

The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, August 11th, 2024, 9:30am
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

***Worship Next Sunday August 18 at 9:30am
Is Outdoors Weather Permitting***

Order of Worship

PRELUDE **"To a Wild Rose"** Edward MacDowell

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. 53

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Holy God, all good things come from your hand. We confess that we lose sight of your abundant mercy. We do not even know what to ask of you by faith. Forgive us our unbelief. Draw us near to you that we may receive your Word and share in all your gifts of the Spirit. Grant that we may live out our faith with great conviction in your goodness. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive these words of assurance.

And this is the good news of faith: God strengthens us with the power of the Spirit. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, we are firmly grounded. We remain steadfast in faith. In Christ we are forgiven. In Christ we are raised up. In Christ we are able to accomplish far more than we could ever have asked or imagined and together the church enlightens the world to the glory of God.

People: Praise be to the Lord! 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.

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

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RESPONSIVE READING *from Psalm 145*

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

People: God's greatness is unsearchable.

Leader: The Lord is good to all.

People: God's mercy is over all creation.

Leader: The Lord is faithful and kind in all things.

People: The Lord upholds all who are falling.

Leader: All eyes look to you, O Lord, to give them their food.

People: You open your hand and satisfy all desires.

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call.

People: The Lord hears our cry and saves.

*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

Ephesians 3:14-21 "The Abundance of Christ's Love"

ANTHEM "Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts"

Words: Bernard of Clairvaux, Tr. Ray Palmer

Music: QUEBEC (Hesperus), Henry W. Baker

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:1-15 "Jesus Feeding the Five Thousand"

SERMON "More than Imagined"

*HYMN No. 417

All My Hope on God Is Founded

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 fill our baskets with the gifts of God.

People: We present our offerings to the glory of God.

OFFERTORY

"Home"

BJ Pridham & Israel Houghton

*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, bless these our gifts we bring.

People: May we be made ready for service in your name.

Leader: Bless all those in need of your goodness and mercy.

People: Enliven our ministry in your Holy Spirit.

*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: With God we can feed thousands.

People: In Christ we can imagine a new world.

Leader: By the Spirit we go to work wonders of love.

People: By the Spirit we go singing praise to the Living God.

*HYMN No. 18

Praise to the Living God

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

"Cebell"

Henry Purcell



Welcome to the OCC

Thank you for being in worship today!

Join us for refreshments following the service.

May the Lord grant you in abundance more than you can imagine!

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" and Judy McCormack, for peace and calm during his 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: **Judy O'Neill and Richard Randlov**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Ralph Lambalot and Bob Boissy**

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

The Kitchen Elves need your help.

The Kitchen Elves started years ago when a few members of the Pastoral Care Team thought members of our church family needed a hug. Once a month we gather to prepare 40-50 meals and deliver them to our church family. We have a group who prepares the meals, a group who bakes cookies or other desserts and a dedicated group to deliver the meals. Pearl does all of the shopping, Sue S does all the paperwork and calls, Emmie keeps us updated on families who might need a meal each month and Sharon, Sue W and Kristin keep us on task. If you would like to help with prep and love to peel veggies, showing up at 9 am or like to bake cookies every couple of months or perhaps can deliver 3-4 meals once a month...please notify our Elf Team by contacting the church office. Bakers make 60 cookies a month and deliver them to Fellowship Hall the night before Elves or by 9:30 that morning. Drivers arrive at noon on Elf Day and are done in about an hour. You can also call on our cell phones. Even if you can help once in a while, we would love to have you join us.



**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.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL!!!!

Wednesday, August 14th

5:00-7:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall

Games and fun for the whole family!!!!

**Wrentham Day
9.7.2024
We need YOU!!!!**



Volunteers are needed to man the TWO canopy areas this year!!!

We will be promoting the Church Fair, the NEW C.K.C.,
and Community Connections!!!!

Email Monica if you can help!

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Bells Director: Martha Goodman
Community Coordinator, Lead Soprano: Monica Yohn
Sextons: Bob & Sandy Cummings
Summer Office Administrator: Donna Charbatji