



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, June 16th, 2024, 10:00am
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*For as high as the heavens
is God's compassion to the children
—Psalm 103:13*

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Faith of Our Fathers”

Words: Frederick William Faber Music: Henri F. Hemy

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.

*HYMN No. 57

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Holy God, we seek the confidence of faith through worship. We confess that we focus on outward appearances and miss the depth of spiritual matters. Forgive us our unbelief. Grant us a new and right spirit to continue to grow in faith and service and to make a difference in the lives of others through our mission and outreach. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive these words of assurance.

The great good news of faith is that Christ is always at work in us. Just as the grain that is planted in the earth grows under the watchful care of God, so to we become a new creation by the Spirit. In the love of Christ, we are saved. Our sins are forgiven. And we are raised up to a new life.

People: Praise 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 20*

Leader: The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!

People: The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

Leader: May God send help from the sanctuary.

People: May God give you support from Zion.

Leader: God remembers all your offerings.

People: God has regard for your sacrifices.

Leader: May God grant you your heart's desire.

People: May the Lord fulfill all your plans.

Leader: The Lord helps the anointed.

People: God answers from the holy heavens.

Leader: Our pride is in the name of the Lord.

People: We shall rise and stand upright in the Lord.

*ACT OF PRAISE No. 36

Words: 3rd Century; Music: 1851

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7 "The Lord Looks on the Heart"

ANTHEM **“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”** Traditional

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:26-34 “The Parable of the Mustard Seed”

SERMON “The Giver of Growth”

*HYMN No. 493 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

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 make sacrifices of praise and thanks to God.

People: We return our gifts to God with adoration.

OFFERTORY **“This is My Father’s World”** arr. Robert Lau

*DOXOLOGY No. 44 Words: 1674; Music: 1551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Holy God accept our gifts we present.

People: We dedicate ourselves to your service.

Leader: Strengthen the work of our church.

People: Bless us with your favor in all we do. Amen.

*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: We are called by the Lord to care.

People: We are moved by the Lord to dare.

Leader: We proclaim faith to those who despair.

People: With God's help we are bold to share.

Leader: Let our journey in the Spirit abound.

People: Wherever we go our faith is to be found.

*HYMN No. 363 *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE **“God the Father, Be Our Stay”** G.E. Telemann



Welcome to the OCC!

Thank you for being in worship today!

Join us for refreshments following the service.

May your faith grow strong in this season of summer!

We wish to all a blessing of love and thanksgiving on this Father's Day Holiday.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Lynnete Beaudro, in our prayers of safety in Qatar.

Peg Mercier, on the recent passing of her son-in-law, Patrick.

Mary Williams, for healing and recovery.

Brian Donlan, for healing and recovery.

Pearl and Gerry Gottberg, for continued healing and recovery.

Mari Georgio for healing and recovery.

Pastor Ken for his recent diagnosis and treatment plan.

Sean and Kim Kelly on the sudden passing of Sean's son, Connor, in a recent accident this week.

The family of Betty Tobin who passed recently under Hospice care. Betty's husband Cliff served the OCC as our

Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST:

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

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Leesa Burke and Trevor Knott**

SAVE THE DATE!

Wed., June 19, following Lunch Bunch—Jewelry Sorting

Right after Lunch Bunch on June 19 you are invited to join Pam Donlan, Barbara Ligon, and Wayne Wise in Fellowship Hall to sort through and organize our accumulated array of jewelry in preparation for the November 16 Christmas Tree Church Fair. Tea and cookies will be served. Amid the chatter and organizing, we will raise our teacups to Wayne, our new Fair Jewelry Table Head!



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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.

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