



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, June 9th, 2024, 10:00am
Third Sunday after Pentecost
Music and Sunday School Celebrations

Order of Worship

INTROIT

“Oh Music, Sweet Music” Lowell Mason

GREETING

Leader: Come into God’s presence with thanksgiving!

People: We will make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Leader: Let us sing songs of praise to God.

People: We shall worship the Lord for God is great!

HANDBELL CHOIR

“Sanna Sannanina”

Traditional South African, arr. Sandra Eithun

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

Leader: Let us rise and express our welcome and support.

People: We, then, of this Church do joyfully and charitably receive you into our sacred communion and fellowship: And, we do promise, by the assistance of Divine Grace, to discharge all duties towards you in love and holy watchfulness to the mutual building up of one another in the faith and fellowship of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Gospel. Amen.

WE SING AND CELEBRATE OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

*HYMN No. 25

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

PRAYER *in unison*

Holy God, to you goes all praise and glory. Our hearts are joyful to be in worship. All of creation speaks of your mighty works. You are the God of power, the God of love, and the God of our salvation. We are grateful for your tender care that brings healing. May our souls be filled with peace and blessing as you gently lead us as your pilgrim band. 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 96*

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song!

People: Sing to the Lord all the earth!

Leader: Declare God's glory to all the nations.

People: Proclaim God's marvelous works among all people.

Leader: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

People: Splendor and majesty go before the Lord.

Leader: Strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.

People: Bring an offering into the courts of the Lord.

Leader: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness!

People: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

*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.

Psalm

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 7-8, 29-30 "By Faith We Live"

HANDBELL CHOIR

“Joshua and Jericho” Tammy Waldrop

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-17 “Sing Psalms and Hymns and Spiritual Songs”

SERMON “By Faith Comes Harmony”

*HYMN

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho (see insert)

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: With thankfulness we present our gifts to God.

People: With praise we present our offerings to the Lord.

OFFERTORY **“When in Our Music God is Glorified”**

Words: Fred Pratt Green

Music: Charles V. Stanford, arr. Harriet Ziegenhals

Please join in singing the last verse (found in the insert)

*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: God of our ancestors, by faith you call upon us.

People: Bless our gifts to serve others to your glory.

Leader: With love we pray bind all things together.

People: May your heavenly harmony uphold the world! Amen.

*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: We are sent to sing praises to God.

People: Sing praise in the heights.

Leader: Sing praise upon the earth.

People: Sing praise for all creation.

Leader: By faith, we go to sing songs of love!

*HYMN No. 17

Sing Praises to God!

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE **“The Lord Bless you and Keep you”**
Peter Lutkin

*POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in B-Flat, BWV 560
Attrib. J.S. Bach



Welcome to the OCC!

Thank you for being in worship today!

Join us for refreshments following the service.

May the Lord place a song of peace and joy in your heart!

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 17th pastor beginning in 1969.

Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: **Barbara Ligon**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Mike Foster, Pam Jennette, Kim Kelly and Richard Randlov**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Mike Foster and Richard Randlov**

SAVE THE DATE!

Wed., June 12, 5:00pm—Food Fun and Friends

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!

**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.

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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