



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, February 9th, 2025, 10:00am
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

***Our reach is to exceed our grasp,
Or what's heaven for?—after Robert Browning***

Order of Worship

ORGAN PRELUDE “**Song from la Creuse**” César Franck

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.

GATHERING TIME No. 374 ***Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant***

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

*HYMN No. 295 ***O Christ, the Word Incarnate***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Loving God, your Word lights our path. You make the church your heavenly treasure on earth. We confess that we do not always live by your ways. Forgive us our unbelief. Shine a light upon us in worship we pray. Grant us the gifts of the Spirit that we may live with mercy and compassion for those in need, and that we may always rejoice in your love and faithfulness. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

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

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive the Assurance of Faith.

This is the good news of faith: in Christ we are raised up as a whole new person. By faith we are received and redeemed. Our whole lives are transformed by the Spirit. By faith, we are as like a tree planted by streams of living water. We grow strong and flourish in all the good gifts of God.

People: Thanks be to the 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 PSALM *from Psalm 1*

Leader: Happy are those who follow virtuous advice.

People: Happy are those who do not take sinful paths.

Leader: Happy are those who do not sit in the scoffer's seat.

People: Happy are those who delight in God's law.

Leader: Meditate on the Lord's words day and night.

People: They are like trees planted by streams of water.

Leader: They yield their fruit in due season.

People: Their leaves do not wither.

Leader: In all they do, they prosper.

People: The wicked blow away like chaff off the wheat.

Leader: The wicked have no standing in the court of the righteous.

People: The Lord watches over the way of the congregation.

*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

1 Corinthians 15:12-14, 20 "Christ has been Raised"

HANDBELL CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:17-26 “Jesus Heals and Blesses the Great Multitude”

SERMON “The Seat of All Compassion”

*HYMN No. 403 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

PRAYER NOTICES

We ask for first names and place names for prayer requests

Leader: Loving God, for all these we have lifted up to you;

People: Oh Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

MUSIC “**Balm in Gilead**” African American, arr. Harry T. Burleigh & Ruggero Vené

We invite you to be mindful of our prayer joys and concerns

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 strengthen our work and service in God’s name.

People: We rejoice to present our gifts to God!

OFFERTORY “The Kingdom of God”

words: Jari Houston; music Stephen T. Lawrence

*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: We dedicate ourselves to you, O God.

People: Bless us as we bless one another.

Leader: Grow the church as we grow in love.

People: May your Spirit increase our service and outreach!

*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: Let us sing with all the saints in glory!

People: We tell of God's resurrection song.

Leader: The winter storms are passing.

People: Soon the sun will shine.

Leader: Let us go, living in God's example.

People: Let us go, rejoicing in God's everlasting peace!

*HYMN see page 5 *Sing with All the Saints in Glory*

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE No. 291 *Amen (Danish)*

*DISMISSAL

Please take a moment to greet the pastor as we exit the sanctuary.

*POSTLUDE

Welcome to the OCC!

Thank you for being in Worship today!

Join us for refreshments following the service.

May the Lord grant you all the blessings of faith!

***Please join us in the parlor today after worship for a conversation of
Welcome and Connecting to the OCC!***

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Words: William J. Irons Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven

1. Sing with all the saints in glory, Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking; Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.
2. Oh, what glory, far exceeding All that eye has yet perceived!
Ho-liest hearts for ages pleading Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it; There on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it. Christ has passed th'eternal gates.
3. Life eternal! O what wonders Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When amidst earth's closing thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal, See that glowing firmament,
Know, with you, O God immortal, "Jesus Christ whom you have sent!"

*Next Sunday is Intergenerational Worship.
All ages will be together in Worship. Bring a can of
tuna and let's go fishing with Jesus!*

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.

Heather Castelo, for healing.

Robert Odams, on the recent passing of Jeanne. Visiting hours will be Monday, February 10th, from 9-11am with service to follow, at Ross Funeral Home.

Today's Flowers are given in memory of Jim Claffey, by his family on the 20th anniversary of his passing. "You live on, in our memories and in our hearts."

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: Joan Mello

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: Alica Gero, Pam Jennette, Joan Mello & Gordon Wetmore

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: Joan Mello & Bob Boissy

CALENDER:

Tuesday, February 11th	7:00pm	Council Mtg
Wednesday, February 12th	1:00am	Valentine's Wreath
Thursday, February 13th	9:30am	Ladies' Breakfast
	6:00pm	Bells Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, February 16th	10:00am	Worship
	11:00am	Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall

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 at office or at door.

General Admission: \$20 Donation via 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.

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EVENT SCHEDULE

Please contact Monica at 508-384-3110 or via email at monica@occhurch.net to sign up or with any questions regarding these upcoming events.

2/12

Valentine Wreath Making 1-4 P.M.

2/12

F,F&F Night 5-7:30 P.M.

2/22

Game Day 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

2/22

Babysitting 101 5:00-8:00 P.M.

2/26

O.C.C. Book Club 1:30 P.M.

3/1

Peace & Prose 9:00 - 12:00 P.M.

3/1

Southern Rail 7:00 P.M.

3/15

Pebble Art Class 10:00 A.M.



**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
Community Coordinator, Lead Soprano: Monica Yohn
Sextons: Bob & Sandy Cummings
Office Administrator: Kristi Brytowski**