

The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, May 5th, 2024, 10:00am
Ascension of the Lord
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

## Shoreline Ringers Handbell Concert today at 4:00pm

Order of Service

PRELUDE "All Glory Be to God on High" Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

**GREETING** 

Leader: Grace and Peace to you in the name of the One who is and who was and

who is to come, the Lord Almighty!

People: And may our joy be made complete in our fellowship of faith! Amen.

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LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Announcements are made for the good of the parish.

A TIME FOR MUSIC WITH THE CHILDREN

Sunday School meets following our gathering music time.

\*HYMN No. 210

Crown Him with Many Crowns

CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Almighty God, you grant us wisdom, strength and hope. We confess that our faith fails us at times and we live as if without hope in your great power. Forgive us our unbelief. We pray for your blessing that our faith is renewed, our worship be filled with your Spirit, and that your joy may rise in our hearts! Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

#### ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive these words of assurance.

The power of God's love is immeasurable. According to the Easter Faith from Jesus Christ, we inherent all the great gifts of the Lord. With God comes the power to renew and restore. With God comes forgiveness of sins. With God comes transformation to new life. In Easter tide we rejoice to proclaim the good news far and wide!

People: Praise be to the Lord our God!

RESPONSIVE PSALM from 47

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples!

**People:** Shout to God with loud songs of joy! Leader: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome.

People: The Lord goes up with the sound of the trumpet.

Leader: Sing praises to God! Sing praises to God!

**People:** God is over all the earth. Leader: God sits on the holy throne.

People: Sing praises to God with the psalms!

\*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**

Ephesians 1:15-23 "Immeasurable Greatness"

ANTHEM "Bless the Lord" Mikail Ippolitoff-Ivanoff

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Luke 24:44-53 "Jesus Is Carried Up to Heaven"

SERMON "Carried Up, Carried Away"

\*HYMN No. 444

Lord of All Hopefulness

### CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: Christ is in our midst.

Leader: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

#### CALL TO OFFERING

Leader: Let us praise the Lord with our gifts!

People: May heavenly hope abound on earth!

OFFERTORY "With a Voice of Singing" Martin Shaw

#### **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!

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Holy God, we dedicate our gifts to your glory. **People: May our work be strengthened in the Spirit!** 

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive at the Lord's Table!

#### \*COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS see insert

#### CONSECRATION

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.

LAMB OF GOD see insert

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

#### **PRAYER**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### \*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: Jesus shall shine as high as the sun.

People: Christ's love shall reach from shore to shore.

Leader: We go to proclaim God's praise to all.

People: Let us go singing sweet praise to God!

\*HYMN No. 110

Jesus Shall Reign

BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

No. 209 "Alleluia! The Strife is O'er"

POSTLUDE Sonata in C Minor III. Presto

G.B. Pescetti

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#### Welcome to the OCC!

We are so glad to have you join us in worship today. Please join us for refreshments and a cup of soup in coffee hour!

## 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: Hans Pope

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: Stephen Becker, Bob Boissy, Heather

Castelo, Kim Kelly, Trevor Knott and Joan Mello

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: Jerry Long and

**Bob Casavant** 

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

May 8th, 2024 5:00pm Food Fun and Friends

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

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

Lunch and Learn Today! "Ministry and Mental Wellness"

Please join us for a "souped up" coffee hour today.

And at 11:20-noon, join us in the parlor for a conversation about resources for

congregations to minister to persons experiencing mental health conditions.





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



Welcome to The Original Congregational Church in Wrentham! Because we believe all people are created in God's image and thus blessed and loved equally by God, and because love is the unifying and strengthening force of our Christian faith, we the members of The Original Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, hereby declare ourselves an Open and Affirming Christian community, expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people.

We welcome all who have no church home, seek strength, and want to follow the teachings of Jesus. We welcome believers and non-believers, doubters and questioners, and questioning believers. We welcome new visitors and old friends. We welcome grandparents, mothers, fathers and children. We welcome single and partnered people. We welcome people of all ages, colors, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions.

Here at The Original Congregational Church, Wrentham, we believe that whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

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