

The Original Congregational Church United Church of Christ Sunday, June 25th, 2023, 10:00am Fourth Sunday after Pentecost The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

# Next Sunday July 2, Worship Moves to 9:30am in the Air-Conditioned Fellowship Hall

Order of Worship

**PRELUDE** 

"Consolation in D-Flat, Op. 172 No.4"

Franz Liszt

**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: To love we are called by the Spirit.

People: We are glad to be in worship together. Leader: God enlarges our family with the faithful. People: Thanks be to the Lord of Life and Love.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

\*OPENING HYMN No. 469 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: God, you are the source of all faithfulness. We confess that we do not always live by our faith. We forget your ways and try to rely on our own strength. Forgive us our times of unbelief. Call us back to walk into your ways of love and welcome and compassion. Nurture in us all the character of your children of faith, joining us into your peace. Amen.

#### SILENT PRAYER

#### ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive the assurance of our faith.

The good news in God, is that every child is born to love. In Christ, we are shown the way to live with one another. Like God, we need not withhold any good thing from each other. Know that in Christ, our sins are forgiven. By our Baptism we are anointed with God's gladness, the Lord's love and care. Through the gift of our wider faith family, we are to live bountifully with all.

People: In Jesus' name we live and pray. 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 13

Leader: How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? **People:** How long will you hide your face from me?

Leader: How long must I bear pain in my soul;

People: And have sorrow in my heart all day long? Leader: How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? People: Consider and answer me, O Lord, my God!

Leader: Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep.

People: Will my enemy say, "I have prevailed."

Leader: But I trusted in your steadfast love.

People: My heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

Leader: I will sing to the Lord;

People: For the Lord has dealt bountifully with me!

\*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.

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 blessings for the newly baptized. Grant to *John Jariol*, 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

Romans 8:26-30 "Born by Faith into a Large Family"

ANTHEM "Jesu, Grant Me This I Pray" William A. Fletcher Monica Yohn, Soprano

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:40-42 "Rewards of the Righteous"

SERMON "The Jesus Look"

\*HYMN No. 80 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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 "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, arr. Lloyd Larson

\*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.

Take a deep breath, for the Spirit is filling you with great faithfulness.

\*CLOSING HYMN No. 596 Great Is Your Faithfulness

\*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE **"Praeludium in D Minor, BWV 539"** J. S. Bach

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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!

And please remember, next week **July 2nd**, we move worship to **9:30am** in the Fellowship Hall for the months of July and August.

Set your alarm clock for 30 minutes early!!!

#### THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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# 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 in honor of The Baptism of John Jariol Haynes From his loving Family

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: Judy McCormack

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: Steve Becker, Alice Gero, Pam Jennette

And Joan Mello

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: Mike Foster and Joan Mello

#### TODAY WE WELCOME TO THE CHURCH the family and friends of

Maryannie and James Haynes to celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism of their son

*John Jariol Haynes*. Standing in honor as Godparents are Annaliza Jesteadt, Joseph Jesteadt, Jon Haynes and Judith Levins. Beloved Grandparents are Janet Haynes,

Melania Jariol, Ronilio Jariol and the late John Haynes. Congratulations to all and May God Bless.

#### 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.

# **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.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS WILL BEGIN** the week of July 2nd. The office will be open Tuesday and Thursday from 9am-3pm.

#### 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.