

Who is a wise man and
endued with knowledge
among you? let him
shew out of a good
conversation his works
with meekness
of wisdom.
James 3:13



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, September 22nd, 2024, 10:00am
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

PRELUDE **“Basse de Cromorne”** (Solo for Krumhorn in the Bass)
Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN No. 295 *O Christ, the Word Incarnate*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.

All: God of all mercy, we confess before you and each other that we have been unfaithful to you. We lack love for our neighbors, we waste opportunities to do good, and we look the other way when you cry out to us in the suffering of our brothers and sisters in need. We are sincerely sorry for our sins, both those we commit deliberately and those that we allow to overtake us. We ask your forgiveness and pray for strength that we may follow in your way and love all your people with that perfect love which casts out all fear, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

(UCC Book of Worship, 81-82).

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 short comings and earnestly turn back to our Creator.

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

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

RESPONSIVE READING *Adapted from the First Psalm*

Leader: Happy are those who do not take the path of the sinner but instead delight in the Lord.

People: Those who delight in the law of the Lord, meditate on him day and night.

Leader: They are like trees which are planted by living streams of water.

People: The trees yield fruit in their season and their leaves do not wither.

Leader: In all that they do, they prosper.

People: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

*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 3:13-4:3, 7-8 "Two Kinds of Wisdom"

ANTHEM "We Shall Walk in Peace" arr. David N. Davenport

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:30-37 "Who is the Greatest?"

SERMON: "First and Last"

*HYMN No. 403 *Lord I Want to Be a Christian*

PRAYER NOTICES

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: Christ is in our midst.

Leader: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

MISSION MOMENT

Mary Grace Kopas

CALL TO OFFERING AND SERVICE

OFFERING "River in Judea"

Words: Linda Marcus; Music: Jack Feldman; arr. John Leavitt

*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 our Messiah calls us to humble service.

People: “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

Leader: We have in Jesus a Savior who exemplifies radical servant leadership.

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

*HYMN No. 503 *Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service*

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE **“Prelude and Ricercar in A Minor”** Johann Krieger



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 peace and calm during his illness.

Tina Upham, for encouragement with healing.

Sherri Alleman, for continued strength in recovery.

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

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

in Loving Memory of our parents.

Given by Joyce and Jerry Long

THANK YOU TO TODAY’S LITURGIST: **Alice Gero**

THANK YOU TO TODAY’S USHERS: **Trevor Knott, Judy O’Neill, Joan Mello and Richard Landlov**

THANK YOU TO TODAY’S COUNTERS: **Jerry Long and Ralph Lambalot**

CALENDER:

Wednesday, September 25th	1:30pm	Book Club
Thursday, September 26th	9:30am	Ladies Breakfast
	6:00pm	Bells Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, September 28th	1-4pm	Drive-Up Donation Day
Sunday, September 29th		Bells Perform
	10:00am	Worship Service
	11:00am	Fellowship Hall Coffee Hour
		Music Meet and Greet

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 able to 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!

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 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.

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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**

O.C.C. Book Club!!!!!!

Fourth Wednesday of the month.

1:30-3:30 P.M.

Fellowship Hall

Let's get together for coffee or tea, some yummy sweets, and chat about a
monthly book selection

September 25th, 2024 1:30-3:30

(If we have interest for an evening group, we will create TWO clubs!)

Email Monica with questions or book suggestions at monica@occhurch.net

Our September Book Club choice!

