



The Original Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Sunday, August 13th, 2023, 9:30am  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

*Welcome to the OCC  
A Positive Possibilities Place*

*Order of Service*

PRELUDE      **"Close Every Door"** from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*  
Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice

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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us sing the mighty power of God.

**People: God made the mountains rise and the flowing seas.**

Leader: Let us sing the goodness of God.

**People: The Lord fills the earth with food and calls it good.**

Leader: Let us sing the wisdom of God.

**People: All of life is ever in God's care; God is present everywhere.**

\*OPENING HYMN No. 57      *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together.

**All: Creator God you command the wind and the waves. We confess we are in awe of your power. You call us to follow you and we are afraid. Forgive us our unbelief. We have doubted the power of faith to sustain us if we take great risks for great love. Show us the way to be transformed through adversity, that we may dwell in divine possibility. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

*We take a moment to be in silent prayer before the Lord in worship.*

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

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## ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive now these words of blessed assurance.

The great good news of faith is this: God saves. God saves us from our doubts. God saves us from our fears. God saves us from ourselves. God saves us from each other. God saves us from all our sins. By faith, we walk in hope and never in despair. God is lifting up the world in each new step we take towards the divine dream of peace on earth.

**People: Praise be to the Lord of Love and Life. 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 105*

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord.

**People: Make known God's deeds to all.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord.

**People: Tell of God's wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in the Holy Name of God.

**People: Let your hearts rejoice.**

Leader: Seek the Lord and God's strength.

**People: Remember God's miracles and judgments.**

Leader: Joseph was sold into slavery.

**People: A famine was summoned against the land.**

Leader: Joseph was released and became the ruler.

**People: Joseph taught them wisdom. Praise 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

Matthew 14:22-33 "Jesus Walks on Water"

MUSIC

**"Just as I Am"**

Words: Charlotte Elliott Music: William Bradbury

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 "Joseph is Sold into Slavery"

SERMON "Here Comes the Dreamer"

\*HYMN No. 470

***Precious Lord, Take My Hand***

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

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

Leader: Let us pray.

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## PASTORAL PRAYER

### CALL TO OFFERING & SERVICE

Leader: Let us praise the source of blessing with our gifts.

**People: We offer to God our hearts and hands in hope.**

Leader: God is calling us to use our gifts to inspire dreams.

**People: Our offering is presented for the purpose of peace.**

OFFERTORY            **"Any Dream Will Do"**     Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice

\*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

Leader: Dear God, we thank you for the gift of giving.

**People: Grant us to be your generous community.**

Leader: Bless all who are in need of your uplifting care.

**People: We dedicate our steps to your divine dare! Amen.**

### \*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

*We rejoice in the mission to share our faith and grow the church of Christ!*

Leader: We are sent to the east and to the west.

**People: We go to the north and to the south.**

Leader: From here we will find faith awaiting us there.

**People: All hearts are bound as one in the Lord.**

Leader: Let us go to create community in all we meet.

**People: We shall go to gather the faithful everywhere.**

Leader: May God bless us to grow in faith, hope and love.

**People: May God bless us to step out without any fear.**

Leader: In Christ, we shall walk as on water.

**People: In Christ, we shall serve the whole wide world!**

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

### \*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE            *Musica ricercata: VIII. Vivace. Energico"*

György Ligeti



Welcome to the OCC!  
Thanks for sharing a portion of your Sabbath Day with us in worship.  
Join us for refreshments and continued conversation here in  
Fellowship Hall after the service.

May the divine dream of peace go with you in these deep days of summer!

## 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.

**The Family of Betty Miller**, grandmother of Hodge (Monica) Yohn, for her passing in Hospice Care this week. Please keep Hodge, Sherry and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

**Brian Donlan**, for healing and recovery.

*Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Memory of  
Michael L. Rishon  
Husband of Janet Farrar Rishon*

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: **Bob Boissy**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Lesley Whittemore & Jane Claffey**

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



**The Church Mouse Fair  
November 18, 2023 9 am – 2 pm**



Save the date on your calendars for The Church Mouse Fair, to be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 9 - 2. Stay tuned for SPIRE articles, weekly church bulletins, and our new fair bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for important fair updates! Here are some early calls for help: Save items for the Gifts (non-used), Books (excellent condition), Jewelry, and Christmas tables. Start thinking about creative ideas for the Craft Table and saving your gently used items for the Attic Treasures area. Volunteers will be needed on fair day. We look forward with anticipation to this traditional community event at our church!

We will begin accepting donations September 5, 2023 Tuesday through Friday 9am-3pm.

**MIKE FOSTER** is looking for someone to help him approach local businesses about donations to the auction, which will be part of the Church Mouse Fair. Most of those businesses are pleased to donate every year, so the process is easy.

Please contact Mike if you are interested in helping.



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.

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