



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, February 2nd, 2025, 10:00am
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***God is love. There is no fear in love.
For perfect love casts out all fear. - 1 John 4:18***

Order of Service

PRELUDE “**The Way of Peace**” Tom Birchwood

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.

GATHERING TIME Hymn No. 374 ***Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant*** (v. 1)
The children exit to the classroom for CKC activities.

*HYMN No. 250 ***Here In This Place (Gather Us In)***

CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.

All: O Lord, here in this place your new light is shining. Gather us in and hold us together. We confess that when we grow weary in the world our faith weakens. Forgive us our unbelief. Grant us a new Spirit that strengthens our soul that we may enter into each new day ready to carry your God light wherever we go! Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

*All those who are able, please stand.

(1)

ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive these words of assurance.

The great good news of God is this: God is continually present. God is love. And we know that this love is patient and kind, rejoices in the truth, and this love bears all things, believes all things, and it endures all things. With the presence of Christ's love, we are received, forgiven, and loved. In the light of God, we are made wholly new.

People: Thanks be to the Lord of Light and Love!

RESPONSIVE PSALM *from Psalm 71*

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge.

People: Let me never be put to shame.

Leader: In your righteousness deliver me.

People: Listen to me and save me.

Leader: You are my rock and my fortress.

People: Rescue me, O God, from the wicked.

Leader: Rescue me from the cruel and unjust.

People: For you, O Lord, are my hope.

Leader: You are my trust from my youth.

People: Our praise is continually of you.

*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

Jeremiah 1:4-10 "The Lord Appoints Jeremiah as a Prophet"

ANTHEM "**Where Charity and Love Prevail**" Paul Benoit

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 "Love is Patient and Kind"

SERMON "The Weeping Prophet"

*HYMN No. 68 *Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)*

PRAYER NOTICES

We ask for first names and place names to be lifted up in prayer.

Leader: Loving God, receive our prayers in your mercy.

People: Oh Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

ORGAN MEDITATION “**God is Love**” (ABBOT’S LEIGH) Cyril. V. Taylor

We invite you into these moments of prayerfulness in worship.

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: Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

People: With thanks and praise we strengthen our work together.

OFFERTORY “**Here I Am, Lord**” Dan Schutte, arr. Craig Courtney

*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 you.

People: Bless the world to ever shine in your love-light.

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 *sung (see insert)*

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.

LAMB OF GOD *sung (see insert)*

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Please eat the bread when received and hold the cup until invited to drink as One.

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: O Lord you are mighty!

People: You are our helper amidst the flood!

Leader: Your Word abides forever!

People: We sing for all your Gifts of the Spirit!

*HYMN No. 469 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE HYMN No. 439 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* (v.1)

*DISMISSAL

***POSTLUDE Fughetta on “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

Johann Pachelbel

Welcome to the OCC!

We are so glad to have you join us in worship today.

Please join us for refreshments after worship.

May God bless you with all the great gifts of the Spirit!

*Interested in connecting with us at the OCC?
Would you like to know more about becoming a member?
Please join us for New Member Welcome during
Coffee Hour on February 9th in the Parlor.*

2 Courses coming up

Taught by FirstLine of Franklin MA

(Email monica@occhurch.net for more information)

C.P.R. Certification Course

Tuesday February 4 from 2:00-4:00 P.M.

Payment of \$65 for re-certification or \$85 for new certification
per person paid via Venmo (see QR code below)

<http://Tinyurl.com/9knsx46a>

Babysitting 101 Course

Saturday, February 22 from 5:00-8:00 P.M.

Payment of \$50 per person is due prior to class
via Venmo (see QR code below)

<http://Tinyurl.com/y4bx9375>



Life of the Church

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

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Mary Williams, for healing and recovery.

Steven Wilson, for healing during time of treatments.

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

Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: Ned Ligon

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: Stephen Becker, Kim Kelly,

Barbara Ligon, Ned Ligon, Richard Randlov & Gordon Wetmore

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

CALENDER:

Monday, February 3rd	6:30pm	Food Pantry
Tuesday, February 4th	2:00pm	CPR Training
Wednesday, February 5th	9:00am	Kitchen Elves
Thursday, February 6th	1:00pm	Garden Club
	6:00pm	Bells Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, February 8th	2:00pm	SNEUCC GROW
Sunday, February 9th	10:00am	Worship
	11:00am	Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall



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 9th, we ask you to
consider bringing a food item to Sunday Service earlier that day.

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.

Southern Rail

Saturday, March 1st at 7:00pm

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!



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 or office@occhurch.net

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



In memory of our beloved Ken Graves.



**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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Bells Director: Martha Goodman
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Sextons: Bob & Sandy Cummings
Office Administrator: Kristi Brytowski**