



The Original Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Sunday, June 11th, 2023, 10:00am  
Second Sunday after Pentecost

*Order of Worship*

PRELUDE

**“Bless the Lord”**

Mikhail Ippolitoff-Ivanoff

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.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come let us bless the Lord with all our heart.

**People: We bless the Lord with songs of praise.**

Leader: Come let us ring and sing for joy before God.

**People: We will bless the Lord with all our soul.**

MUSIC **“Jacob’s Ladder”** Spiritual arr. David M. Kellermeyer Wrentham wRingers

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

\*OPENING HYMN No. 2 ***The God of Abraham Praise***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together.

**All: Almighty and Everlasting God, you are the source of all blessing. We confess that we turn away from your blessing and look after our own interests. Forgive us when we do not look upon each other with faithfulness. Call us back to your fold. Let our faith grow strong by your grace. And may we live boldly into your way of compassion and mercy. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive now the assurance of faith.

We may rejoice because God has come to call all of us. Even the worst sinner is of our Lord’s greatest concern. In Christ, our sins are forgiven. In Christ we are met by a Lord of everlasting love. In Christ, our souls find soothing relief and by our faith we are made well.

**People: Thanks be to the Lord. Amen.**

**\* All who are able, please stand**

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 33*

Leader: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!

**People: Give thanks to the Lord with music.**

Leader: Make melody with the harp of ten strings.

**People: Sing to the Lord a new song with loud shouts!**

Leader: For the word of the Lord is upright.

**People: All God's work is done in faithfulness.**

Leader: God loves righteousness and justice.

**People: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord, our help and shield.

**People: Our heart is glad in God. We trust the Lord.**

Leader: Let your steadfast love be upon us, O Lord.

**People: We place our hope in you.**

\*ACT OF PRAISE No. 36

Words: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Genesis 12:1-9 "You Will Be a Blessing"

ANTHEM **"I Have Decided"** (to Follow Jesus) ASSAM, arr. Dennis Robert Wrentham Ringers

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 "The Lord Has Come to Call"

SERMON "Sitting with Sinners"

\*HYMN No. 356

***Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak***

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

**People: Christ is in our midst.**

Leader: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY **"Blessed Assurance"** Fanny Crosby arr. Karen Roth Wrentham wRingers

\*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

\*COMMISSIONING & CONNECTING

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

The sweetest sound to hear is God's amazing grace!

\*CLOSING HYMN No. 401        *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*

\*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE    **"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"**

Peter Lutkin

\*POSTLUDE



Thank you for being in worship with us this morning!  
We are glad to welcome you to the OCC.  
Please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation!



Today we celebrate and give thanks for our ministry of music.  
Thank you to our choir members and our handbell ringers for a wonderful season. And, thanks be to Justin Kisch and Martha Goodman, our dedicated music leaders!

## **LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**IN OUR PRAYERS...**

**Lynnete Beaudro**, in our prayers of safety in Qatar.

**Peg Mercier**, for prayers of peace and health.

**Mary Williams**, for healing and recovery.

*Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God*

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: **Ralph Lambalot**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Leesa Burke, Jane Claffey, Mike Foster and Trevor Knott**

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

## **NEW DATE ALERT!! The OCC June Yard Sale – June 17, 2023, 8a-12p**

Come and see us next Saturday, June 17, 2023 (rescheduled from June 10) from 8 am to 12 noon. We have so many great items to sell! Browse our Vestry filled with household goods, toys, sporting equipment, and much, much more! Parking is available in the church lot. Church is located at 1 East St. Wrentham MA, [www.occhurch.net](http://www.occhurch.net), 508-384-3110. See you there!

## **OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH COMMITTEE**

As you know, the search has begun for our next Office Administrator and committee members are Doug Mure, Chris Cuoco, Lesley Whittemore, Justin Kisch and Pastor Ken. The ad for the position has been placed and numerous resume's have been received. We will begin to reach out to the applicants towards the middle to end of June.

While Donna has graciously agreed to stay on through the summer and early fall, there are some big shoes to fill with her departure, so we are moving forward now with the search for her replacement. We'll keep you posted, stay tuned!

**SUMMER IS UPON US.** Well, the calendar says it is.

Yes, it's still nippy, but hopefully soon a new season will bring summer warmth, which means it's time to remind everyone Summer Worship hours will begin July 2nd. Worship service will begin at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall, Fellowship hour immediately afterward.

## **ZIMBABWE BOXES ARE OUT**

Finally, the boxes are set up and labeled for donations. We are focusing our donation efforts for The Daisy Dube Childrens Home and Sheltering Arms. The Childrens Home provides a safe space for orphans and abandoned children through our United Church of Christ affiliates in Zimbabwe. Upon aging out of the Childrens Home, youth are given the opportunity to train for a trade at the Sheltering Arms. Following this path can provide an opportunity to continue to thrive in an otherwise harsh environment.

Thanks to our New Hampshire friend, Connie Littlefield and her many African contacts, a shipping crate will leave Rochester, New Hampshire on August 16<sup>th</sup> and begin its journey to Mozambique Africa.

Boxes have been labeled to help organize our collection. Lists of requested items are available there near the assembled boxes.

Essentially, the categories are:

- Gently used clothing for children and infants, including new socks and underwear, shoes in good condition
- Women's and men's clothing, including new bras and men's suits and ties
- School supplies; backpacks, pens, pencils, paper, chalk and rulers
- Art supplies, reading books and preschool puzzles
- Medical supplies; pain relievers, antibiotic ointment, gauze and bandage supplies
- Eyeglasses, toothbrushes, soap and sanitary supplies
- Sewing supplies; fabric, thread, zippers, scissors, sewing needles
- Bedding supplies; sheets, blankets, towels and tote bags
- Sheltering Arms; double size sheets and towels, plates, pots and pans, cutlery and recipe books
- Tools; pliers, tape measures, tool boxes, helmets

## **THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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**Bells Director: Martha Goodman**

**Sextons: Bob & Sandy Cummings Office Administrator: Donna Charbatji**