



The Original Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00am  
Reformation Sunday

*Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace...*

—Martin Luther

*Order of Worship*

PRELUDE

**Fughetta on "A Mighty Fortress is our God"**

Johann Pachelbel

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. 469

***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together.

**All: Almighty and Everlasting God, you call us to love you with all our heart, all our mind, and all our strength. You call us to love one another. We confess that we have not always loved you and each other with all we have. Forgive us our sin. Through prayer, through worship, and through your Word keep open the pathway that leads us to you. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive now these words of assurance.

There is a word above all other words. Grace is from above. Grace is foundational. Grace moves through every living thing. Through grace alone we are justified by faith which grants us peace with God through Jesus Christ. Our sins are forgiven. In the grace of God, our suffering produces endurance, forming character, and resulting in hope. By grace we live confidently in divine hope.

**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.**

RESPONSIVE READING *from Psalm 90*

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place for generations.

**People: Before the mountains were brought forth;**

Leader: Before you had formed the earth;

**People: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Leader: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday.

**People: You sweep them away; they are like a dream.**

Leader: Like the grass that is renewed in the morning.

**People: In the morning it flourishes; in evening it withers.**

Leader: Turn, O Lord! How long?

**People: Have compassion on your servants.**

Leader: Make us glad as many days as we were afflicted;

**People: As many years we have seen evil.**

Leader: Let your work be manifest to your children.

**People: O prosper the work of our hands.**

\*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

Romans 5:1-5 “Justified by Faith; Peace with God”

ANTHEM “**Jesus, Name Above All Names**” Naida Hearn, arr. John F. Wilson

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:34-46 “The Greatest Commandment”

SERMON “A Quest of Confidence”

\*HYMN No. 39

***O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

PRAYER REQUESTS ARE LIFTED UP

Response: **O Lord, in your mercy, 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: By the grace of God, we return our gifts with love.

**People: By the Spirit, we rejoice to share in God’s work.**

OFFERTORY                    **"The Gift of Love"**   Hal H. Hopson

\*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: We dedicate ourselves anew to faith.**

Leader: May your Word shine through all our work.

**People: By your grace we continue to be reformed. Amen.**

\*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: Our God has done wondrous things.

**People: And more wondrous things are to come.**

Leader: Our God blesses us on the way.

**People: As we may bless others on their way.**

Leader: Our God grants us countless gifts of love.

**People: We have so much love to share!**

Leader: Our God makes each day an occasion of grace.

**People: We are sent out to thank the Lord with our love!**

\*HYMN No. 27                    *Now Thank We All Our God*

\*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: No. 351 **Shalom Chaverim (Go Now in Peace)**

\*POSTLUDE    **"Now Thank We All Our God"**   G. F. Kaufmann



## **Welcome to the OCC!**

Thank you for celebrating the Reformation with us today!

We rejoice to welcome you to the OCC.

Please join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

**And, come see all participating in our “Trunk or Treat” event in our church parking lot, following the worship service.**

## **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: Leesa Burke**

**THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: Alice Gero, Kim Kelly, Richard Randlov and Lesley Whittemore**

**THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: Bob Boissy and Ralph Lambalot**

### **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.

**TRUNK OR TREAT** will be held today, October 29th, right after church, from 11:15-12:30.

**CHURCH FAIR** will be held on November 18th from 9-2. Please see today's insert for various volunteer opportunities. Your help will make our Fair a great success.

**STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES** Thank you all for your gifts. If you have not sent in your pledges, please submit them to Bob Boissy, or if you're looking for a pledge form, you can find them on the welcome table outside of the office. Again, thank you for all that you do.

**CRAFT GATHERING DAY** Time to make the turkeys! Please join us on Friday, November 3rd at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to assemble our table turkeys for the Church Mouse Fair. If you have one, please bring your glue gun.

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

