The Original Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

Sunday, August 18th, 2024, 9:30am

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Outside Weather Permitting

***Welcome to the OCC***

***A Positive Possibilities Place***

 *Order of Worship*

PRELUDE **“Evening Piece”** Eduard Schütt

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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 115*

Leader: O faithful, let us trust in the Lord!

**People: God is our help and protector.**

Leader: The Lord is mindful of us.

**People: The Lord will bless us.**

Leader: The Lord will bless all things great and small.

**People: May the Lord bless you and your children.**

Leader: May you all be blessed by the Lord.

**People: It is the Lord who made heaven and earth!**

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

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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.**

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.**

SERVICE OF DEDICATION *of Noah Benedetti*

PROMISES

BLESSING

\*HYMN No. 307 ***Wonder of Wonders***

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 6:22-27 “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

**ANTHEM "The Summons"**

Words: John L. Bell Music: Scottish Traditional

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:1-11 “Jesus and the Disciples Fishing”

SERMON “The Big Catch”

\*HYMN No. 63***All Things Bright and Beautiful***

MISSION MOMENT

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 present our gifts to God.

**People: We rejoice to share in God’s work!**

**OFFERTORY "You Walk along Our Shoreline"**

Words: Sylvia Dunstan Music: Perry Nelson

\*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 offering to you.

**People: Send us out to share your blessings.**

Leader: In your Spirit make us strong and true.

**People: Go with us and guide us in all we do!**

\*HYMN No. 336 ***Go With Us, Lord***

\*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE **"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

arr. Phillip Keveren

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***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!

**TODAY, WE WELCOME TO THE OCC,** the family and friends of Katie and Nathan Benedetti, to share in the Service of Dedication of their son ***Noah Benedetti*** ***.*** Standing in honor as Godparents are Anna Kerkorian and Gregory Gulino. Congratulations to all and May God Bless.

**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.

 **George & Deb Labonte,** on the loss of their son, Deputy Police Chief George Labonte. Details of his service are posted on the Ross Funeral Home, Wrentham web site.

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

THANK YOU TO TODAY’S LITURGIST**:**

THANK YOU TO TODAY’S USHERS**: Gordon and Sue Wetmore**

THANK YOU TO TODAY’S COUNTERS: **Leesa Burke ad Joan Mello**

**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 another desserts and a dedicated group to deliver the meals. Pearl does all of the shopping, Sue S does all the paper work 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 Pearl at  pgottberg@hotmail.com or Sue Schwarm at  Sue.schwarm@gmail.com.  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 awhile, we would love to have you join us.

**All Teams and Committees,** please have your Spire articles for the September Spire to the office by **Tuesday, August 20th.** September Spire will be published earlier than usual with many activities needing early notice!

**Please join the Outreach Team in welcoming** Connie Littlefield, Director of PKZ, Vrante Mahlupeko and his son, Trevor, to our church on **Sunday, August 25th, 2024**. Vrante and Trevor are visiting New England this summer from Mt. Selinda in Zimbabwe. Vrante is instrumental in procuring and distributing food to the **Daisy Dube Children’s Home**, a project we have been supporting for many years. There are 25 residents at Daisy Dube ranging in age from under 4 to young adults.

As we have gotten to know Vrante through email and Facebook, we have learned he does much more than provide food to the Children’s Home, but seems to be

wherever compassion, assistance or a helping hand is needed for those living throughout Zimbabwe. Take a few moments to greet them and hear their amazing stories.

Welcome PK.

**We need YOU to welcome HIM!**



The Original Congregational Church is in need of

NEW ushers/greeters and communion helpers!!!!

Ask yourself, ‘How can I serve my church?”

“How can I serve God?”

Please email Monica at monica@occhurch.net if you are interested or have any questions.

 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.

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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.

**THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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**Office: 508-384-3110 Website: www.occhurch.net Facebook**

**Senior Pastor: Reverend Kenneth C. Landin**

 **Organist & Music Director: Justin Kisch**

 **Bells Director: Martha Goodman**

**Communications Coordinator/Soprano: Monica Yohn**

**Church Sextons: Bob and Sandy Cummings**

 **Summer Office Administrator: Donna Charbatji**

**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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