



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, October 22nd, 2023, 10:00am
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

***Great Peace Comes
By the Word of God***

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

Hymn of Praise Adolph Hesse

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

*HYMN No. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Holy God, you have faithfully guided your people through the ages. We confess that we often lose sight of your presence with us. Forgive us our unbelief. Grant that we may see you more clearly. Give us the courage to prioritize all our tasks according to your mercy and strength. We seek to serve you in all our worship and work. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

***All who are able please stand**

ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear these words of assurance.

The great good news of faith is that our sins are forgiven. The power of Christ's love transforms us from who we were into all that we may become in the Spirit. In God's grace, we can return to the world the divine gifts of peace, hope, and love. The God of Creation goes with us in our past, present and future. In all times and places we belong always to the Lord.

People: Praise be to God. 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 99*

Leader: The Lord reigns; let the people tremble!

People: The Lord sits enthroned; let the earth quake!

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion; exalted over all the people.

People: Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Leader: In your might, you love justice.

People: You have established equity.

Leader: Exalt the Lord our God in worship.

People: Moses called upon the Lord.

Leader: O Lord our God you answered the people.

People: You were a forgiving God to them.

Leader: Worship at God's holy mountain.

People: For the Lord our God is holy!

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

Exodus 33:17-23 “Moses Asks to See the Lord”

ANTHEM

“Teach Me, O Lord” Thomas Attwood

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:15-22 “Give to God Things that Are God’s”

SERMON “Rendering unto God”

*HYMN No. 445

Be Thou My Vision

PRAYER NOTICES ARE SHARED

Response: **O Lord, in your mercy, receive 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 return our gifts to the Lord.

People: We worship God with our offerings.

Leader: Exalt the Lord of heaven and earth.

People: All the world belongs to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

“We Will Glorify” Twila Paris, arr. Jack Schrader

*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, we dedicate our gifts to you.

People: May your presence be continually with us.

Leader: Enlarge our capacity to give and to serve.

People: Holy is your Word and Work in the world. Amen.

*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: Lord of Life we rejoice to be in your presence.

People: Let us take our worship gifts out into the world.

Leader: May the world be made more holy.

People: May the world be made more loving.

Leader: May the world be made more humble.

People: And may the world be made more faithful.

Leader: Show us the way to do our part for you.

People: May your community of care be blessed.

*HYMN No. 348

Lord, Make Me More Holy

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

* HYMN No. 351

Shalom Chaverim

*POSTLUDE

“A Song of Joy” Emma Louise Ashford



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!

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: **Heather Castelo**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Stephen Becker, Alice Gero, Pam Jennette and Joan Mello**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Joan Mello and Alison Wade**

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 silenced during 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.

SOUTHERN RAIL 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.

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

TRUNK OR TREAT will be held again this year! It will be on October 29th, right after church, from 11:15-12:30. This will be open to any kids, not just from the church. Costumes are encouraged but not required! If you would like to decorate your trunk or have questions please call Jen Chace (508)212-2194.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES are due Friday, October 27th. Thank you all for your gifts.



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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 Website for more information and links to the wider UCC resources.