

The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, January 21st, 2024, 10:00am
Third Sunday after the Epiphany



*Time is but the stream I go a fishing in.
It's thin current slides away, but eternity remains.*
—Henry David Thoreau

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

"My Inmost Heart Now Raises" Johann Christoph Bach

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Sing to the Lord a new song!

Leader: Praise God in the mighty heavens.

People: Praise God in the holy sanctuary.

Leader: Make melody with the tambourine.

People: Make melody with the strings.

Leader: Let every voice sing of God's glory.

People: Praise the Lord!

A TIME FOR MUSIC WITH THE CHILDREN

LIFE OF THE CHURCH AND READING OF THE WARRANT

Notices for the program, ministries and people of the church are shared.

*OPENING HYMN No. 407

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

The Sunday School goes out to gather in the classrooms.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: God of grace, you are the source of all blessing. We thank you for being our rock and salvation. It is for you alone that our soul awaits in silence. May we turn all our thoughts towards you in worship. We confess that we do not always listen to you. Forgive us when we follow voices that lead us away from you. Restore our strength in worship. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear these words of assurance.

The calling from the Lord is irresistible. The voice of the Lord speaks in moments of silence. The voice of the Lord is heard in thunder and crashing waves.

Everywhere Creation points to the Creator. Know that in the power of the Lord we are delivered and protected. In the strength of the Lord we are saved and sustained. Our spirit rests secure in God's Spirit.

People: Praise be to the Lord. 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 62*

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

People: My hope is in the Lord.

Leader: God alone is my rock and my salvation.

People: God is my fortress. I shall never be shaken.

Leader: On God rests my deliverance and my honor.

People: Trust in the Lord at all times.

Leader: Pour out your heart before God.

People: Those of low estate are but a breath.

Leader: Those of high estate are a delusion.

People: If riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Leader: Power belongs to God.

People: All steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.

*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

Jonah 3:1-5,10 "Jonah Went Out to Nineveh"

ANTHEM

"You Walk Along Our Shoreline"

Words: Sylvia Dunstan Music: Traditional

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:14-28 "Jesus Calls the First Disciples"

SERMON "Tossed and Turned"

*HYMN No. 473

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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: Come let us give to God our gifts.

People: We offer to God our gifts with praise.

OFFERTORY

"River in Judea"

Words: Linda Marcus Music: Jack Feldman, arr. John Leavitt

*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: O God, we praise your holy name.

People: Receive these gifts from our heart.

Leader: Bless all those who receive know your love.

People: We dedicate ourselves to your service. Amen.

*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: Jesus says, "Come, follow me!"

People: We will go where Jesus leads us.

Leader: The Spirit speaks for us in Godly tones.

People: We will proclaim God's beautiful words.

Leader: The Lord has set great works before us.

People: Every time we feel the Spirit, we shall sing and pray!

*CLOSING HYMN No. 439

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*No. 289

Amen

*POSTLUDE

Canzona in C

Johann Jakob Froberger



Welcome to the OCC!

Thank you for being with us today.

Please join us for refreshments after worship.

May the Lord grant you all the good gifts of the Spirit

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.

Mari Georgio for healing and recovery.

Prayers for Jeff Rowe and his loved ones on the passing of Cheryl this week.

Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God

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

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Leesa Burke, Kim Kelly, Joan Mello and Judy O'Neill**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Leesa Burke and Joan Mello**

Red Cross Blood Drive Coming Our Way

The Red Cross is excited to have us commit to a blood drive at our church once again. While scheduling our upcoming drive, the Red Cross representative shared that our church has had fifteen drives in the past with an average of 29 units with each drive. It was very interesting to discover this.

So, mark your calendars for Friday February 9th and schedule a donation, if you are able. For experienced donors, scheduling is easy on their website; www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive

Or if you'd prefer some assistance, reach out to Joan Mello at church or by calling 508-223-3367.

We are also asking for volunteers to give an hour or two during the drive. We will be greeting and guiding any donors through the steps before or after their donation. We are publicizing this as a kid friendly event, so anyone wishing to help at the Valentine craft table would also be greatly appreciated!

Teens can earn community service hours while helping children with card making.

We are looking forward to greeting our neighbors, inviting them to get to know us a little better, and providing an opportunity to give to a much-needed cause.



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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.