



The Original Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10:00am  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

### *Order of Worship*

PRELUDE      **“Be Thou My Vision”**      arr. Noel Jones

#### 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN No. B-13 (Blue Binder)      *Take Up Your Cross*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Loving God, you are foundational to our faith, yet we confess that sometimes we neglect to live according to the faith you have blessed us with. Help us to remember the promises made at our Baptism to be committed to Christ’s church and participate fully in discipleship, relying on Your power and promises. Gently call us back to You when we stray and forgive us when we falter. Grant us Your abundant forgiveness, mercy and grace. AMEN.**

#### SILENT PRAYER

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive these words of assurance.

God promises to never leave us alone and even in our most challenging of times, to be beside us tenderly caring for our every need and supporting us as we strive to be faithful followers of Christ. The love of God is greater than any of our sins and we are given the grace of forgiveness when humbly confess our shortcomings and earnestly turn back to our Creator.

**People: Thanks be to God for this gift of our faith! Amen.**

#### THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 PSALM *Adapted from Psalm 19*

Leader: The heavens tell of the glory of God.

**People: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.**

Leader: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

**People: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.**

Leader: God's commandments are clear; they enlighten the eyes.

**People: The fear of the Lord is pure, it endures forever.**

Leader: The ordinances of God are righteous and true.

**People: God's ways are more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey.**

Leader: Clear us O God from our hidden faults.

**People: May we be blameless in your sight and innocent of great transgressions.**

\*ACT OF PRAISE No. 36 *Glory Be to the Father*

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 HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*We welcome Briella Rose Flynn to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

\*HYMN No. 306 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING *unison*

*All may rise to offer a blessing for the newly baptized.*

**Holy God, we thank you for the gift of baptism and the joy of new life. We promise our love, support, and blessings for the newly baptized. Grant to *Briella Rose*, strength for life's journey, courage in times of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love and the hope of new life everlasting through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, we pray. AMEN.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12: 12-13 "One body with Many Members"

ANTHEM "Down to the River to Pray" arr. Mark Rippe

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8:27-38 "Peter's Declaration about Jesus"

SERMON "Who do you say that I am?"

\*HYMN No. 445 *Be Thou My Vision*

PRAYER NOTICES

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

**People: Christ is in our midst.**

Leader: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Bob Boissy

CALL TO OFFERING AND SERVICE

OFFERATORY

**“He is the Rock”**

Michael Barrett

\*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

**\*SENDING & COMMISSIONING**

Leader: Jesus is the Messiah, the giver of life.

**People: In holy grace we are given an advocate before God.**

Leader: Hope, peace and joy are found in the loving arms of our Savior.

**People: The blessings of God the Creator, Jesus the Redeemer and the Companionship of the Holy Spirit are given to us.**

\*HYMN No. 469

*A Mighty Fortress*

\*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE No. 289

**“Amen”**

*\*Please remain seated throughout the Postlude. Thank you.*

\*POSTLUDE

**Fughetta on “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

Johann Pachelbel



***Welcome to the OCC!***

Thank you for being in worship today!

Please, join us for refreshments following the service.

**IN OUR PRAYERS...**

**Lynnete Beaudro**, in our prayers of safety in Qatar.

**Mary Williams**, for healing and recovery.

**Pastor Ken** for healing and a speedy recovery after surgery.

**Ann Conaty**, for continued strength in recovery.

**Wayne “Mack” and Judy McCormack**, for peace and calm during his illness.

**Tina Upham**, for encouragement with healing.

**Sherri Alleman**, for continued strength in recovery.

*Life of the Church*  
*Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God*

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: **Ralph Lambalot**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Leesa Burke, Alice Gero, Pam Jennette and Trevor Knott**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Leesa Burke and Joan Mello**

**TODAY, WE WELCOME TO THE OCC**, the family and friends of Lauren and Patrick Flynn, as we share with them in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism of their daughter ***Briella Rose Flynn***.  
Congratulations to all and May God Bless.

**CALENDER:**

Tuesday, September 17th	6:30pm	Worship Team
Wednesday, September 18th	12:00pm	Lunch Bunch
	1:30pm	Knit one Pray Two
Thursday, September 19th	6:00pm	Bells Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, September 22nd	10:00am	Worship Service/Baptism
	11:00am	Fellowship Hall Coffee Hour

**BRING YOUR GENTLY USED GOODS TO THE DRIVE-UP DONATION DAY!**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 FROM 1 - 4 PM (in the church parking lot!)**

Church Fair tables are in need of items, especially Attic Treasures  
(see full list in September SPIRE).

Fill your car, drive up and a volunteer will unload the items from your vehicle!  
How easy is that?

Or...Drop off your items during office hours on the bench next to the office (Tu - Fr 9 -3)

**\*\* We do not accept electronic items, large furniture, baby furniture, strollers or car seats; and books that are not in pristine condition.**

**We need YOU to welcome GOD!**

The Original Congregational Church is in need of NEW ushers/greeters and communion helpers!!!!

Please email Monica at [monica@occhurch.net](mailto:monica@occhurch.net) if you are interested or have any questions.



Choir members needed, Tenors especially. Like to sing? That is what we like to hear. Contact Justin for more info!



**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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Music Director/Organist: Justin Kisch  
Bells Director: Martha Goodman  
Community Coordinator, Lead Soprano: Monica Yohn  
Sextons: Bob & Sandy Cummings  
Summer Office Administrator: Donna Charbatji**

