



**The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, September 4th, 2022 10am
Thirteenth 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: Sunsets and sunrise, mountains and rivers;

People: The Lord God made them all.

Leader: Every creature, great and small;

People: God made them every one.

Leader: Let us praise God the Creator.

People: Let us sing of all things bright and beautiful!

*OPENING HYMN No. 63

All Things Bright and Beautiful

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord of Creation, we confess that your world is beautiful and bright and dressed in the splendor of holiness. Forgive us when we follow our fears before our faith. Speak to us the mysteries of life and death, and of all things made new. Shape us to enter new each day that awaits us. In worship may we receive your Word and be refreshed in your presence.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *from Psalm 103*

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As far as the east is from the west, the Lord removes our transgressions from us. The Lord shows compassion on all the children. God's steadfast love is from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Amen.

***All who are able please stand**

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RESPONSIVE READING *from Psalm 139*

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

People: You discern my thoughts from far away.

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down.

People: You are acquainted with all my ways.

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts.

People: You knit me together before I was born.

Leader: I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

People: Wonderful are your works!

Leader: My frame was not hidden from you when being made.

People: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

Leader: In your book were written for me,

People: All the days that were formed for me!

Leader: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

People: How vast is the sum of them!

*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

Jeremiah 18:1-6 "Like Clay in the Potter's Hand"

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:7-11, 16-18 "God's Treasure in Clay Jars"

SERMON "Of Broken Pots and Next Year's Plantings"

*HYMN No. 493

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

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

Lord, may we shape days of love and service through our gifts!

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 our gifts to your way of love and mercy. Amen.

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 litany*

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.

When the clay you are working in collapses—make a new bowl.

*CLOSING HYMN No. 349

Go in Peace

*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.

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: **Pam Jennette**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Ralph Lambalot, Bob & Kathy Boissy,
Kim Kelly, Gordon Wetmore and Lesley Whittemore**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Ralph Lambalot and Alison Wade**

THANK YOU TO EMMA NEWTON, our guest musician for today. Emma has graced us many times these past few years, and we are grateful for her.

WELCOME LITTLE ONE!! Charlotte and David Capone are pleased to announce the arrival of **David Jonathan Capone**, born August 29th, 8 lbs.15 oz. and 19 inches tall. All are Healthy and Happy! Congratulations to all!!

"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 resume regular hours beginning Tuesday, September 6th, 9am-3pm Tuesday thru Friday. Closed Mondays

THE OCC WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP will resume meeting at The Village Griddle in Plainville in September on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Any questions please contact the office

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 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.**

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