



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, September 25th, 2022 10am
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Cantabile”

César Franck

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Chuck and Cindy Peters

FAIR MOMENT

Barbara Ligon

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Around us, within us, and above us is the Living God.

People: In days of hope and strife we gather at the Gates.

Leader: Our praise is to the Lord who knows our joys and pains.

People: Our praise is to the Living God who grants us life.

*OPENING HYMN No. 18 *Praise to the Living God*

GATHERING PRAYER

Leader: Gracious God, you are the maker of all things. In you we have love and light and everything good. You invite us to see what is right before us. Forgive us when we let the plight of others become invisible to our own eyes. By faith call us up to live generously and boldly. By your Word compel us to be rich in hope and good works, compassion and care. 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.

***All who are able please stand**

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RESPONSIVE READING *from Psalm 91*

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High,

People: Who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

Leader: Will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress."

People: "You are my God, in whom I trust."

Leader: God will deliver you from the snare of the fowler.

People: And will deliver you from the deadly disease.

Leader: You will find refuge under God's wings.

People: You will not fear the terror of the night.

Leader: "Those who love me," says our Lord, "I will deliver."

People: "When they call to me, I will answer."

Leader: "I will be with them in trouble."

People: "I will rescue and honor them."

Leader: "With long life I will satisfy them."

People: "I will show them my salvation."

*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

1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19 "God Provides Us Richly with Everything"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Lamb of God"

François Couperin

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31 "The Parable of Poor Lazarus"

SERMON "Gathered at the Gates"

*HYMN No. 360

I Love to Tell the Story

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 through the giving of our gifts!

OFFERTORY

Sarabande on "Land of Rest"

Gerald Near

*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, grant our gifts to increase the joy of faith in others. Amen.

*COMMISSIONING & CONNECTING

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

Be careful not to say “no” when the Spirit calls us to say “yes.”

*CLOSING HYMN No. 345 ***God Be with you Till We Meet Again***

*SPOKEN BENEDECTION

*BENEDECTION RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE: **“Fantasia in F Major”** Johann Krebs



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: **Heather Castelo**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Stephen Becker, Jerry Long, Judy O'Neill
and Heather Castelo**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Joan Mello and Bob Casavant**

TODAY WE THANK Rick Duthe, our guest musician again this morning.

"I am a resident of Franklin and have been music director at Trinity Episcopal Church in Wrentham since 2015. I began my career in church music in my hometown of Niagara Falls, New York in the late 1960s, and I still enjoy that work. I am very happy to be with you this morning." Rick

CARD TABLE DURING COFFEE HOUR TODAY...

Emmie Foster and Sue Schwarm are hosting the card table during coffee hour. These are cards for church friends we have not seen for a while or those to whom we want to reach out.

This is one of the many Pastoral Care Ministries here at OCC. Other include the Prayer Shawl Ministry, the Kitchen Elves, the Lunch Bunch, the Prayer Chain, to name a few. Please speak to Pearl Gottberg or Sue Schwarm if you are interested in joining.

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



Pledge letters and forms have been mailed, and pledge forms are also available in office entryway and in Fellowship Hall. **Please return your pledge by October 23 – thank you!**

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

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, are available to anyone who may be in need. A few will be printed weekly.

Just ask an usher for the large print bulletin or, contact Donna in the office to be sure there are some available for you.

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE....

With Teddy Cetto now grandparenting in CA, there is an opening for the position of Organist/Choir Director. Full-time here means 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.

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