

Then God said

Let There Be Light

and there was light



genesis 1:3

**The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Wrentham Centre
Sunday, November 5th, 2023, 10:00am
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Franz Schubert:
*German Mass (Deutsche Messe)***

Order of Service

CHORAL INTROIT

“Wherever Should I Turn To”

Words: Johann Philipp Neumann, Translated by Don McLeod, Music: Franz Schubert

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Announcements are made for the good of the parish.

GATHERING OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

*HYMN No. 474

Rise Up, O Saints of God

CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear now these words of assurance.

In mercy, the Lord forgives all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ. Almighty God strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM *from Psalm 36*

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens.

People: Your faithfulness reaches up to the clouds.

Leader: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God.

People: Your judgments are like the great deep.

Leader: All your creatures you save, O Lord.

People: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

Leader: Your children take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: They feast on the abundance of your house.

Leader: You give them drink from the river of your delights.

People: For with you is the fountain of life.

Leader: O Lord, continue your steadfast love.

People: In your light do we see light.

ACT OF PRAISE

“Glory to God in the Highest” Schubert

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-5 “Let There Be Light”

ACCLAMATION AND CREED **“Creation Lay in Formless Dark”** Schubert

SCRIPTURE

John 8:12, 31-32 “I Am the Light of the World”

SERMON “Lead by Mercy into Bliss”

*HYMN No. 486

For All the Saints

CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: Christ is in our midst.

Leader: Let us pray.

CALL TO OFFERING

Leader: Let us offer thanks to the Lord of Life and Light.

People: Oh joy! God gives us love to share with all.

Leader: Our thoughts and actions we give to the Lord.

People: Our heartfelt offerings we lift up to God.

OFFERTORY “You Gave Me, Lord, My Life and Being” Schubert

*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: Holy God we dedicate our gifts to you.

People: Strengthen our soul in your service.

Leader: To God be the honor and the glory.

People: Praise be to the Lord of Light. 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.

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy” Schubert

Sung by all. See insert.

CONSECRATION PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

“O Father, You Who Art in Heaven” Schubert

AGNUS DEI **“My Savior, Lord and Master”** Schubert

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Please eat the bread when served; hold the cup until instructed to drink.

COMMUNION: **“Beholding All Your Grace and Goodness”** Schubert

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.

*HYMN No. 494 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord has received our prayers in mercy.

People: Our hearts beat gladly in praise to the Lord.

Leader: Anywhere we may wander, God shall meet us there.

People: Heaven’s bliss will follow us, here and everywhere.

Leader: Every place love dwells is a temple unto the Lord.

People: Every person is welcome to receive a blessing.

Leader: The Lord bless us and keep us along the path ahead.

People: The Lord bless us and keep us in all faithfulness.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “**Lord, You’ve Listened to My Pleading**” Schubert

POSTLUDE

Cebel Henry Purcell



INSTRUMENTALISTS:

Oboe: Zenobia Nelles

Clarinet: Jennifer Murphy

Horn: Brandi Smialek

Welcome to the OCC!

We rejoice to have you worship with us on our Special Music Sunday.

Join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

May all the good gifts of the Spirit be yours to share wherever you go!

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.

Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: **Pam Jennette**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Kim Ayotte, Steve Becker, Bob Boisse, Heather Castelo and Gordon Wetmore**

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

In-GATHERING

This Year's In-Gathering Sunday will be on November 19th, 2023. Bags will be distributed shortly with lists of requested items. This year's recipient will be “Grit and Grace”, a women's sober house in North Attleboro. Today we welcome Kristen Silva, Director of this house, to give us a little insight on this house and how it runs. Thank you, Kristen, for bringing this new opportunity of support into our congregation.

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
Schubert



1,2.Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly; ho - ly is the Lord!__



1,2.Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly; Ho - ly on - ly he!__



1.He, the un - cre - a - ted, He who al - ways was,__

2.Pow - er, won - der, love, are found all round a - bout!__



1.Al - ways is and will be, Through e - ter - ni - ty__

2.Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly; Ho - ly is the Lord!__

About the German Mass:

Johann Philipp Neumann wrote the German words of this Mass in 1826, as a poetic paraphrase of the traditional Latin Mass. It was intended to be sung by students at the Vienna Polytechnic Institute, where he taught physics. He hired **Franz Schubert** to compose the music. (The two had previously collaborated on an unfinished opera.)

At the time, the Catholic Church did not allow the mass to be sung or spoken in the people's native language, only in Latin. (Not until the 1960s could mass be sung in the vernacular, the local language.) However, in Germany and Austria, a tradition arose of Low Masses, where the mass was sung in German while the priest spoke the words in the original Latin. The individual movements have titles like "Zum Sanctus" (At the Sanctus) attempting to avoid breaking the rules. Apparently, Kaiser Joseph II still did not approve of this practice, so it seems that Schubert's setting was not performed at the time it was written.

There is an English language version of the *German Mass* (edited and arranged by Richard Proulx in 1985) which is often sung in American churches. However, we are singing a more authentic version, featuring more of the original music and with lyrics which are closer to Neumann's originals, in a translation made in 2011 in New Zealand by **Don McLeod**.

Franz Schubert
1797-1828





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.

