



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, October 1st, 2023, 10:00am
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

***Welcome to the OCC
Positive Possibilities Place***

Order of Worship

PRELUDE "Raise the Joyous Song!" Gerald Peterson

GREETING

Leader: Grace and Peace to you in the name of the One who is and who was and who is to come, the Lord Almighty!

People: And may our joy be made complete in our fellowship of faith! Amen.

WELCOME & READING OUR ONA COVENANT *see insert*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Announcements are made for the good of the parish.

GATHERING OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

*HYMN No. 26

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Holy God, you are the source of all wisdom. We confess that we can harden our minds and be inflexible with your Word. Forgive us our sins. Lead us through our wilderness journey, guiding us by your steady hand. Show us the way to live boldly by faith. Make new life possible. Open our spirits to be changed with your abundant grace. Amen.

***All who are able please stand**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive these words of assurance.

The great good news of the Gospel is that faith flows into every human heart with abundance. According to the grace of God all our sins are forgiven in Christ's love. Life begins again. Minds are changed. Our stubborn wills are soothed. Our souls are restored. And with God to guide us, we can find living water in the driest desert and a deep peace between peoples on earth.

People: Praise be to the Lord our God!

RESPONSIVE PSALM *from Psalm 78*

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching.

People: Tell it to the coming generation;

Leader: Of the glorious deeds of the Lord;

People: God's might and all the wonders.

Leader: The Lord worked marvels in our sight.

People: God divided the sea and let us pass through it.

Leader: In daytime the Lord led us with a cloud.

People: God led us all night with a fiery light.

Leader: The Lord split rocks open in the wilderness.

People: God gave us drink abundantly from the deep.

Leader: The Lord made streams to come out of the rock.

People: The waters flowed down like rivers!

ACT OF PRAISE No. 36 *Gloria* 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.

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 17:1-7

“Water Comes Out of the Rock”

HANDBELL CHOIR “A Joyful Psalm” Michael Helman
wRentham Ringers

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:28-32 “A Parable on Doing God’s Will”

SERMON “Mind Changing”

*HYMN No. 473

O Jesus, I Have Promised

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: Christ is in our midst.

Leader: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

Leader: Come, let us present our gifts to God!

People: We rejoice to return our best to the Lord!

OFFERTORY

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Dear God, receive our gifts.

People: We dedicate our offering to your glory.

Leader: Water the earth with streams of faithfulness.

People: Bless the world to know your great mercy! Amen.

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.

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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People: Have mercy on us.

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

People: Grant us peace.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP **Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether**

Percy Dearmer [not dreamer!], Harold Friedell

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.

SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: Our joy is made complete in the Lord.

People: The Spirit binds us in partnership.

Leader: God's ways enable our ways.

People: God's works enable our works.

Leader: We are sent to proclaim the goodness of God.

People: May the church of Christ grow in God's grace.

Leader: We are sent to serve the lost and alone.

People: May we connect all into a community of care!

*HYMN No. 336 *Go with Us, Lord*

BENEDICTION

SPOKEN BEDEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"High Praise" Rachel Sawyer



Welcome to the OCC!

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

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

THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Bells Director: Martha Goodman

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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.

Brian Donlan, for healing and recovery.

Betty Tobin, for her well-being.

Pearl and Gerry Gottberg, on their recent hospitalization in Florida.

Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: **Jerry Long**

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

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: Alison Wade and Bob Casavant

KITCHEN ELVES AND LUNCH BUNCH have been postponed until October. Elves will resume October 4th and Lunch Bunch October 18th

SOUTHERN BLUEGRASS CONCERT OCTOBER 28TH In Tribute to Ken Graves 7pm to 9pm

Tickets go on sale Wednesday, September 27th in the office. Please stop by during office hours from Tuesday through Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Donations for this one time only concert, are cash or check only. There will be no on-line credit/debit card sales.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We need baked goods, greeters and users for our concert event.

Please see Pastor Ken.



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



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.

Approved by the OCC on June 5, 2022.