



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Wrentham Centre
Sunday, March 10, 2024, 10:00am
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Order of Service

PRELUDE **Gymnopédie No. 1** Erik Satie

GREETING

GATHERING MUSIC TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Announcements are made for the good of the parish.

*HYMN No. 366 ***We Are Walking in the Light of God***

We are walk-ing in the light of God, We are walking in the light of God. (2x)

We are walking (walking, we are walking) Oooh, we are walking in the light of god. (2x)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Holy God, you provide for all your creatures on earth. We confess that we believe that there is not enough. We follow our fears instead of our faith. Forgive us our sins. Show us the way to walk, not by sight, but by faith, trusting in your redeeming love. In worship, let us be inspired to walk by the light of your love. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive these words of assurance.

This is the good news: God is rich in mercy. Out of great love God loves us even when we transgress. We are all made alive together in Christ. For by grace we have been saved through faith. This is not our doing. This is the gift of God. In no way can we limit the immeasurable greatness of God's love and kindness through the redeeming love of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 PSALM *from Psalm 107*

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

People: The redeemed are gathered in from the lands.

Leader: From the east and west, from the north and south.

People: Some were sick through their sinful ways.

Leader: Because of sin they endured affliction.

People: They loathed any kind of food.

Leader: They drew near to the gates of death.

People: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble.

Leader: God saved them from their distress.

People: God sent out the Word and healed them.

Leader: The Lord delivered them from destruction.

People: Let them thank the Lord for God's steadfast love.

Leader: Let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,

People: And, tell of God's deeds with songs of joy!

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ACT OF PRAISE No. 36 *Gloria* 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

Numbers 21:4-9 "Moses Sets the Serpent on a Pole"

ANTHEM

Benedictus Johannes Brahms

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

SCRIPTURE

John 3:14-21 "For God So Loved the World"

SERMON "Delivered from Destruction"

*HYMN No. 401

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: Christ is in our midst.

Leader: Let us pray.

CALL TO OFFERING & SERVICE

Leader: Let us return our love for the Lord with our gifts.

People: We give to God our sacrifice of praise and thanks

OFFERTORY

"Dona nobis pacem" Traditional

Grant us peace.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Creator God, you provide for all our needs.

People: We thank you for redeeming us with love.

Leader: You sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

People: May we proclaim your Good News to all!

*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

Leader: Let us sing, pray and keep God's ways unswerving.

People: We go out to live our part faithfully.

Leader: Trust in God to guide you with hopeful hearts.

People: God's grace supplies us with unbounded love.

Leader: Let us take strength with God beside us.

People: God shall set us on a rock and we shall not be moved!

*HYMN No. 94

If You Will Trust in God to Guide You

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

No. 280

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

POSTLUDE Improvisation on **“If You Will Trust in God to Guide You”**

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.

Lori-Ann Lizotte for healing and recovery.

Rodney Geib for healing and recovery.



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Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Lord

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: **Sue Wetmore**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Mike Foster, Alice Gero, Kim Kelly and Jean Roach**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS:

CHOIR NEWS: The choir has begun work on music for Holy Week and Easter. We are looking for a few additional members to help us out this season. All voice parts are welcome but we particularly welcome tenors and basses.

LUNCH & LEARN Today "Let Go in Lent"

Please join us for our next Lunch & Learn event today. We will enjoy a "souped up" coffee hour. All may enjoy a hot cup of soup right after worship. At about 11:30 we will gather in the Parlor for a learning session called "Let Go in Lent." We will discuss ways of simplifying our material, intellectual and spiritual lives! All are welcome!

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**.

**PANCAKES TO SUPPORT DOCTORS WITHOUT
BOARDERS**

**PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST MARCH 24, 2024
FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE**

Free will offering to support the

Doctors without Boarders

Sign up to help, and to attend outside of Fellowship Hall.

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**The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ, Wrentham, MA
Open and Affirming Covenant**



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.

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.**

Senior Pastor: Reverend Kenneth C. Landin

Organist & Music Director: Justin Kisch

Bells Director: Martha Goodman

Church Sextons: Bob and Sandy Cummings

Church Office Administrator: AnnMarie Helmar

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