



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, September 29th, 2024, 10:00am
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

PRELUDE **“All Are Welcome”** Marty Haugen

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.

BELLS **“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”** Terry Osman
Wrentham wRingers

LIFE OF THE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN No. 374 *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.

All: God of all forgiveness, your holy Divine love for all creation is beyond our comprehension. We are sorry that we have not loved others as much as you love us, please forgive us for this and the other ways we have sinned against you. Help us to stay connected to you through prayer, worship, and service to our community. May we never forget to give you the glory and praise for the many ways you bless our lives. Be with us as we offer you our time, our gifts, and our talents. AMEN

SILENT PRAYER

All those who are able, please stand.

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive these words of assurance.

By God's abundant love and mercy, we are forgiven of all our sins and made new before our Creator. The Scriptures remind us that as God forgives us, we are called to forgive each other and use the Word of God to guide our thoughts, words, and actions in the world. May we hold on to God's promises and be the faithful community we are called to be.

People: Thanks be to God! AMEN

THE LORDS 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.

RESPONSIVE READING *Adapted from the Psalm 124*

Leader: God is on our side and has delivered us from our enemies.

People: We would have been swallowed up alive when their anger was kindled against us.

Leader: The raging flood waters would have swept us away.

People: Blessed be the Lord who has not given up on us.

Leader: We have escaped danger like a bird.

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

*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**

SCRIPTURE READING James 5:13-20 "The Prayer of Faith"

BELLS

“Grace” arr. Jason Krug
Wrentham wRingers

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:38-50 “Temptations to Sin”

SERMON: “Salted with Fire”

*HYMN No. 386

We Are One in the Spirit

PRAYER NOTICES

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: Christ is in our midst.

Leader: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Martha Goodman

CALL TO OFFERING AND SERVICE

OFFERTORY

“Prayer of St. Francis”

Words: attr. St. Francis, Music: Sebastian Temple

*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: As followers of Christ, we are called to be an inclusive body of faith.

People: Jesus says, “Whoever is not against us is for us.”

Leader: Christ Jesus is our perfect example of unconditional love.

People: May we have the courage to offer extravagant welcome to all in the name of our Lord.

*HYMN No. 477 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE No. 289 **“Amen”**

POSTLUDE **“Trumpet Voluntary”** John Travers



Welcome to the OCC!

Thank you for being in worship today!
Please, join us for refreshments following the service.

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 healing and a speedy recovery after surgery.

Ann Conaty, for continued strength in recovery.

Wayne “Mack” and Judy McCormack, for recovery after his surgery.

Tina Upham, for encouragement with healing.

Sherri Alleman, for continued strength in recovery.

Bob Casavant, for strength in healing and recovery after surgery.

Joseph Botaish, II, for peace and comfort while battling his illness.

Dick Shirley, for continued healing after an illness.

Today’s Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY’S LITURGIST: **Ned Ligon**

THANK YOU TO TODAY’S USHERS: **Heather Castelo, Mike Foster, Kim Kelly,
and Gordon Wetmore**

THANK YOU TO TODAY’S COUNTERS: **Alison Wade & Richard Randlov**

CALENDER:

Tuesday, October 1st	5:00pm	Holly Club
Wednesday, October 2nd	9:00am 1:30pm	Kitchen Elves Knit One Pray Two
Thursday, October 3rd	6:00pm	Bells Rehearsal
Saturday, October 5th	9:30am	Craft Day
Sunday, October 6th	10:00am 11:00am	World Communion Day Worship Service Fellowship Hall Coffee Hour

OCC Office Administrator Update

It is that time of year when **Donna Charbatji** becomes a snowbird again and returns to sunny Florida. We are grateful that Donna was able to return to OCC this summer and ably fill in the role as office administrator, giving us time to search for a replacement. Donna's last day will be September 26, and we wish her well.

We are pleased to announce that **Kristi Brytowski** will be joining the OCC team as our new office administrator, starting on September 17. Kristi lives in Hopedale, MA, and has served as office administrator for the past seven years at the Hopedale Union Evangelical (UCC) Church in essentially the same role. She is also active in the community, as Girl Scout Troup Leader and an elected Hopedale School Committee member.

Please feel free to stop in the office to meet Kristi and welcome her to OCC!

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 if you are interested or have any questions.



Choir: A little bird told me that some people would like to join the choir but they are nervous that they don't have much experience. Starting next week, September 26, I will invite newer singers to come at **7:15pm** for some special instruction (every week, as your schedule allows). **Normal rehearsals will begin at 7:30.**



**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.

**THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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**Guest Pastor: Pastor Lori Bruni
Music Director/Organist: Justin Kisch
Bells Director: Martha Goodman
Community Coordinator, Lead Soprano: Monica Yohn
Sextons: Bob & Sandy Cummings
Summer Office Administrator: Donna Charbatji**

CKC Collection!

Boxes are at front and back door.

Community Kids Club!

We are collecting for Wrentham &
Franklin Food Pantries!

Sept 8th- Oct 22nd

Collection Sites:

- Wrentham Elementary
(Delaney and Roderick entrances)
- Fiske Public Library Wrentham
- OCC Wrentham

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