

**"You are My Sunshine"** (1939)

Jimmie Davis

*Please, sing along.*

(Refrain) You are my sunshine, my only sunshine,

You make me happy when skies are gray.

You'll never know, dear, how much I love you.

Please don't take my sunshine away.

The other night, dear, while I lay sleeping,

I dreamed I held you in my arms,

When I awoke, dear, I was mistaken,

And I hung my head, and I cried. (Refrain)

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:12-17

“Love Binds Everything Together in Perfect Harmony”

SERMON “Singing Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs”

\*SUMMER HYMN SING

- No. 596     *Great Is Your Faithfulness*  
No. 603     *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought*  
No. 486     *For All the Saints*  
No. 345     *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

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 present our gifts to God with praise and thanksgiving!

OFFERTORY “Largo” Vivaldi

\*DOXOLOGY {see Teddy notes}

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God we dedicate our gifts and ourselves to sing of your praise. Amen.

\*COMMISSIONING & CONNECTING

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

The one who sings prays twice!

\*CLOSING HYMNS

- No. 237 *How Firm a Foundation*     *Vs. 1 & 2*  
No. 238 *The Church's One Foundation*     *Vs. 1 & 2*

\*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Ev’ry Time We Say Goodbye” (1944)     Cole Porter

\*CONGREGATIONAL POSTLUDES

*Please see insert to sing along*

- “All You Need is Love” (1967)     John Lennon  
“Bye, Bye Blackbird” (1924)     Ray Henderson  
“California, Here I Come” (1926)     Al Jolson



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**Sextons: Bob & Sandy Cummings Office Administrator: Donna Charbatji**  
**Bells Director: Martha Goodman**

## **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: **Joan Mello**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Heather Castelo and Kathy Boissy**

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

**JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR** today, immediately after the worship service here in Fellowship Hall as we say Thank You to Teddy Cetto, who has energetically served us as our Music and Choir Director since coming to us in February 2018.

Teddy is "Going to California" to become the chief bottle washer for his beloved grandson, Generalissimo Xuji Amaru Cetto! Teddy will also be teaching school and doing church work. Teddy wishes all at the OCC the best. May God grant travelling mercies, the wonders of family life, and so many more musical notes!

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Our upcoming musical guests to date include, Emma Newton, August 21<sup>st</sup>. and September 4<sup>th</sup>, and Cole Hovey, August 28. **Please note, August 28<sup>th</sup> originally scheduled to be outdoors, will now be inside.**

**"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.**

Voted upon and approved by the OCC on June 5, 2022  
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