

The Original Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10:00am  
Pentecost Sunday

*To live with the Spirit is to be a listener...*  
—Jessica Powers



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

### *Order of Worship*

INTROIT **“Holy Spirit, Lord Divine”** Traditional

### 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. 57

***I Sing the Mighty Power of God***

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: O Lord, you are the maker of the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. We bless you and praise you for all the works of Creation. We confess that we look away from your words and go our own way. Forgive us our sins. Grant us the good gifts of the Holy Spirit that our faith be renewed and we may continue to create your caring community. Amen.**

### SILENT PRAYER

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive these words of assurance.

The Holy Spirit has come to be our Helper and our Advocate. When words fail us, the Spirit intercedes for us and speaks to our heart. In Christ our sins are forgiven. In Christ we dwell in hope. Through the Spirit we are redeemed by God and live into God's vision of peace.

**People: Thanks be to the Living 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 104*

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

**People: In wisdom you have made them all.**

Leader: The earth is full of your creatures.

**People: There is the sea, great and wide.**

Leader: Living things both small and great are there.

**People: These all look to you to give them their food.**

Leader: When you open your hand, they are filled.

**People: When you send your spirit, they are created.**

Leader: You renew the face of the ground.

**People: May the glory of the Lord endure 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, alleluia!**

## *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!

## *Mental Health Month Coffee Hour Conversation*

Please join us in the parlor today during coffee hour as Pastor Ken introduces the resource material for assisting congregations in ministry for those who have mental health concerns. This completes our spring season of "Lunch and Learn" events. Thanks for sharing!

## 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: **Leesa Burke, Joan Mello, Judy O'Neill and Richard Randlov**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Leesa Burke and Richard Randlov**

### SAVE THE DATE:

**June 2nd, 2024 11:00am Love Sunday (OCC Pride Celebration)**

**June 12th, 2024 5:00pm Food Fun and Friends**

## 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: Dear God, we dedicate our gifts to you.

**People: May your Spirit bless us with new life.**

Leader: May your joy be full in our hearts and hands.

**People: Bless us to grow in your holy work! Amen.**

### \*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: The Spirit of God sends us on our way!

**People: We serve with all our heart, strength and mind.**

Leader: We pray with those who have no prayer.

**People: We sustain those who have no support.**

Leader: We become as an altar in the world.

**People: The Spirit of God has us share our holy gifts!**

\*HYMN No. 224      *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

### \*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

No. 439      **“Every Time I feel the Spirit”**

### \*POSTLUDE

Fughetta on **“Come Holy Ghost, Lord God”** Andreas Armsdorf

Fantasia in C

Johann Krieger



## SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:22-27 “The Spirit Prays for Us”

ANTHEM      **“Sing When the Spirit Says Sing!”** arr. Jesse Vaughn

## SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21 “The Day of Pentecost”

SERMON “Life in the Spirit”

\*HYMN No. 281

*Spirit of the Living God*

## CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

**People: Christ is in our midst.**

Leader: Let us pray.

PRAYER NOTICES *are lifted up*

*Please place your prayer notices in the prayer basket on the worship table.*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## CALL TO OFFERING & SERVICE

Leader: How wonderful are the works of God!

**People: How great are the gifts of the Spirit!**

Leader: Let us present our offering to the Lord.

**People: We rejoice to join in God’s redeeming work.**

## OFFERTORY

**“Veni Sancte Spiritus”**

Words: from the Taize Community Music: Jacques Berthier