



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, August 4th, 2024, 9:30am
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Fresh bread begins with a planted seed.

Order of Service

PRELUDE "Imagine" John Lennon

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.**

WELCOME & ONA COVENANT *printed on page 7*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Announcements are made for the good of the parish.

*HYMN No. 314 *As We Gather at Your Table*

CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Gracious God, you are the source of all good things. We are so grateful for providing us with all we need. We confess that we worry about earthly things and lose sight of our spiritual calling. Forgive us our times of unbelief. Raise us up that we may meet you where you are and grant us the confidence of faith to accomplish great things in your Spirit. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

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

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ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive these words of assurance.

The great good news of our faith is this: our Lord never stops calling us to do the works of God. In the Spirit we bring humility, gentleness, patience and peace to the world in need. Recalling the eternal teachings that never fail, we know that our Lord's heavenly love forgives and sustains, us that we may be changed, and our community transformed forever in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

People: Praise be to the Lord our God!

RESPONSIVE PSALM *from Psalm 51*

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God.

People: Cleanse me of my sin.

Leader: Create in me, a clean heart.

People: Renew a right spirit within me.

Leader: Cast me not away from your presence.

People: Take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Leader: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

People: A broken and contrite heart O God, do not despise.

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

People: Uphold me with a willing spirit.

*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 Ephesians 4:1-6 "There Is One Body, One Spirit"

MUSIC

"I Have Loved You"

Michael Joncas

SCRIPTURE John 6:24-35 Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Lif

SERMON "The Bread from Heaven"

*HYMN No. 386

We Are One in the Spirit

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

Leader: Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

People: We give to God the sacrifice of praise and thanks!

OFFERTORY "Bread of the World" Reginald Heber and Paul Tate

*DOXOLOGY No. 44 Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Bourgeois 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, bless these gifts we bring.

People: Bless us in our work and service.

Leader: Grant us to be strengthened in our mission.

People: May all we do be to your glory and praise. Amen.

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 *unison*

Holy, Holy, Holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest!

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

Leader: Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world:

People: Have mercy on us.

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Leader: Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world:

People: Grant us peace.

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: We are sent forth by God's blessing.

People: Let us sow the seeds of faith.

Leader: May God's words blossom in action.

People: Forever love shall unite us.

*HYMN No. 614

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

"March (Sonata No. 4)" Gaetano Valerj



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!

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Lynnete Beaudro, in our prayers of safety in Qatar.

Mary Williams, for healing and recovery.

Pastor Ken for his recent diagnosis and treatment plan.

Elizabeth Enegren, for continued strength and recovery after surgery.

Ann Conaty, for strength in recovery.

Wayne “Mac” McCormack, for recovery in his recent illness

Tina Upham, for encouragement with healing.

Emmie Foster, for pain relief and healing after a fall

Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST:

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Ralph Lambalot and
Joan Mello**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Mike Foster and
Bob Casavant**

**Checkout the Spire for upcoming events. Copies are in
Fellowship Hall and on-line at occhurch.net.**

**Just a few things happening in the future of the OCC.
Stay tuned for further details:**

08/14 Food, Fun, & Friends Ice Cream Social 6-8 Fellowship Hall

08/15 Community Connections Meeting 7-9 Fellowship Hall

08/18 Outdoor Worship Service

08/25 Zimbabwe Guests during Worship service.

10/11 Food, Fun, & Friends 6-8 Fellowship Hall

11/20 Food, Fun, & Friends 6-8 Fellowship Hall

12/11 Wrentham Tree Lighting After lighting Fellowship Hall
(cocoa and carols) (6)



We are an Open and Affirming Congregation
of the United Church of Christ



The Open and Affirming Covenant of the OCC

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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