



**The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, October 15th, 2023, 10:00am
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

***Let Us Love One Another
For God Is Love***

Order of Worship

**THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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Senior Pastor: Reverend Kenneth C. Landin
Music Director/Organist: Justin Kisch
Bells Director: Martha Goodman
Office Administrator: AnnMarie Lascuola-Helmar
Sextons: Bob & Sandy Cummings**

PRELUDE

Sarabande in D Minor G. F. Handel

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Gordon Wetmore

***HYMN No. 9**

Come, Thou Almighty King

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together.

**All: God of Majesty, may we see the glory of your eternal love. We confess that our faith falters along the way. We are stubborn. We grow impatient. In our need for you we create our own images of who you are. Forgive us our sins. Show us the way to worship you in your truth and in your Spirit. Broad-
en our horizons in your faith perspectives. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

***All who are able please stand**

ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear now words of assurance.

People: We may rejoice in the Lord always. We need not be anxious about anything. We may have a deep and enduring peace. For the Lord is near. In the presence of the Living God, our sins are forgiven. Our hearts and minds are guarded by the love of Christ. By faith, we live into an amazing grace that never lets us go. 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 106*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: O give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: Happy are those who observe justice.

Leader: Remember us, your people, O Lord.

People: May we see prosperity.

Leader: May we rejoice in gladness.

People: We glory in your heritage.

Leader: Both we and our ancestors sinned.

People: They made a calf at Horeb.

Leader: They worshipped a cast image.

People: They exchanged God for a calf that eats grass.

Leader: They forgot their Savior.

People: God had done great things for them.

Leader: And then Moses stood in the breach before God.

People: Moses turned away God's wrath from consuming them.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: Praise the Lord!

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LUNCH BUNCH ...Join us for lunch and music with Justin
October 18th at Noon.

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

Tickets are now on sale 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. Seating is limited for this special event, so please purchase tickets early.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We need baked goods, greeters and ushers for our concert event, October 28th. Contact us in the office.



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.

Please see our ONA Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall, and look on our Web-site for more information and links to the wider UCC resources.

*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.

SCRIPTURE READING
Philippians 4:4-9 “Rejoice in the Lord Always”

ANTHEM **"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"**
Words: Cecil Frances Alexander Music: from The Southern Harmony

SCRIPTURE READING
Exodus 32:1-14 “The Golden Calf Incident”

SERMON “Stubborn for the Right”

*HYMN No. 436 ***Just a Closer Walk with Thee***

PRAYER NOTICES ARE SHARED
Response: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

CALL TO PRAYER
Leader: Christ is with us.
People: Christ is in our midst.
Leader: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING & SERVICE
Leader: Let us make our sacrifices for the Lord.
People: To God of Creation we give thanks and praise.
Leader: For God has done wondrous things for the people.
People: Glory be to the God who saves and sustains us!

OFFERTORY **“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”** arr. Raymond H. Hahn

*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: Holy God, accept our gifts we bring.
People: May the world be filled with your holiness.
Leader: May the world rejoice in all your good gifts.
People: Bless us in our service in your name. Amen.

*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

We rejoice in the mission to share our faith and grow the church of Christ!
Leader: Summer and winter, springtime and harvest:
People: We join with all nature to see your Glory.
Leader: Send us out with great joy to serve.
People: Send us out with great boldness to proclaim.
Leader: Send us out with great courage to save souls.
People: Send us out to share great hope for tomorrow.
Leader: For great is your faithfulness.
People: Great is your faithfulness, God unto all!

*HYMN No. 596 *Great Is Your Faithfulness*

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE Voluntary in A Major John Alcock



Welcome to the OCC!

Please join us for refreshments in our Fellowship Hall after the service.
May the Lord bless you and your loved ones this Autumn Season!

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

Today we offer a time to share your prayer concerns in worship as you feel called by the Spirit. To honor your personal prayer requests, the YouTube Broadcast will be closed at that time. In lifting up a loved one’s concern, or a general prayer petition for the world, be thoughtful about the concern for protecting private information.

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, for continued healing and recovery.
Elizabeth Enegren, thanksgiving for healing and return from recent hospitalization

Today’s Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY’S LITURGIST:
THANK YOU TO TODAY’S USHERS: **Ralph Lambalot, Judy O’Neill, Richard Landlov and Gordon Wetmore**
THANK YOU TO TODAY’S COUNTERS: **Trevor Knott and Ralph Lambalot**