



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, April 14th, 2024, 10:00am
Third Sunday of Easter

*Of 300 million Filet-O-Fish sandwiches
25% are sold in the 40 days of Lent.*

Order of Worship

ORGAN PRELUDE **“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”** J.G. Walther

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.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING MUSIC WITH THE CHILDREN

Sunday School activities follow our musical gathering time.

*HYMN No. 597

In Christ There Is No East or West

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Loving God, you are the source of all blessing. We confess that our faith can waver under distress. Forgive us for our times of disbelieving. We pray that you continue to call out to us and show us the way. We long to see you more clearly. Grant us the good gifts of the Spirit that we may rejoice in all you send us out to do as your community of care. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: The great good news of our faith is this Easter proclamation: Christ is risen. The faith compels us to turn doubts and uncertainties into trust and confidence. Know that the power and the will of God is to forgive us our sins. In the grace of God, we are completely made new. In the presence of the Spirit, we may rest secure and be at peace.

People: Thanks 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 4*

Leader: Answer me when I call, O God.

People: You gave me room when I was in distress.

Leader: Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

People: How long shall my honor suffer shame?

Leader: But know the Lord has set apart the faithful.

People: The Lord hears when we call.

Leader: Offer right sacrifices and trust in the Lord.

People: O might we see your good!

Leader: Let the light of your face shine on us!

People: You have put gladness in our hearts.

Leader: We may sleep in peace.

People: O Lord, you make us lie down in safety.

*ACT OF PRAISE No. 37

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 3:1-7 “We Are God’s Children”

ANTHEM No. 247

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Words: T. Clausnitzer; tr. C. Winkworth

Music: J.R. Ahle; harm. G.H. Palmer

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36-48 “The Risen Christ Appears”

SERMON “Witnesses in the Path of Partiality”

*HYMN No. 445

Be Thou My Vision

PRAYER NOTICES *are shared*

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 present our gifts to strengthen our work together.

People: We seek to bless the Lord with our time and talents.

OFFERTORY

“Because you Live, O Christ”

Words: Shirley Murray

Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch, 1685

*DOXOLOGY No. 44

Words: 1674; Music: 1551

Praise God from who all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu ia! Praise him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly
Ghost: O ___ praise him, O ___ praise him, al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Holy God, we dedicate our offering to your glory.

People: We thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Leader: Let these gifts be a blessing to all who receive.

People: May our Easter Faith abound in all we do! Amen.

*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: In worship our work is nurtured.

People: May we go to plant seeds of faith.

Leader: In spring our spirits come alive.

People: We go bearing gifts of praise and thanks!

*CLOSING HYMN No. 614 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

No. 209 **“Alleluia! The Strife is O'er”**

*POSTLUDE **Praeludium in C** Johann Krieger



Welcome to the OCC!

Thank you for being in worship today!

Join us for refreshments following the service.

May the Lord grant you all the gifts of our Easter Faith!

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.

Pastor Ken for his recent diagnosis and treatment plan

Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGISTS: **Gordon Wetmore**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Alice Gero, Richard Randlov, Jean Roche and Lesley Whittemore**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Alison Wade and Richard Randlov**

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Welcome to the OCC!

We are an Open and Affirming congregation affiliated with the United Church of Christ.

Our faith is rooted in God's love and grows into the mission and service in Christ's compassion to all people regardless of physical or mental ability, race, age, culture, family status, sexual orientation or gender identity.

You can find more information about us on our website and our ONA Board in Fellowship Hall.

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