



The Original Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 10:00am  
Second Sunday after Epiphany

*As for the future, I foresee a world which is  
more creative, more open, more loving.*  
—Amanda Gorman

*Order of Worship*

PRELUDE “**Adoration**” Florence Price (1887-1953)

*Florence Price was the first Black woman to have her music performed by a  
major American symphony orchestra.*

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.**

READING OF THE WARRANT *for Annual Meeting*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING TIME No. 369 ***A New Commandment***

*We greet and sing together with our little ones before CKC.*

\*HYMN No. 12 ***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy God, your angels help us to see the splendor of your light. We confess that we hide our eyes from you. We see scarcity and suffering in this world and lose heart. Forgive us our unbelief. Grant us to see your love and joy in abundance. In worship, align our present to your future that is amazing to behold. Show us the signs of your new way.

**All: Amen.**

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

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## SILENT PRAYER

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive the assurance of faith.

Our Lord does amazing things. An empty jar is filled. A lack of joy becomes an occasion for delight. Injustice is reversed. Love is revealed. Room opens in the heart. Grace abounds. For in Christ's compassion, we are saved. Life begins again. We soar in the Spirit!

**People: Glory be to you, O Lord! 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 36*

Leader: O Lord, your steadfast love extends to the heavens.

**People: Your faithfulness, O God, reaches the clouds.**

Leader: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.

**People: Your judgments are like the deep.**

Leader: You save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

**People: How precious is your steadfast love, O God.**

Leader: All people take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**People: They feast on the abundance of your house.**

Leader: For with you is a river of delight, the fountain of life.

**People: In your light, we see light.**

Leader: Extend your faithful love to all.

**People: Extend your righteousness into all hearts.**

\*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

Isaiah 62:1-5 “The Lord Delights in You”

ANTHEM “**My Lord What a Morning**”

Traditional, arr. Kathy Bullock and Peter Amidon

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11 “Jesus and His Mother at a Wedding”

SERMON “Of Humans and Animals Alike”

\*HYMN No. 301 ***Thou Didst Leave Thy Home***

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: Our jars are full to overflowing.

**People: God grants us all good things.**

Leader: Let us return our gifts with joy.

**People: We rejoice to share in God’s work!**

OFFERTORY “**How Can I Keep from Singing?**”

Words: Robert Lowry; Music: Mary Lynn Lighfoot

\*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: Holy God, we thank you for the gift of service.

**People: We dedicate ourselves to your ways of caring.**

Leader: May the world abound in your steadfast love.

**People: May your light shine brightly upon all Creation.**

\*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: The Spirit is the source of great blessing.

**People: The streams of mercy never cease.**

Leader: We go singing songs with loudest praise.

**People: We go searching for signs of great grace.**

Leader: May the goodness of God watch over us.

**People: Our heart is God's forever home!**

\*HYMN No. 407 *Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing*

\*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymn No. 439 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

POSTLUDE "Improvisation"

***Welcome to the OCC!***

Thank you for being in worship today!

Join us for refreshments following the service.

May the Lord grant you all good gifts of the Spirit!

## *Life of the Church*

**SUNDAY PRAYER REQUESTS** *are located on the worship table.*

**IN OUR PRAYERS...**

**Lynnete Beaudro**, in our prayers of safety in Qatar, recent loss of Yvonne.

**Mary Williams**, for healing and recovery.

**Steven Wilson**, for healing during time of treatments.

**Sgt. Luke Keene**, in our prayers for his safety overseas.

**Joseph Botaish, II**, prayers for his loved ones on his recent passing. Joe served on the Wrentham Select Board and was a great supporter of our wider community for many years. He will be deeply missed. Notices are available online.

*Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God*

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

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Alice Gero, Ned Ligon, Joan Mello  
& Judy O'Neill**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Joan Mello & Richard Randlov**

### **CALENDER:**

Wednesday January 22nd	1:30pm	Book Club
	5:00pm	Food, Fun & Friends
Thursday, January 16th	9:30am	Ladies Breakfast
	6:00pm	Bells Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 24th	6:00pm	Valentine's Wreath Class
<b>Sunday , January 26th</b>	10:00am	Bells Perform
	10:00am	Worship
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b><i>Annual Meeting &amp; Luncheon</i></b>



## **SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION: FEBRUARY 9TH**

As in past years, we are collecting non-perishable food items to help support our  
**WRENTHAM FOOD PANTRY.**

Before we tune into this year's Super Bowl on Sunday, February 16th, we ask you to consider bringing a food item to Sunday Service on the Sunday before the game.

On Sunday, February 9th our Community Kids will be posted at the Sanctuary doors, ready to receive all donations. The Pantry is specifically requesting:

Spaghetti Sauce with Meat

Smooth Peanut Butter

Tuna Fish

Canned Fruit

We promise not to tackle you, so don't come empty handed!

We will gratefully receive your generous offerings.



Outreach is sending \$1467.00 to the American Red Cross as they continue to fight the devastating fires of California. Please keep the firefighters and the fire's victims in your prayers!

The Original Congregational Church  
of Wrentham presents

# Southern Rail

**Saturday March 1 7:00 pm**

Featuring acclaimed bluegrass group "Southern Rail" in a special evening of Bluegrass and Blueberry Buckle!



The home baked blueberry buckle is not to be missed!



*Southern Rail's bluegrass is high octane exuberant fun with stunning harmonies, irrepressible good humor with sparkling banjo, guitar, and mandolin. The group has 11 recordings to their credit, and two of the band's members, guitarist Jim Muller and bassist Sharon Horovitch, were inducted into the RIBA Bluegrass Hall of Fame.*

*First rate bluegrass, precise harmonies, sharp instrumental work, soaring and lush. -Boston Herald  
Simply outstanding! -Top rating by Cybergras*

*The vocal harmonies are exquisite and the musicianship is impeccable. -Radio Star, Ireland*

*There is warmth and depth in a "Southern Rail" performance. The joy and talent in their music will make people happy for a long time.  
-Worcester Telegram & Gazette, MA*

**Tickets available starting 1/20 in church office or at door**

**General Admission: Donation of \$20**

**Cash, Check or Venmo @ OCCWrentham**

**Concert Info: 508-384-3110 office@occhurch.net**

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Parking available in church lot or in town lot across the street



*In memory of Ken Graves,  
founder and organizer of  
The OCC Coffeehouse*

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## EVENT SCHEDULE

JAN. 11

Estate Planning Seminar @ 12:00 P.M.

JAN. 15

Afternoon BINGO @ 1:15 P.M.

JAN. 22

Book Club @ 1:30 P.M.

JAN. 22

F. F. & F. Night @ 5:00 P.M.

JAN. 24

Wreath Making Workshop @ 6:00 P.M.

JAN. 26

O.C.C. Annual Meeting @ 11:30 A.M.

FEB. 1

Peace & Prose @ 9:00 A.M.

MAR. 1

Southern Rail Bluegrass Band  
Tickets on sale January 20!!!



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