

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.

The Original Congregational Church United Church of Christ, Wrentham, MA Open and Affirming Covenant Adopted on June 5, 2022

THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1 East St. P.O. Box 657, Wrentham, MA 02093
Office: 508-384-3110 Website: www.occhurch.net Facebook

Senior Pastor: Reverend Kenneth C. Landin Music Director/Organist: Justin Kisch Bells Director: Martha Goodman Sextons: Bob & Sandy Cummings Office Administrator: AnnMarie Helmar



The Original Congregational Church United Church of Christ Sunday, May 12th, 2024, 10:00am Seventh Sunday of Easter Mother's Day Holiday

Welcome to the OCC!

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

"Ubi Caritas"

Bob Hurd Monica Yohn

Where there is true charity, God is present.

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.

HANDBELLS Song of Gladness - Arnold B. Sherman

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING MUSIC with the children

*HYMN No. 54

For the Beauty of the Earth

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us join in prayer.

All: God of great faithfulness, you gather us together for worship. Grant us to receive your wisdom and know your will. We confess that we have not always loved you and our neighbor as we ought. Forgive us our sins. We thank you for watching over us with tender love and mercy. Let our souls return to you and find rest in your presence. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive these words of assurance.

The Lord our God is abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. In God's hands we are healed. Our sins are forgiven. And by the Spirit we continue to grow in all mercy and compassion.

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 86

Leader: Be gracious to me, O Lord.

People: For to you do I cry all the day. Leader: Gladden the soul of your servant.

People: For to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Leader: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

People: Abounding in steadfast love to all who call.

Leader: All the nations shall come and worship before you.

People: For you are great and do wondrous things.

Leader: I give thanks to you O Lord with my whole heart.

People: Your name will be glorified forever.

*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!

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 66:12-14 "As a Mother Comforts"

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:

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: Mike Foster, Pam Jennette,

Kim Kelly

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: Alison Wade and

Mike Foster

SAVE THE DATE:

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



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Dear God, we dedicate our offering to you. **People: Strengthen the work of faith in this place.** Leader: May our church grow strong in your love.

People: Bless all we accomplish in your name! Amen.

*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: Let us go in peace!

People: We go to celebrate and share the joy!

Leader: Let us go in love!

People: The God of peace goes with us always!

*HYMN No. 349

Go in Peace

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

"Hymn of Praise"

Adolph Hesse

OB

We wish you a most blessed Mother's Day Holiday.

Please join us for refreshments following the service. And may the Lord of Love watch over you and grant you peace!

Blue Prayer Slips are available if you would like a prayer joy or concern shared in worship. Please place in the prayer basket on the worship table. Thank You.

HANDBELLS **The Lord's My Shepherd** - BROTHER JAMES' AIR, arr. Dan R. Edwards

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:34 "As a Hen Gathers Her Brood"

SERMON "Gathered by Love"

*HYMN No. 72

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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 with joy!

People: We give thanks with all our heart!

OFFERTORY

"Love is His Word"

Lyrics: Luke Connaughton Music: Calvin Hampton

Monica Yohn

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!