



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, October 13th, 2024, 10:00am
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Service

PRELUDE Prelude on “ST. ANNE (Our God, Our Help)” C.S. Lang

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. 80

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has come, for us, a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from the past we cannot change. Open us to a future in which we can be changed and grant us grace to more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ the light of the world. Amen

SILENT PRAYER

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

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.

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.

RESPONSIVE READING *Adapted from the Psalm 22*

Leader: God, there are times that I feel you have forsaken me.

People: Sometimes I cry by day, but you do not answer me.

Leader: Yet you are Holy, and our ancestors trusted you and you delivered them.

People: When they cried you heard them, and they were saved.

Leader: Please be near to me, O God when there is trouble and no one to help.

People: The Lord God is our strength and our refuge from the storms of life.

*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 Hebrews 4:12-16 "Jesus is the Great High Priest"

ANTHEM "Take Up Your Cross" Edward Broughton

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:17-31 “The Rich Man”

SERMON: “Inheritance”

*HYMN No. 473

O Jesus, I Have Promised

PRAYER NOTICES

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: Christ is in our midst.

Leader: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING AND SERVICE

OFFERTORY “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” arr. Roy Ringwald

*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: We ask Jesus, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?”

People: In love and service we follow our Savior and believe in the promise of eternal life.

Leader: It is in God’s abundant grace and mercy that we are blessed with the gift of Jesus Christ to redeem and save us.

People: May we always give thanks to our God through whom all things are possible!

*HYMN No. 464 *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated*

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE No. 288 **“Amen”**

POSTLUDE **“Fugue in C”** G.F. Handel



Welcome to the OCC!

Thank you for being in worship today!

Please, join us for refreshments following the service.

Blue Prayer Request forms are in the front of the Sanctuary for those who would like to share a request or concern or lift someone up in prayer. You may also contact Pastor Ken or Monica via email with any requests up to one hour before Service on Sunday. If confidentiality is a question, please direct all questions/requests to Pastor Ken. Thank You!

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.

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.

All the victims of the hurricanes.

*Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of Soivi Nurmenniemi
given by her family*

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: **Heather Castelo**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Alice Gero, Pam Jennette, Joan Mello &
Gordon Wetmore**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Joan Mello & Bob Boissy**

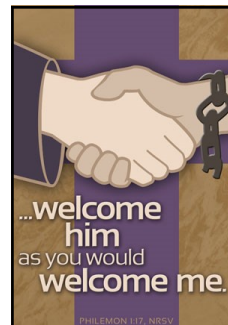
CALENDER:

Tuesday, October 15th	6:30pm	Worship Team
Wednesday, October 16th	12:00pm	Lunch Bunch
Thursday, October 17th	6:00pm 7:30pm	Bells Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 18th	5:00pm	Wrentham Halloween Stroll
Sunday, October 20th	10:00am 11:00am	Worship Service Fellowship Hall Coffee Hour

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.**



Family fun for all! Come be a part of the 3rd annual WBC sponsored Halloween Stroll. Stop at a variety of local shops, including our very own OCC, and discover what treats they have for you!

Note: this event takes place at multiple locations in Wrentham. Town maps will be available at the starting point, Berkshire Hathaway (26 Franklin Street).



**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.

We welcome all who have no church home, seek strength, and want to follow the teachings of Jesus. We welcome believers and non-believers, doubters and questioners, and questioning believers. We welcome new visitors and old friends. We welcome grandparents, mothers, fathers and children. We welcome single and partnered people. We welcome people of all ages, colors, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions.

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
Office Administrator: Kristi Brytowski**

**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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Volunteers Needed!

Trunk O' Treat

October 27th 11:00

Volunteers needed to decorate
trunks and give treats to our little
“monsters”

**WE NEED YOUR HELP! BE A
BLOOD DONOR FOR HALLOWEEN!**



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**ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1 EAST ST WRENTHAM MA**

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 24
12 - 5 PM**



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