

The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, March 2nd, 2025, 10:00am
Transfiguration Sunday
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Behold the mystery. In a moment we shall all be changed!—1 Corinthians 15:50

Order of Worship

ORGAN PRELUDE "'Tis Good Lord to Be Here (SWABIA)" Johann M. Speiss

INTROIT "Sing a New Song to the Lord" Hal. H Hopson

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.

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

GATHERING TIME No. 374 Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant All the children are invited to gather on the front steps.

*HYMN No. 445 Be Thou My Vision

CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.

All: O Lord of our hearts, be our vision we pray. May we reach heaven's joys. May the brightness of the sun shine upon us. We confess our wisdom is not your wisdom, our words are not your words. Forgive us our unbelief. Fill our worship with the holiness of your Spirit and all the radiant gifts of your grace. Amen.

*All those who are able, please stand.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive these words of assurance.

By faith we are saved. The brightness of God is seen in the face of Christ our Lord. The Lord looks with great love upon the world. Our sins are forgiven. We are forever transformed in the transfiguration of Christ. God's glory is fully accessible to us through all the gifts of faithfulness.

People: Praise be to the Lord our God!

BELLS **"O Jesus, I Have Promised"** arr. Anna Laura Page Wrentham wRingers

RESPONSIVE PSALM from Psalm 99

Leader: The Lord rules!

People: The nations shake. The earth quakes!

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion.

People: Holy is the Lord!

Leader: You love justice. You establish equity. **People: You work justice and righteousness.**

Leader: Moses and Aaron cried out to you.

People: You answered them in a pillar of cloud.

Leader: You were a forgiving God to them.

People: Magnify the Lord! For God is holy!

*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

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 "Transformed by the Glory of God"

BELLS **"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"** arr. Cathy Moklebust Wrentham wRingers

SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:28-43 "Jesus Appears in Glory and a Child Is Healed"

SERMON "Love Unveiled"

*HYMN No. 109 Fairest Lord Jesus

PRAYER NOTICES

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

Leader: Loving God, we lift up all our prayers to you.

People: O Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC No. 433 Nothing Can Trouble

We invite you to meditate with our prayer requests.

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: Christ is in our midst.

Leader: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

Leader: God shines a love light upon us all!

People: We present our gifts to the glory of God!

OFFERTORY "Transfiguration"

Words: Brian Wren, Music: Ricky Manalo, arr. G. Chiusano

*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 with transformation.** Leader: May your radiance enlighten the faithful.

People: Strengthen us in all we do with you! Amen.

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 unison, 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 see insert

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Please eat the bread when served. Hold the cup until all drink as one.

PRAYER

Thank you, O Lord for welcoming us to your table. May our hearts be filled with the joy of service. Send us out to carry your message of love to all we meet, and may we rejoice in all the ways you empower us by your Holy Spirit. Amen.

*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: O Lord, you visit the world with salvation.

People: Heaven's joys are all around.

Leader: May we live into your love unbound.

People: We go inspired by Jesus' compassion.

*HYMN No. 404 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE No. 291 Amen (Danish)

*DISMISSAL

*POSTLUDE "When Morning Gilds the Skies" Joseph Barnby, arr. Marty Parks

Welcome to the OCC!

We are so glad to have you join us in worship today. Please join us for refreshments after worship.

May the glory of the Lord shine all around you!

Ash Wednesday Worship

Please join us March 5, 2025 7:30pm in Sanctuary We enter the season of Lent in prayer!

Ash Wednesday Envelopes

Ashes are prepared from last year's Palm Sunday with a blessing. Sprinkle these in your garden or a houseplant to symbolize the beginning of Spring transformation.

The choir is singing a medley from Jesus Christ Superstar during worship on March 23. If you would like to join us for this occasion, please let Justin know.

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 and Family, on the recent passing of Jeanne.

Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: Bob Boissy

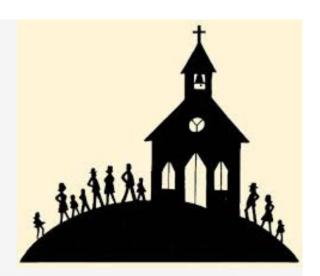
THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: Alice Gero, Pam Jennette, Kim Kelly, Ned Ligon & Gordon Wetmore

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: Ralph Lambalot & Bob Casavant

CALENDER:

Wednesday, March 5th	9:00am 7:30pm	Kitchen Elves Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday, March 6th	6:00pm 7:30pm	Bells Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, March 9th	10:00am 11:00am 11:15am	Worship Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall Choir Rehearsal

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EMAIL MONICA with any questions.



MAR. 1 @ 9:00 - 12:00 P.M.

Share, Care & Connect

MAR. 1 @ 7:00 P.M.

Southern Rail Concert

MAR. 5 @ 7:30 P.M.

Ash Wednesday Service

MAR. 15 @ 10:00 A.M.

Pebble Art Class

MAR. 16 @ 11:15 A.M.

New Members Meeting

MAR. 23 @ 11:15

Pray the Psalms with Pastor Ken

MAR. 29 @ 2:00 P.M.

C.P.R. Certification Class

MAR. 30 @ 11:15

Lenton Outreach Card Day



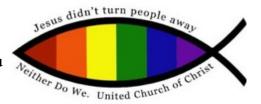
The Original Congregational Church United Church of Christ, Wrentham, MA Open and Affirming Covenant Adopted on June 5, 2022



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.



THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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