



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, January 28th, 2024, 10:00am
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

*All are cordially invited to join us for lunch
and our annual meeting after the service.*

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Meekness and Majesty” Graham Kendrick
Monica Yohn, Soprano

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: It is good to sing to God.

Leader: The Lord builds up the faithful.

People: The Lord gathers us in.

Leader: May our voices be filled with praise.

People: We sing God’s joyful song of life!

A TIME FOR MUSIC WITH THE CHILDREN

Sunday School activities follow our musical gathering time.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

*OPENING HYMN No. 39

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Holy God, we give thanks for your Word. We confess that we do not always follow in the ways of your wisdom. Forgive us for times of unbelief. Grant that we may encourage one another and build each other up in the great gifts of your Spirit. In our worship and in our work may we remain one with you and in our fellowship and in our caring. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive the assurance of our faith.

In Christ we are one. Though we differ in many ways, God's love holds us all in an unshakable grace. Each of us makes up the whole. In the power of Christ's redeeming, our sins are forgiven, our shortcomings are turned into occasions for transformation. By faith, we are healed and made whole. By faith, together, we remain steadfast in love and service in God's holy name.

People: 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 111*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord with all your heart.

People: Praise the Lord with all in the congregation.

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord.

People: God's righteousness endures forever.

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful.

People: God provides for the faithful.

Leader: God is mindful of the covenant.

People: God sent redemption to the people.

Leader: Holy and awesome is God's name.

People: God's praise endures forever.

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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 “God Will Raise Up a Prophet”

HANDBELL CHOIR **All Night, All Day (Angels Watch Over Me)** -

Traditional Spiritual Arr. Hart Morris

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-26 “One Body with Many Members”

SERMON “The Caring Community”

*HYMN No. 410

Just As I Am

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Sherry Alleman, Elaine Davis, Kendra Farling, Hodge and Monica Yohn to be received into the membership of the OCC through the Affirmation of Baptism.

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH AND COVENANT

Leader: Let us rise and affirm our faith and covenant together.

All: We affirm our covenant with the Lord and one another and promise to follow in the ways of faith as revealed by the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

Leader: We may now welcome our newest members.

All: We welcome you to the OCC and do joyfully and lovingly receive you into our sacred communion. We promise, by divine grace, to support you in all love and holy watchfulness for the mutual building up of one another in the faith and fellowship of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: Christ is in our midst.

Leader: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Welcome to the OCC!

Thank you for being in worship today!
Join us for lunch today after the service.
May the Lord grant you all 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 last week. A Service of Celebration of Life will be held at the Original Congregational Church on Saturday, February 10th at 1:00pm All are welcome.

Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: **Hans Pope**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Alice Gero, Pam Jennette,**

Trevor Knott and Gordon Wetmore

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Trevor Knott and Richard Randlov**

Red Cross Blood Drive Coming Our Way

The Red Cross is excited 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. **See insert to donate/volunteer.**



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.