



The Original Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Sunday, April 21, 2024, 10:00am  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

*In the spirit of Spring  
We remember the recipe for renewal*

*Order of Worship*

PRELUDE

**“The King of Love My Shepherd is”** (ST COLUMBA)  
C.S. Lang

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.*

A TIME FOR MUSIC WITH THE CHILDREN

*Sunday School activities follow our musical gathering time.*

\*HYMN No. 39

*O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together.

**All: Loving God, you are the good shepherd. In you we have all we need. Thank you for calling out to us and gathering us in. We confess that we wander away from you. We contribute to scattering the flock. Forgive us our sin. Show us the way to live by your gracious love. Keep us together as one in your community of care. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive these words of assurance.

This is the good news of faith: Our Lord goes with us on the beautiful days and the difficult days. The truth of God is bigger than our truth. Faith reassures our hearts. The Lord forgives us our sins. The love of the Lord receives us and protects and we may abide in the Spirit forever.

**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 *Psalms 23*

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**People: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.**

Leader: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

**People: He restoreth my soul.**

Leader: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness,

**People: For his name's sake.**

Leader: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

**People: I will fear no evil.**

Leader: For thou art with me.

**People: Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

Leader: Thou preparest a table before me,

**People: In the presence of mine enemies.**

Leader: Thou anointest my head with oil.

**People: My cup runneth over.**

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me,

**People: All the days of my life.**

Leader: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord,

**People: Forever, Amen.**

\*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 3:16-24 "Let Us Love One Another"

ANTHEM

**"Brother James's Air"**

Br. James Macbeth Bain, arr. Gordon Jacob

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:11-18 "I Am the Good Shepherd"

SERMON "Living for the Other"

\*HYMN No. 87

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

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: We seek to serve the Lord with all our soul.

**People: We present our gifts to God with love.**

OFFERTORY

**“We Shall Walk in Peace”**

Traditional Spiritual, arr. avid N. Davenport

\*DOXOLOGY See Insert

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 Ghose:

O praise him, O' praise him, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Gracious God, we return our gifts to you.

**People: We dedicate our service to your glory.**

Leader: May you strengthen our work in your name.

**People: Enliven our mission by your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: We are as pilgrims on a journey.

**People: We are travelers on the road.**

Leader: We hold up the Christ light for those in shadows.

**People: We weep and we sing with those in need.**

Leader: Let us go to serve in Christ's name.

**People: Let us abide in the abundant grace of God.**

\*HYMN No. 374

*Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?*

\*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

No. 209

**“Alleluia! The Strife is O'er”**

\*POSTLUDE

**“A Song of Joy”** Emma Louise Ashford



***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!

***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: **Judy McCormack**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Leesa Burke, Mike Foster, Joan Mello and Judy O'Neill**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Leesa Burk and Joan Mello**

**THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF WRENTHAM**

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MAY 11 8 AM- 12 PM**



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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

**1 East. St. Wrentham Ma**  
**FOR MORE INFO, CALL:**  
**508-384-3110**



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



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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