



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, February 11th, 2024, 10:00am
Transfiguration Sunday

*No one need wait a single moment
before starting to improve the world.*
—Anne Frank

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision” Hal H. Hopson

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 to the Lord!

People: Let us sing a new song!

Leader: Let the children of Zion rejoice.

People: The Lord takes delight in the people.

Leader: Let us sing to God for joy.

People: God exults in glory.

Leader: Let our light shine!

People: Praise the Lord!

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.

*HYMN No. 18

Praise to the Living God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Holy God you enlighten us in your presence. We confess that we often turn away from your brightness. We listen to other voices. We let things of this world become as gods to our life direction. Forgive us our unbelief. Grant us to see ourselves and this world more clearly. Grant us to view our times through the compassionate eyes of Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE

Leader: Let us receive these words of assurance.

Even though the noisy voices of this world keep us from hearing the divine voice, God never stops speaking! The great good news of the gospel is that we can catch a glimpse of the glory of God. The message that Jesus proclaims is this: we are God's much beloved. Our sins are forgiven. We are blessed and called to elevate our lives to the highest of heights with the Holy Spirit.

People: Glory 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 50*

Leader: The mighty one, God the Lord,

People: Speaks and summons the earth,

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,

Leader: God shines forth.

People: Our God comes and does not keep silent.

Leader: Before God is a devouring fire.

People: A mighty tempest surrounds the Lord.

Leader: The Lord calls to the heavens above and earth below.

People: "Gather to me my faithful ones—

Leader: Who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

People: The heavens declare God's righteous judgment.

*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

2 Corinthians 4:6-9 “Light Will Shine Out of Darkness”

ANTHEM

“God is Love”

Words: August Rische Music: Traditional , arr. Alice Parker (1925-2023)

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:2-9 “Jesus Was Transfigured Before Them”

SERMON “Metamorphic Moments”

*HYMN No. 445

Be Thou My Vision

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 raise our spirits in our gifts to God.

People: Let us present our offerings with praise.

OFFERTORY

“Transfiguration”

Ricky Manalo, arr. Gerard Chiusano

Monica Yohn, flute

*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: From the heights God shines forth!

People: Beauty is in the presence of the Lord.

Leader: We dedicate our gifts and service to God.

People: Let our faith shine forth in the world! Amen.

*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: God reigns in glory.

People: We dwell in God's light.

Leader: The angels sing of God's splendor.

People: They help us to see by faith.

Leader: Let us sing out God's praise.

People: Let our hearts shine forth.

Leader: We go to bless and love.

People: We go praising God!

*HYMN No. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

"Immortal, Invisible" Christina Becket



Welcome to the OCC!

Thank you for being in worship today!

Join us for refreshments following 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.

Today's Flowers are in loving memory of Cheryl Rowe from her family.

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: **Judy McCormack**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Mike Foster, Pam Jennette,
Richard Randlov and Kim Kelly**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Mike Foster and
Richard Randlov**

Lunch & Learn Begins Today!

Please join us for a "souped up" coffee hour. All please enjoy a cup of soup and a little bread with our coffee hour goodies. At 11:30 Pastor Ken will present on the theme of Black History Month: the OCC Anti-Slavery Resolution, the work of OCC Rev. Horace James to create a sustaining community for recently freed African Americans, and the African American stream in our denomination. Next month we will present on *Let Go in Lent*, simplifying life in the Spirit.

Ash Wednesday Worship this Wednesday 7:30pm

All are welcome to attend our Ash Wednesday Service this Wednesday February 14 at 7:30pm. This service invites us to observe the season of Lent, the 40 days before Easter, through prayer, learning and service. Ashes are available for those who would like to receive. Ashes are not required to participate. Prayers of confession and Holy Communion will be offered.

Food, Fun & Faith begins Wednesday February 28th 5-7pm

Church friends of all ages are welcome to an evening of supper and games. This month will offer "Macaroni Madness" and a variety of boardgames. Please contact Monica Yohn at mltlove3@gmail.com we would love to have you join us!

2024 Spring Yard Sale

The 2024 spring yard sale will be held on May 11 from 8 am to noon. Many donations are needed. Donations may be dropped off in the Vestry at any time. Call Mike Foster if you need assistance. As usual, **do not bring any clothes, books** that aren't in pristine condition, **TVs, computers, large stereos, or large furniture**. In addition, please do not bring **baby furniture, strollers, car seats**



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.

Senior Pastor: Reverend Kenneth C. Landin
Organist & Music Director: Justin Kisch
Bells Director: Martha Goodman
Church Sextons: Bob and Sandy Cummings
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