



The Original Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Sunday, June 18th, 2023, 10:00am  
Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Father's Day

*Order of Worship*

PRELUDE      **“Orgelstück in C”**      A. Kehrer

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: Let us praise the Lord, the God of Creation!

**People: God is the source of our health and salvation.**

Leader: For all who can hear, to God let us now draw near!

**People: To the Lord we lift up our love and adoration.**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

\*OPENING HYMN No. 26      ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together.

**All: Merciful God, we seek to follow in your way. We confess that there are times our faith wavers and we do not show mercy towards others. Forgive us our sins. Grant us a new and right spirit that we may recognize when others are in distress, and we may lift up their spirits. Open to us all the pathways that lead to peace and to your healing love. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE

Leader: Let us receive the blessed assurances of faith.

Because God's love is being poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, we may never lose heart. Even in times of suffering, through the grace of God, we endure. Our sins are forgiven. Faith does not disappoint. With God, we walk with hope. We all share in the glory of God.

**People: Amen.**

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

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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 116*

Leader: I love the Lord for hearing my voice.

**People: I will call on the Lord as long as I live.**

Leader: In suffering and distress I called on God.

**People: O Lord, I pray, save my life!**

Leader: Gracious is the Lord and righteous.

**People: Our God is merciful.**

Leader: The Lord protects the lowly.

**People: When I was brought low, God saved me.**

Leader: Return, O my soul, to your rest.

**People: The Lord has dealt bountifully with us.**

Leader: We offer to God a thanksgiving sacrifice.

**People: We will pay our vows to the Lord.**

\*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

Romans 5:1-8 "Endurance Produces Character"

MUSIC

**"Psalm 23"**

Antonín Dvořák

Kent Jones, baritone

SCRIPTURE READING

John 5:1-18 "My Father is Still Working"

SERMON "The Character to Care"

\*HYMN No. 418

***Faith of Our Fathers***

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

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

Leader: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING & SERVICE

OFFERTORY

**"This is My Father's World"**

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock; Music: Franklin L. Sheppard

Kent Jones, baritone

*Singing in memory of his Father Albert H. Jones 1919-1995*

\*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.*  
Under God's starry sky all people become siblings.

\*CLOSING HYMN No. 7                      *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

\*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE                      **"God the Father, Be Our Stay"**                      G. P. Telemann



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!  
May you and your loved ones have a most blessed Father's Day.

#### **THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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

**Music Director/Organist: Justin Kisch**

**Bells Director: Martha Goodman**

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

## **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: **Joan Mello**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Ralph Lambalot, Jerry Long, Judy O'Neill and Gordon Wetmore**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Bob Boissy and Ralph Lambalot**

### **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 resumés 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.

Summer warmth means it's time to remind everyone Summer Worship hours will begin July 2nd. Worship service will begin at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall, Fellowship hour immediately afterward.

**JOIN US WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST FOR THE LAST LUNCH BUNCH OF THE SEASON.** All are welcome for a relaxing lunch of soup and sandwiches and of course, a fun time with Pastor Ken and Justin.

### **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



We are an Open and Affirming congregation  
affiliated with the United Church of Christ

### **The ONA 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.