



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, April 28th, 2024, 10:00am
Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Welcome to the OCC
A Positive Possibilities Place*

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Ten Thousand Angels Cried” David Patillo
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.

MUSIC

“A Joyful Psalm” Michael Helman
Wrentham wRingers

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

A TIME FOR MUSIC WITH THE CHILDREN

Sunday School activities follow our musical gathering time.

*HYMN No. 404

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us prayer together.

All: Holy God, you are the source of divine love for all creation. We confess that we have not loved others as you would have us do. Forgive us our sins.

Keep us connected to you in prayer and with one another in your community of care. We praise you for the ways you nurture us to receive new life and new growth. Bless us in worship today! Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive these words of assurance.

The scriptures tell us that God is love. God's love remains in us wherever we are sent. By God's love our sins are forgiven. We are called to love and forgive one another. As God's Word guides all our actions we share in the Lord's work in the world and we bear the fruits of faithfulness.

People: Praise 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 22*

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation.

People: My vows I will pay before those who worship you.

Leader: The poor shall eat and be satisfied.

People: Those who seek shall praise the Lord.

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall turn to the Lord.

People: All the families of the nations shall worship.

Leader: For dominion belongs to the Lord.

People: I shall live for the Lord.

Leader: Posterity will serve the Lord.

People: The Lord shall be proclaimed to future generations.

*ACT OF PRAISE No. 37 Glory to God

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 4:7-12, 16-19 "God Is Love"

ANTHEM

"A River of Peace" arr. Fred Merrett
Wrentham wRingers

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-8 "I Am the Vine; You Are the Branches"

SERMON "Love Remains"

*HYMN No. 403

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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 praise the Lord with our gifts.

People: We rejoice to strengthen our mission and service.

OFFERTORY

Sarabande in E Minor Arcangelo Corelli
Monica Yohn, Flute

DOXOLOGY

Words: adapted from Thomas Ken, 1709

Music: German, 1623

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below:

Alleluia, alleluia

Praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost:

O praise him, O Praise him, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Holy God we rejoice to abide in your love.

People: May we remain steadfast in your service.

Leader: Bless all who receive of our gifts to grow in faith.

People: We offer you our gifts to your Glory. Amen.

*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: We are one in the Spirit.

People: We walk hand in hand.

Leader: We work with each other.

People: We tend to each soul with love.

Leader: We go to create caring community.

People: We rejoice to remain together in the Spirit!

*CLOSING HYMN No. 386 *We Are One in the Spirit*

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

No. 209

“Alleluia! The Strife is O’er”

*POSTLUDE

“Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness” J.G, Walther



Welcome to the OCC!

Thank you for being in worship today!
Join us for refreshments following the service.
Let the love of God lead you into each new day!

Blue Prayer Slips are available for submitting your joys and concerns. If you would like to have a prayer spoken in our pray notices in worship this morning, please complete a prayer slip and place it in the prayer basket on the altar table. Thank 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.
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: **Ralph Lambalot**
THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Stephen Becker, Pam Jennette,**
Ralph Lambalot, Gordon Wetmore
THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Ralph Lambalot**

SAVE THE DATE:

May 8, 2024	5:00pm	Food Fun and Friends
June 2, 2024	11:00am	Love Sunday (OCC Pride Celebration)
June 12th, 2024	5:00pm	Food Fun and Friends

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Spring Music Events
The Original Congregational Church
of Wrentham



April 28 4:00 PM
Spring Concert/Pot Luck
Location: Sanctuary



May 5 4:00 PM
Shoreline Ringers
Handbell Concert
Location: Sanctuary

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FOR MORE INFO, CALL:
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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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