



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, October 27th, 2024, 10:00am
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Service

PRELUDE **“Taste and See”** James E. Moore
Soloist: Monica Yohn

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 **“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”** - arr. Patricia Hurlbutt
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LIFE OF THE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN No. 612 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Our Almighty God, you are the source of all pure desires and holy affections. Help us in the beauty of this sanctuary to be still and listen for your voice. Open our hearts and minds that we can feel your Holy Spirit among us offering peace and guidance. Forgive us, O Holy One for the times we forget to keep you at the very center of our lives and make choices based on our own selfish interests. We desire to bring glory to your precious name so we pray that this time of worship may be pleasing to you. It is in Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, AMEN.

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

SILENT PRAYER

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

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 34*

Leader: I will always bless the Lord with praise.

People: May all the humble hear of God's goodness and be glad.

Leader: Let us magnify and exalt the name of the Lord together.

People: God has delivered me from all my fears.

Leader: Look upon the Holy One with radiant faces.

People: The angel of the Lord encamps around and delivers those who are righteous.

Leader: Happy are those who take refuge in God.

People: O taste and see that the Lord is good!

*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 Job 42: 1-6, 10-17
 “Job is humbled, satisfied and restored”

BELLS **“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**
 from “In Glad Adoration”) - arr. A. L. Page
 Wrentham wRingers

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:46-52 “Healing of Blind Bartimaeus”

SERMON: “Open my Eyes”

*HYMN No. 617 *Wonderful Words of Life*

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 **“Welcome”** Anonymous

*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: In our spiritual blindness we ask Jesus, Son of David to have mercy on us.

People: We ask to have our eyes opened to the Gospel of truth as given to us by Christ.

Leader: Holy Spirit come upon us and illumine our way to the Kingdom of God.

People: Just like the blind man, Jesus can use our faith to bring wholeness and healing to our lives.

*HYMN No. 39 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*SPOKEN BENEDECTION

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

POSTLUDE **“Make a Joyful Noise”** Franklin Ritter



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 Lori 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 Lori. 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

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: **Joan Mello**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Leesa Burke, Barbara Ligon, Ned Ligon
and Richard Randlov**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Leesa Burke and Richard Randlov**

CALENDER:

Thursday, October 31st	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, November 3rd	10:00am	Mass No. 4 Stefan Stocker
	11:00am	Special Music 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.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOU ARE INVITED!

VETERAN'S DAY BREAKFAST

November 9, 2024 10:00 AM

The Original Congregational Church
Fellowship Hall
1 East Street Wrentham Ma

Registration options by November 2:
Call Church Office at 508-384-3110
Email: monica@occhurch.net
SignUpGenius.com: <https://tinyurl.com/47kvfx4b> or QR code above

UPCOMING EVENTS continued...



THE CHRISTMAS TREE CHURCH FAIR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024, 9 AM – 2 PM

GIFT BASKETS AND TABLE DONATIONS ARE STILL APPRECIATED

Donate Gift Basket to the Silent Auction; see ideas on the Fair Board.
Donations are still welcome for Fair Tables!

VOLUNTEERS ARE ESSENTIAL

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact one of the fair co-chairs to volunteer.
Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated!

DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE THROUGHOUT THE FAIR

As you browse...take in how we have “decked the halls” with the
wonderfully decorated **Christmas Trees...all for Sale!**
Use the handy tree map to find your favorite!

SHOPPERS ARE THE HEART OF THE FAIR

For the kids: **Children’s Fair** with face painting, a scavenger hunt, crafts, games, and **Santa Claus!**
Hungry? Head to the **Food Table** and enjoy a meal at the all-day **Brunch.**
Shop at the many fair tables: **Vendors, Crafts, Gifts, Christmas Decorations, and Plants!**
Visit the **Silent Auction** and **Jewelry Table** in the Sanctuary, **Books Room** in the Chapel,
and **Attic Treasures** in the Vestry.

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!

Barbara Ligon and Gordon Wetmore
The Christmas Tree Church Fair Co-Chairpersons
bvligon@gmail.com, gwetmore168@gmail.com

Food, Fun & Friends Friendsgiving Dinner & Craft- Nov. 20th 5-7 PM

Santa Gnome Craft Night- November 25th at 6:30 PM

Wrentham Tree Lighting- December 1st 6-8 PM

Christmas Concert & Potluck- December 8th 4PM

Parent Drop-off Night- December 13th 4-8 PM

NYE FAMILY DINNER AND COUNTDOWN- December 31st 5-9 PM



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