



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, August 21st, 2022 9:30am
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

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: The Creator is calling out to us with great love.

People: The Lord is calling us onward with strength!

Leader: Let us praise the Lord in prayer and praise.

People: Let us sing to the mighty power of God!

*OPENING HYMN No. 57

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

GATHERING PRAYER

Leader: Almighty and Everlasting God, we are forever in your care. Your goodness fills the earth with all things good. By faith we see all your wonders displayed. In moments of busy work, in times of quiet reflection, come, let your presence be in our midst. We worship you in the splendor of holiness. Quiet our souls and bring calm to our hearts that we may be renewed in you. 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.

RESPONSIVE READING *from Psalm 46*

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,

People: A very present help in trouble.

Leader: Therefore we will not fear;

People: Though the earth gives way;

Leader: Though the mountains be moved into the sea;

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***All who are able please stand**

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People: Though its waters roar and foam;

Leader: Though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

People: There is a river whose streams

Leader: Make glad the city of God.

People: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter,

Leader: God's voice is heard, the earth melts.

People: The Lord of Hosts is with us!

Leader: Come behold the works of the Lord.

People: The Lord makes wars to cease.

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God."

People: God is exalted among the nations and in all the earth!

*ACT OF PRAISE No. 36

Glorify 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

1 Chronicles 16:28-34 "God's Love is Forever"

ANTHEM

"I Will"

The Beatles

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:22-25 "Let Us Go Across to the Other Side"

SERMON "And There Was A Calm"

MUSIC

"Now the Green Blade Riseth"

Words: John Crum, Music: Medieval French Carol, Arrangement: Newton & Landin

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

We rejoice to return a portion of our labor to the labor of love!

OFFERTORY

"Poor Wayfaring Stranger"

American and Folk Gospel

*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

Dear God, may new things happen in all we dedicate to you together in the Spirit of Love!

*COMMISSIONING & CONNECTING

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

Your cell phone is ringing. It's God calling.

*CLOSING HYMN No. 304

Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

*SPOKEN BENEDECTION

*POSTLUDE



We are so glad to have you with us in worship this morning!

Welcome to the OCC!

Please join us for light refreshments and continued conversation following our service.

May God bless you along your spiritual journey with all the gifts of the Spirit!

THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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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 in Memory of
Julia and Neal House
by the Wetmore family*

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGISTS: **Lesley Whittemore**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Kim Kelly and Judy O'Neill**

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

WELCOME EMMA NEWTON

We are so glad to welcome Emma Newton as our guest musician today. Emma is a freelance audio engineer, musician, singer, arranger and composer. For more, please check out Emma's website: www.emmanewtonmusic.com and Bandcamp: spacecowboynewt.bandcamp.com/album/the-mild-west. Thank You Emma!

SUNDAY AUGUST 28, 9:30am is now in Fellowship Hall.

Next Sunday, August 28, we are looking forward to hosting our next musical guest the fabulous and incomparable jazz pianist, our own Coleman Hovey.

"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 update No. 2 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 the office at 508-384-3110.



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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