



...so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people;  
and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but  
to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Hebrews 9:28

The Original Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10:00am  
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*Welcome into God's House of Love!  
We rejoice to share in all the gifts of the Spirit!*

Order of Worship

PRELUDE No. 535    **“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**    *Monica Yohn, soprano*

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

*Notices for the program, ministries and people of the church are shared.*

\*HYMN No. 404            *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together.

**All: Loving God, you are the source of all blessing. We confess that we fear there will never be enough to go around. Forgive us our unbelief. Grant us to live by your example of great abundance. Let love rule in our hearts and flow into the world with all we say and do in your great Spirit. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

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

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## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive these words of assurance.

In a broken world filled with great uncertainty, faith informs us of the heavenly promise. In Christ, we are all invited to receive the riches of the Spirit. For Christ's time on the cross, all suffering is transformed into the way towards God and we are embraced by God's eternal love.

**People: Praise be to the Lord of New Life! Amen.**

THE 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.**

RESPONSIVE READING *from Psalm 127*

Leader: Unless the Lord builds the house,

**People: Those who build it labor in vain.**

Leader: Unless the Lord guards the city,

**People: Those who guard it watch in vain.**

Leader: It is in vain you rise early and go late to rest.

**People: You eat the bread of anxious toil**

Leader: It is God who gives sleep to the beloved.

**People: Children are our heritage from the Lord.**

Leader: Happy is the one who has many of them!

**People: We shall not be put to shame!**

\*ACT OF PRAISE No. 36

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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 9:24-28  
"Waiting for Heaven"

ANTHEM

**“By Gracious Powers”**

Words: Dietrich Bonhoeffer; Music: Herbert G. Hobbs

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 12:38-44 “The Widow’s Two Copper Coins”

SERMON “The Value of Commitment”

\*HYMN No. 465 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

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 & SERVICE

Leader: God grace comes in great abundance!

**People: We shall return our gifts unto the Lord!**

OFFERTORY **“In Heavenly Love Abiding”**

Words: Anna L. Waring; Music: Bob Burroughs

\*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

Leader: Dear God, bless the gifts we bring.

**People: We rejoice to share in your work.**

Leader: Strengthen all we do together.

**People: May heavens joys be ours on earth!**

\*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: In crystal fountains flows the healing of God.

**People: The strength of the Lord leads us through.**

Leader: Let us pilgrim together on this Spirit journey.

**All: In praise, we ever give our life to the Lord!**

\*CLOSING HYMN No. 102     *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

\*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

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

\*POSTLUDE     **“High Praise”**     Rachel Sawyer



*Welcome to the OCC!*

Thank you for being in worship today!  
Join us for refreshments following the service.  
May God watch over you and give you peace!

**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.

**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.

**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: **Gordon Wetmore**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Heather Castelo, Mike Foster, Joan Mello & Judy O'Neill**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Mike Foster & Jerry Long**

### **CALENDER:**

Monday, November 11th	-	Veteran's Day
	6:30pm	Bells Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 12th	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Thursday, November 14th	9:30am	Ladies Breakfast
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, November 16th	9:00am	Christmas Tree Fair
Sunday, November 17th	10:00am	Worship Service
	11:00am	Fellowship Hall Coffee Hour

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**11/20 5:00pm - Food, Fun & Friendsgiving with BINGO**

**11/25 6:30pm – Santa Gnome Craft Night **\*\*CANCELED\*\*****

**12/1 6:00pm - Wrentham Tree Lighting with cocoa and carols at OCC after**

**12/7 8:00am - Yard Sale in Vestry**

**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 anytime before then to be used during this event.*

## THE RETURN OF THE NAME TAG BASKET

Back by popular demand, the Fellowship Hall Name Tag Basket will once again be located on the table by the rear door to the hall. Now after socializing after Sunday service, you can pop your name tag in the basket as you exit the rear door. (No more traipsing back to the name tag board by the office.)

Come Sunday, your name tag will appear back in the name tag board. Magic!



**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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**Sextons: Bob & Sandy Cummings**  
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