



The Original Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Sunday, October 8th, 2023, 10:00am  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Welcome to the OCC  
A Positive Possibilities Place*

*Order of Worship*

PRELUDE      **“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**      arr. Edward Miller  
(ROCKINGHAM)

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.*

GATHERING OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

\*HYMN No. 110      ***Jesus Shall Reign***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together.

**All: Holy God, your glory is revealed in all Creation. We confess that we fall away from faithfulness. The demands of the world pull us away from you. We forget your Word. Forgive us our sins. Grant that our faith be renewed. Let us press on toward the goal you place before us. May we worship you anew in the splendor of holiness. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE

Leader: Let us receive the assurances of faith.

By faith in Christ, we gain all things. Whatever we have lost, through Christ's resurrection we find incredible hope. The good news of the Gospel is that our sins are forgiven. The gift of Christ's love is accessible to all to receive. When Christ takes hold of us, our life is transformed!

**People: Thanks 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.**

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

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RESPONSIVE READING *from Psalm 19*

Leader: The heavens tell of God's glory.

**People: The earth proclaims God's handiwork.**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

**People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making us wise.**

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

**People: God's commandments are clear, they enlighten.**

Leader: The worship of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

**People: God's ordinances are true and righteous.**

Leader: Let the words of my mouth,

**People: The meditation of our hearts,**

Leader: Be acceptable to you, O Lord.

**People: You are our Rock and our Redeemer.**

\*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

Philippians 3:7-14 "Pressing Toward the Heavenly Call"

ANTHEM

**"The Spacious Firmament"**

Words: Joseph Addison Music: adapted from F. J. Haydn

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 "The Ten Commandments"

SERMON "We Press On"

\*HYMN No. 414

***This Is a Day of New Beginnings***

PRAYER NOTICES ARE SHARED

*The YouTube Broadcast will be closed to honor your concerns.*

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 present our gifts to the glory of God.

**People: In faith, we rejoice to share our gifts for God's work.**

OFFERTORY **"Just a Little Talk with Jesus"** Cleavant Derricks

\*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, bless our gifts.

**People: We dedicate ourselves to service in your name.**

Leader: Grant our resources to be a resource to those in need.

**People: Strengthen our mission and work in faith. Amen.**

\*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: The Lord sends us out to serve.

**People: We shall create a community of care.**

Leader: God is our light in the darkness.

**People: God's Word shall never fail us.**

Leader: In Christ we stand on solid Rock.

**People: In Christ all we experience is redeemed.**

Leader: Let us build the world with great hope.

**People: Let us build the world with great love.**

\*HYMN No. 605                      *My Hope Is Built*

\*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE                      **Psalm 19**                      Benedetto Marcello



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 Holiday Weekend!

## 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 following the sermon. 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.

**THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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**Senior Pastor: Reverend Kenneth C. Landin**

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**Bells Director: Martha Goodman**

**Sextons: Bob & Sandy Cummings Office Administrator: AnnMarie Lascuola-Helmar**

**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: **Jen Chace**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Gordon Wetmore, Mike Foster**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Mike Foster and Jerry Long**

**LUNCH BUNCH** ...At this time, Lunch Bunch is still scheduled for October 18th.

**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.

**CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

We need baked goods, greeters and users for our concert event, October 28th. Please see Pastor Ken.

## Church Mouse Fair Saturday, November 18th 9 am-2pm

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Forty one days before Jean Roche and Christine Symmes edge out Julia and Lidia and Rachel and Ina, offering home baked goods to the Wrentham community at the Food Table of our Church Mouse Fair. Located at the heart of the building where the old joins with new, our Food Table attracts busy people looking for delicious kitchen creations and makes a chunk of change in the process.

The secret of their success?

YOU.

We need you to contribute your pies, cakes, muffins, scones, whatever goodies you can make at home and bring to Jean and Christine on Friday afternoon, November 17, or early Saturday, November 18. These should be goodies that do NOT need refrigeration, so the Wrentham Board of Health remains our friend. And baking with grandchildren can be a holiday tradition.

We NEVER have enough pies. Big sellers are the mini-pies that easily serve two people.

Small bags of cookies and muffins also disappear. Perhaps you have some recipes that can be made ahead and frozen. (Archeologists in the Holy Land recently uncovered a papyrus poll of the 12 disciples, voting for their favorite cookie. The results: chocolate chip, 6; brownies, 5; snickerdoodles, 1. Some things never change.) And candy! Fudge goes fast.

So, plan ahead. Forty-one days to create some taste treats. Please email Jean [jean.roche@comcast.net](mailto:jean.roche@comcast.net) or Christine [cnhsymmes@verizon.net](mailto:cnhsymmes@verizon.net) to tell them what you can contribute. Your contribution should be accompanied by a list of ingredients, date of baking, and your name.

Thanks, and happy baking.

Barbara Ligon and Gordon Wetmore,  
Church Mouse Fair Co-Chairs



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.