



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, November 3rd, 2024, 10:00am
All Saints Day
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.
—*Saint Francis of Assisi*

Order of Service

PRELUDE **Improvisation**

INTROIT **Welcome** Anonymous *Monica Yohn, soprano*

GREETING

Leader: Grace and Peace to you in the name of the One who is and who was and who is to come, the Lord Almighty!

People: And may our joy be made complete in our fellowship of faith Amen.

WELCOME & ONA COVENANT *printed on back*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH *Announcements are made for the good of the parish.*

*HYMN No. 127 *Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates*

KYRIE (see insert for translations) **Lord Have Mercy**

Monica Yohn, soprano; Alison Wade, alto; Kent Jones, bass

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Loving God, have mercy on us. We confess that the ways of this world can take our faith away. Forgive our times of unbelief. Return to us the joys of salvation. Lift up our hearts in prayer that we may enter your sacred spaces and be restored. Unbind us from all the things that keep us from living fully in your loving grace. In your name we pray. Amen.

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

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SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear these words of assurance.

It is God's will to draw near to those who suffer. It is the power of God to save souls and lead the lost back home. In the loving acts of Christ our sins are forgiven. Our life is restored. We may trust in the faithfulness of the Lord from the beginning to the end.

People: Praise be to the Lord of New Life!

RESPONSIVE PSALM *from Psalm 24*

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

People: God established the earth and the sea.

Leader: Who can ascend the Lord's mountain?

People: Who can stand in God's sanctuary?

Leader: Mighty gates: lift up your heads!

People: Ancient doors: rise up high!

Leader: The Lord is strong and powerful!

People: The Lord is glorious!

*GLORIA *Please join in singing the refrain*

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of four staves. The first staff (measures 7-14) is for the organ, with lyrics: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a in ex-cel - sis De - o." The second staff (measures 15-22) is for the choir, with lyrics: "Glo - ri a, glo - ri - a in ex-cel - sis De - o." The third staff (measures 23-30) is for the organ, with lyrics: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a in ex-cel - sis". The fourth staff (measures 31-38) is for the choir, with lyrics: "De - o. Glo - ri a, glo - ri - a in ex-cel - sis." The score includes dynamic markings such as *2* and *11*, and a *slowing down* instruction. Measure numbers 7, 15, 23, and 31 are indicated at the start of their respective staves.

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 25:6-9 “On God’s Holy Mountain”

CREDO “**I Believe in One God**”

SCRIPTURE John 11:32-44 “Jesus Reveals the Glory of God”

SERMON “Love Unbound”

*HYMN No. 486 *For All the Saints*

PRAYER NOTICES *are shared*

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: Christ is in our midst.

Leader: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

Leader: Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

People: We rejoice to lift up our gifts with praise!

OFFERTORY “O Day of Peace” *Monica Yohn*

Words: Carl P. Daw; Music: C. Hubert H. Parry

*DOXOLOGY No. 44 Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Bourgeois 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

Leader: Holy God, we dedicate our gifts to your glory.

People: Strengthen our work and witness in your world!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive at the Lord’s Table!

COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

CONSECRATION

LORD'S PRAYER *all versions are welcomed in the Spirit!*

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.

AGNUS DEI

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Please eat the bread when served. Hold the cup until instructed to drink together.

PRAYER

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

We rejoice in the mission to share our faith and grow the church of Christ!

Leader: We shine in the communion of the Lord.

People: Our fellowship resides in faithfulness.

Leader: The Lord is our shelter and our rock.

People: The Lord is our forever song of life.

Leader: Let us go to bless the world with love.

People: We go to serve the Lord with joy!

*HYMN No. 494 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “**O When the Saints**” (Traditional) sung by the kids

POSTLUDE Improvisation on “For All the Saints”



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.

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

Tina Upham, for encouragement with healing.

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.

Eldridge Family, for peace and healing.

All the victims of the hurricanes.

Today’s Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God

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

THANK YOU TO TODAY’S USHERS: **Stephen Becker, Mike Foster, Alice Gero,
Pam Jennette, Kim Kelly & Ned Ligon**

THANK YOU TO TODAY’S COUNTERS: **Alison Wade & Ralph Lambalot**

CALENDER:

Monday, November 4th	6:30pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday, November 6th	9:00am	Kitchen Elves
Thursday, November 7th	12:00pm	Worcester Fellowship Luncheon
	6:00pm	Bells Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, November 9th	10:00am	Veteran’s Breakfast
Sunday, November 10th	10:00am	Worship Service
	11:00am	Fellowship Hall Coffee Hour

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!

Worcester Fellowship Lunch at All Saints of Worcester



Our last scheduled Bag Lunches delivery for this year will be on Thursday, November 7th. We have been informed by the Worcester Fellowship that the Thursday Café held at All Saints Episcopal Church will no longer be serving lunches during the colder months of the year. We realize this will be our last opportunity to visit before fall leads into the winter months. There is always a much higher need for socks during this time of the year. Socks not only

provide comfort, but also warmth and protection during the unpredictable weather.

Please consider dropping white socks off to the Church office during the first week in November. Any socks collected will be delivered along with our bagged lunches that Thursday, the 7th. Also, please keep these vulnerable individuals in your prayers through out this upcoming winter season. Thank you for any donations you are able to provide.

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/20 5:00pm - Food Fun & Friendsgiving Dinner & Craft

11/25 6:30pm - Santa Gnome Craft Night

12/1 6:00pm - Wrentham Tree Lighting

12/7 11:00am - Wreath Making Craft

12/8 4:00pm - Christmas Concert & Potluck

12/13 4:00pm - Parent Drop-Off Night

12/31 5-9:00pm - NYE Family Dinner & Countdown*

**Please save your bubble wrap and drop it at the church to be used during this event.*



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
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**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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