



The Original Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Wrentham Centre  
Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00am  
Trinity Sunday  
The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Anniversary of the OCC ONA Covenant

*Order of Service*

PRELUDE

**“Evening Piece”**

Eduard Schütt

GREETING

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: Praise be to the Lord! Amen.**

WORDS OF WELCOME

*A reading of the OCC ONA Welcome Statement and Covenant*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*Announcements are made for the good of the parish.*

\*HYMN No. 18

***Praise to the Living God***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us be joined together in prayer.

**All: God of Love and Light, you are the source and goal of life. We lift our praise to you. With you comes hope even in troubled times. We confess we have not always lived in harmony with you and one another. Forgive us our sins. Guard our hearts and minds in you that our love be genuine and that we may live in a holy peace with all creation. Amen**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear now words of blessed assurance.

We look to the heavens and see the sun rising above us all. At night the moon beckons us toward the poetic art of love. In the rainbow comes the arc of divine remembrance and mercy. With firm confidence in the Spirit we may be assured, our sins are forgiven, the flood of resistance is washed away, and the exceedingly beautiful brightness of God colors all the earth with great care.

**All: To God be the Glory! Amen.**

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

RESPONSIVE READING *from Sirach 43*

Leader: The pride of the higher realms is the clear vault of the sky.

**People: It is glorious to behold as the sight of the heavens.**

Leader: The sun, when it appears, proclaims the work of the Most High.

**People: Great is the Lord who made it and orders its course.**

Leader: The moon marks the changing seasons, their everlasting sign.

**People: How marvelous is this beacon shining in the heavens!**

Leader: The glory of the stars is the beauty of heaven.

**People: They are a glittering array in the heights of the Lord.**

Leader: Look at the rainbow and praise God who made it.

**People: It is exceedingly beautiful in its brightness.**

Leader: It encircles the sky with its glorious arc.

**People: The hands of the Most High have stretched it out.**

Leader: Noah was found holy and righteous.

**People: In the time of wrath Noah kept us alive.**

Leader: When the flood came, a remnant was left on the earth.

**People: God made everlasting covenants with Noah.**

Leader: Never again would all be blotted out by a flood.

**People: Bless the Lord who has crowned us with glory.**

Leader: May the Lord grant you wisdom of mind and justice.

**People: That prosperity and glory endure through all generations.**

\*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

Romans 12:9-18 “Live in Harmony with All”

ANTHEM

**“Praise We God the Father's Name”**

Words: Cyril A. Alington Music: Leland B. Sateren

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9:8-17 “The Sign of God’s Everlasting Covenant”

SERMON “God Remembers—The Rainbow Post-It Note”

\*HYMN No. 72

***There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy***

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

Leader: Is it your desire to affirm your baptism into the faith by uniting with us here in the Original Congregational Church as we seek to live according to the teachings and example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and, do you promise, relying on God’s grace, to be a faithful and loving member of our covenant sharing in our worship and work in this community and the world?

Response: ***I do.***

## AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH AND COVENANT

*This version is adapted from a Congregational Covenant used in 1629.*

Leader: Let us all rise and affirm our faith and covenant together.

**All: We covenant with the Lord and each other, being bound together in the presence of God, to walk together in faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures.**

## THE OCC COVENANT OF ADMISSION

*This version printed in an early OCC handbook from the 1800's.*

**All: We, then, of this Church do joyfully and charitably receive you into our sacred communion and fellowship: And, we do promise, by the assistance of Divine Grace, to discharge all duties towards you in love and holy watchfulness to the mutual building up of one another in the faith and fellowship of the Lord Jesus Christ and his Gospel. Amen.**

## THE SIGN OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

### CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

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

Leader: Let us pray.

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### CALL TO OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

**“Roll Down, Justice!”**

Mark A. Miller

\*DOXOLOGY No. 44 Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Bourgeois 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.**

### \*DEDICATION

\*COMMUNION HYMN No. 314

***As We Gather at Your Table***

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive at the Lord's Table!*

### COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS *unison*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest!**

CONSECRATION

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.**

LAMB OF GOD

Leader: Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world:

**People: Have mercy on us.**

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Leader: Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world:

**People: Grant us peace.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER

**We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

COMMISSIONING

*Sending a blessing from the OCC to your contacts far and wide.*

Like a rainbow, may our stormy days bow in reverence before our clear ones.

\*CLOSING HYMN No. 381      *In Christ There Is No East or West*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**“Voluntary in C”**

G. F. Handel



Welcome to the OCC!

We are so glad to have you join us in worship today.

In the United Church of Christ everyone is welcome to receive communion.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and continued conversation.

May the Spirit be ever with you!

# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

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

**Charlie Roberts**, for healing love.

**Jerry Long**, for healing and recovery.

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

**The Family of Bill Wallhausser**, for his recent passing. All are welcome to attend a Service of Committal on Saturday, June 10th at 11:00am at the Wrentham Centre Cemetery, and also immediately following, for the Collation and Tributes with Music in Fellowship Hall.

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

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: **Barbara Ligon**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Bob Boissy, Kathy Boissy, Heather Castelo, Kim Kelly, Ralph Lambalot, Gordon Wetmore**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Bob Casavant and Trevor Knott**

THANK YOU TO OUR NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: **Charlotte Capone**

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

We are rescheduling our June Yard Sale! The Original Congregational Church of Wrentham June Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2023 (rescheduled from June 10) from 8 am to 12 noon. We have so many great items to sell so we are having another! 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

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 committee has met to review the job description for this position and to plan the next steps in the search process. 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! See the Job description on the last page.

## 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 Open and Affirming Covenant of the OCC



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.*

### 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

# Job description

The Original Congregational Church in Wrentham, MA is looking for an in-office part-time Office Administrator. The Office Administrator is responsible for the efficient administration of the church office functions. This includes being the primary contact for those seeking information about the church, its programs, and the Wrentham Food Pantry. The Church Office Administrator works closely with and supports, the Pastor, OCC staff, and OCC Ministry Teams.

## Qualifications:

- General secretarial or office administration and computer skills. Technical skills necessary to learn to use the software used by the church (Church Windows, Word, Excel and Publisher) and Web Site maintenance and social media skills. Ability to recommend and enhance the technical expertise of the OCC office administration function and to assist the Treasurer, as needed.
- Excellent communication skills. The ability to speak, write and listen well. The ability to relay pertinent information to the appropriate individuals in a timely manner. Confidentiality of sensitive information must be maintained at all times.
- The individual should be comfortable working in a Faith Community, self motivated, pay attention to details and be able to multi task in an office environment with an attention to detail.
- As a representative of the church to the public, the candidate should be trustworthy, confidential, and possess a professional appearance and demeanor, sensitivity to the needs of others, and be able to get along with a wide variety of personalities.

24 Hours per week (12 hours /per week for 7 weeks in summer)

1.25 days off per month accrued for vacation, sickness, personal leave and/or family leave.

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Job Type: Part-time

Salary: \$22.00 - \$27.00 per hour

Benefits:

- Paid time off

Work Location: In person