



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, August 28th, 2022 9:30am
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Next Sunday, September 4, 2022
Worship Returns
to 10:00am in the Sanctuary

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: When in doubt, call on the Lord.

People: When we are low, God calls us in!

Leader: When we pray, God lifts us up.

People: When we stand in prayer, we are on higher ground!

*OPENING HYMN No. 437 *It's Me, It's Me, O Lord*

GATHERING PRAYER

Leader: God of New Beginnings, your ways are higher than our ways, your thoughts are higher than our thoughts, move us on up to where you are! Grant that through this time of worship we may come into your presence with singing and prayer. Illumine our minds with your Word. Fill our soul with your Spirit that we may carry you in our heart day by day! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *all versions are welcomed in the Spirit* words: 3rd century, music: 1851

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 61*

Leader: Hear my cry, O God;

People: Listen to my prayer.

Leader: From the end of the earth I call to you,

People: When my heart is faint.

Leader: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I;

People: For you are my refuge.

Leader: You are a strong tower against the enemy.

People: Let me abide forever in your tent.

Leader: Let me find refuge under the shelter of your wings.

People: We will sing praises to you day after day!

*ACT OF PRAISE No. 36 words: 3rd century, music: 1851

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

Isaiah 55:6-9 “God’s Ways Higher than Our Ways”

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14 “The Parable of the Heavenly Banquet”

SERMON “Moving on Up!”

*HYMN No. 364

This Little Light of Mine

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 praise the Lord with our gifts of love and service!

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY No. 44 words: 1674 music: 1551

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 these gifts and our hearts to your joyful work and praise!

*COMMISSIONING & CONNECTING

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

No one is ever greater than when they move another to a higher place.

*CLOSING HYMN *When The Saints Go Marching In*

Oh when the saints, go marching in, oh when the saints go marching in,
Oh how I want to be in that number, oh when the saints go marching in.
Oh when the stars, begin to shine, oh when the stars begin to shine,
Oh how I want to be in that number, oh when the stars begin to shine.
Oh when I hear, that trumpet sound, oh when I hear that trumpet sound,
Oh how I want to be in that number, oh when I hear that trumpet sound.

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



Thank you for joining us in worship today!

Welcome to the OCC!

Please stay for refreshments following the service.

May God bless you and your loved ones in these last days of Summer Vacation!

THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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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: **Robert Boissy**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Kim Kelly**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Mike Foster and Jerry Long**

THANK YOU TO OUR MUSICAL GUEST COLEMAN HOVEY.

Coleman, of Foxboro, is a senior at the University of Massachusetts Amherst where he is majoring in Jazz & African-American Music Studies. He is the pianist of the UMass Jazz Ensemble I and is a singer and piano player for the UMass Vocal Jazz Ensemble.

He wrote a composition entitled “Ashes” that the UMass Jazz Ensemble I performed in December 2021 while he conducted it.

For the second year in a row Coleman received the award for “Undergraduate College Blues/Pop/Rock Soloist” in the keyboard/synthesizer category in the 45th Annual DownBeat Student Music Awards, announced in DownBeat Magazine in May 2022.

This summer Coleman was a New Student Orientation & Transition Leader at UMass. Then he went on a four-week tour with “Rock Voices” in MA, CT, NH & VT where he played keyboard in the band. They played 22 *Beatles* songs for each performance. His hobbies are weightlifting and playing basketball.

"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!

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.

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 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.

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

Portions adapted from Bethany Church, Foxboro, MA, and United Church, Walpole, MA