



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, October 2nd, 2022 10am
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

Order of Worship

PRELUDES “In Church” “Morning Prayers” Tchaikovsky

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.

HANDBELL MUSIC “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” Linstead, arr. Michael Helman

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Notices for the program, ministries and people of the church are shared.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Gala McCurdy

GATHERING OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

*OPENING HYMN No. 7 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship the God of glory, the Lord of love!

People: God is the giver of immortal gladness.

Leader: God fills us with the light of day.

People: Let us sing the joyful song of life!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God of heaven and earth, great is your faithfulness. Every morning you make your mercies new. We confess we have forgotten your deep compassion and have turned away from your abundant steadfast love. Forgive us our unbelief, O Lord. Increase our faith. Restore us in your Spirit. We lift up our hearts and hands to praise you in the heavenly heights!

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Though we have transgressed and have rebelled, the Lord pursues us with steadfast love. Though we grieve and lose faith, the Lord grants us compassion and great mercy. By all the gifts of the Spirit, our souls are restored, and we may dwell in peace for the Lord has generously forgiven us all our sins.

All: Praise be to the Lord!

***All who are able please stand**

RESPONSIVE READING *from Psalm 36*

Leader: O Lord, your faithfulness reaches to heaven;

People: Your steadfastness to the sky;

Leader: Your righteousness to the high mountains;

People: Your justice to the great deep;

Leader: All people and creatures you deliver, O Lord.

People: How precious is your faithful care, O God!

Leader: We take shelter in the shadow of your wings.

People: We feast on the rich fare of your house.

Leader: We drink at your refreshing stream.

People: With you is the fountain of life.

Leader: By your light, O God, we see light.

People: Your steadfast love and salvation is to all the earth!

*ACT OF PRAISE No. 36 words: 3rd Century; music: 1851

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

Lamentations 3:22-33 “Great is Your Faithfulness”

CHOIR ANTHEM **“My Song of Praise”** Nancy Price & Don Besig

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:18-21 “The Parable of the Mustard Seed”

SERMON “Just a Little is Enough”

*HYMN No. 596 *Great Is Your Faithfulness*

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 the glory of God!

OFFERTORY **“With a Voice Singing”** Martin Shaw

*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

Gracious God, we dedicate our gifts and our hearts to service in your name. Amen.

HANDBELL MUSIC “One Bread, One Body” John Foley, arr. Michael Ryan

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The bread and juice at the Lord’s Table are offered to all who choose to receive.

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 *spoken in unison*

Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR *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 *spoken responsively*

Leader: Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world:

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world:

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world:

People: Grant us peace.

SHARING OF THE BREAD

Please eat the bread when served.

SHARING OF THE CUP

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

PRAYER *in unison*

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

COMMISSIONING & CONNECTING

Send a blessing to your social contacts far and wide.

God's mercy is so far reaching it greets us before we arrive!

*CLOSING HYMN No. 597 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

*SPOKEN BENEDECTION

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in C”

Johann Pachelbel



Welcome to the OCC!

We are glad to have you join us for worship this morning.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments following the service

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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 and strength.

Today's Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGISTS: **Alice Gero**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Ralph Lambalot, Bob & Kathy Boissy, Leesa Burke, and Heather Castelo**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Ralph Lambalot and Joan Mello**

TODAY WE WELCOME JUSTIN KISCH as our musical guest..

Justin Kisch is delighted to play the organ and work with the choir at the Original Congregational Church. He is currently interim organist at St. Sebastian Catholic Church in Providence. Previously, he was music minister at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Cumberland, RI. He teaches piano at the RI Philharmonic Music School and is active in choral music and musical theatre. He lives in East Providence.



Pledge letters and forms have been mailed, and pledge forms are also available in the office entryway, in Fellowship Hall, and on the OCC website in the Stewardship section. Did you know you can donate or pay your pledge via Venmo? If you have any questions about Stewardship 2023, please contact any Stewardship Committee member. **Remember to return your pledge form by October 23 and you will be automatically entered for the gift basket drawing. Thank you!**

Stewardship Committee: Jen Chace, Ralph Lambalot, Lesley Whittemore (Chair)

All are invited to the "Grow the OCC" group for a meeting at the church on October 12 at 7:15 pm. We are sharing ideas and working on ways to grow our church and bring active church life back after the pandemic, including planning new events, increasing community involvement (such as the upcoming Wrentham 350th), and supporting our Christian education and youth. Bring your ideas or just listen in! We can all help as our group expands and becomes even more active in helping our church grow.

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE....

With Teddy Cetto now grandparenting in CA, there is an opening for the position of Organist/Choir Director. This position is approximately 10-12 hours per week. Working under the auspices of the Worship Committee, Sue Wetmore has asked Ben Blakesley, Ned Ligon, Chuck Peters and Alison Wade to serve as a Search Committee for a new Organist/Choir Director. If you have any thoughts or ideas about this search or the position, please share them with any member of the Search Committee. Thanks.

GROW THE OCC! Join the Conversation on October 12 at 7:15pm

Earlier this year a few of us gathered to begin to discuss ways to grow our church and bring active church life back after the impact of the pandemic. We would love to have you join the conversation! Our next **Grow The OCC** conversation continues Wednesday, October 12, at 7:15pm in the parlor. Our goal is to nurture an atmosphere of welcome through visuals, media, and increasing our outreach to new folks. This year we are encouraging our efforts to foster our Sunday School and create church events. In 2023, we plan to participate in the town's 350th Anniversary Celebrations. Come on down and help us **Grow The OCC!** Contact us in the office for more details.

THE OUTREACH TEAM is so very happy to announce that providing luncheons to Worcester Fellowship is back on track after a summer hiatus. We will be preparing and delivering 60 bagged lunches to those in need of a meal and a happy handshake, through All Saints Church on September 29th, November 3rd and December 1st. As usual, these lunches will include a sandwich, a fruit, a snack and a dessert. We also will provide cases of bottled water. These lunches have been part of our outreach for several years and while the locations in Worcester have changed over the years, the gratitude of all involved has only grown. For more information please contact Joan Mello or Pam Jennette. Thank you for your continuing support of this important community outreach

Sunday School Schedule for 2022-2023

September 25th:	Lesson: Creation: Genesis 1 & 2
October 2nd:	Lesson: Daniel and the Lion's Den: Daniel 6:1-23
October 9th:	"Family Worship Sunday" no class
October 16th:	Lesson: David & Goliath: 1 Samuel 17
October 23rd	Lesson: Jonah and the whale: Matthew 12:39-41, 16:4
October 30th	Lesson: Halloween Class
November 6th	Lesson: The story of Moses and the exodus of the Israelites
November 13th	Lesson: The story of Joseph: Genesis 37 and 39-41
November 20th	"Family Worship Sunday" no class
November 27th	Thanksgiving Holiday, no class
December 4th	Lesson: The Angel Gabriel's message to Mary Luke 1:26-38
December 11th	Lesson: The journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem Luke 2:4-5
December 18th	Lesson: Jesus' birth: Matthew 2:1-12
December 25th	Christmas Day no class

Please see the entire syllabus online at occhurch.net, or get a hard copy on the information table outside of the Library.



The Open and Affirming 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