The Original Congregational Church



United Church of Christ

Sunday, June 23rd, 2024, 10:00am

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

***Welcome to the OCC***

***A Positive Possibilities Place***

*Order of Worship*

PRELUDE **“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”**  arr. Wilbur Held

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. 237 ***How Firm a Foundation***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Holy God, you are the maker of heaven and earth. In power and glory, you have authored all of creation. We confess we lose faith when overwhelmed. We let our fears get the better of us. Forgive us our unbelief. Still our anxious minds and let our hearts be at rest in you. Increase our strength of soul as we pray and sing to you in worship. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive these words of assurance.

The good news of the Gospel is that we are never alone. Our Lord is ever present to us, calming our fears, and restoring our faith. Know that through the power of God’s love, our sins are forgiven, our souls are saved, and we are lifted by the Spirit to move ever onward by faith.

**People: Praise be to God! Amen.**

**\*All who are able, please stand.**

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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 65*

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion.

**People: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near.**

Leader: We shall be satisfied with the holiness of your temple.

**People: By awesome deeds you answer us.**

Leader: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth.

**People: By your strength you established the mountains.**

Leader: You still the roaring of the waves and seas.

**People: You still the tumult of the peoples.**

Leader: You make the morning and evening for joy.

**People: All the earth sings together for joy.**

\*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

Isaiah 43:1-2 “I Will Be with You”

ANTHEM **“Rock of Ages”** (NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP) James Ward

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:35-41 “Jesus Calms the Storm”

SERMON “Never Alone”

\*HYMN No. 95 ***Be Still, My Soul***

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: Let us give thanks to God with our gifts.

**People: We present our offerings with love.**

OFFERTORY **“How Can I Keep From Singing”** Traditional

\*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, we dedicate our gifts to your glory.

**People: Strengthen the work of your church.**

Leader: Bless us in our mission and service.

**People: May your Spirit be ever with us!**

\*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: By faith we are sent to serve.

**People: By faith we soothe sorrows.**

Leader: By faith we overcome obstacles.

**People: By faith we proclaim “It is well with my soul.”**

\*HYMN No. 602 ***When Peace Like a River (It Is Well)***

\*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE **“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

Arr. Carol Tornquist

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***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!

**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.

**April Hardy** (56) **,** For peace and consolation for loved ones on her recent

Passing. April is the beloved daughter of Kris Brown.

**Sarah Graves**, on her recent passing, Wednesday June 19th. Services are being planned thru Ross Funeral Home for Saturday, June 29th

***Today’s Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God***

THANK YOU TO TODAY’S LITURGIST**:**

THANK YOU TO TODAY’S USHERS**: Steve Becker, Alice Gero, Richard Randlov, and Lesley Whittemore**

THANK YOU TO TODAY’S COUNTERS: **Ralph Lambalot and**

**Richard Randlov**

**Worship Moves to 9:30am beginning July 7th in Fellowship Hall**, and will return to 10:00am in the Sanctuary Sunday, September 8th.

**Church Cook Out, Sunday, July 21st 4:00-6:00pm** .

Corn Hole, Ladder Toss, Water games and Tie Dye. Sign up for Pot Luck available at Worship service. Contact Monica at monica@occhurch.net for more information.

 THANK YOU to AnnMarie Helmar as she has completed her time at the OCC to return to full time employment.  We thank AnnMarie for her skill, dedication and great service.  Donna Charbatji will be returning as our

summer administrator on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Welcome Donna!

**THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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**Senior Pastor: Reverend Kenneth C. Landin Music Director/Organist: Justin Kisch**

**Bells Director: Martha Goodman, Community Coordinator, Lead Soprano: Monica Yohn**

**Sextons: Bob & Sandy Cummings Summer Office Administrator: Donna Charbatji**

**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.