

The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, September 11th, 2022 10am
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Worth of Just One

The Parable of the Lost Coin

Luke 15:8-10

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Cantilena”

Josef Rheingerger

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.

GINGERBREAD MOMENT

Gordon Wetmore

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord of joy, meet us at the break of the day!

People: Lord of love, fill our hearts with strength!

Leader: Lord of grace, fill us with gentleness!

People: Lord of peace, grant us all hopefulness!

*OPENING HYMN No. 444

Lord of All Hopefulness

GATHERING PRAYER

Leader: God of all blessing, gather us in to celebrate a festival day of joy. May your angels come and surround us with your joyous song of life. May our time in worship be a time of both rest and renewal of our spirit, mind and body. Grant to us your Word of strength, that we may be in continual conversation with your Spirit while we work and serve you together. 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 32*

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!

People: Shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Leader: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven.

People: While I kept silence, I wasted away.

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you!

(continued on next page)

***All who are able please stand**

People: And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Leader: Let all the faithful offer prayer to you.

People: In distress, be our hiding place.

Leader: Preserve us from trouble.

People: You surround us with glad cries of deliverance.

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!

People: Shout for joy! All you upright in heart!

*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.

THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

HYMN No. 306 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

Please remain seated for the presentation of the newly baptized.



*CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING *unison*

Holy God, we thank you for the gift of baptism and the joy of new life. We promise our love, support, and blessing for the newly baptized. Grant to *Layla Isabelle*, strength for life's journey, courage in times of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love and the hope of new life everlasting. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 23:39-41 "You Shall Rejoice Before the Lord"

ANTHEM

"Sicilienne"

Maria Theresia von Paradis

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-10 "Parables of the Lost and Found"

SERMON "More Joy"

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 joyful and thankful hearts!

There is more joy in heaven for gift that was lost, but now is found!

OFFERTORY

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Michael Burkhardt

*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

Holy God, we dedicate these gifts and ourselves to service in your name!

*COMMISSIONING & CONNECTING

Send a blessing on your social media and contacts far and wide.
When your own sight fails you, let God be your vision.

*CLOSING HYMN No. 445 *Be Thou My Vision*

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE **“God of Grace and God of Glory”** Paul Manz



Thank you for being in worship with us this morning!
We are glad to welcome you to the OCC.
Please join us for refreshments in our Fellowship Hall after the service.
May God bless you with all the good gifts of the Spirit!

THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1 East St. P.O. Box 657, Wrentham, MA 02093
Office: 508-384-3110 Website: www.occhurch.net Facebook

Senior Pastor: Reverend Kenneth C. Landin
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: **Jerry Long**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Leesa Burke, Jean Roche, Jane Claffey, and Mike Foster .**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Leesa Burke and Jane Claffey**

TODAY WE WELCOME the family and friends of Lauren and Patrick Flynn, as they celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism for their daughter ***Layla Isabelle Flynn***. Congratulations to all and May God Bless.

TODAY WE WELCOME KARIN GUSTAFSON, our guest musician for today.
Karin is an AGO organist and has played for us on occasions over the years. Thank you Karin.

GINGERBREAD FAIR....

Please see the newest Website postings for update No. 2 about the November 19, 2022
Gingerbread Fair, at occhurch.net, or if you prefer, copies of the posting are on the information table
outside of the library.

We are accepting donations for the fair during office hours Tuesday thru Friday from 9:00am-3:00 pm.



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