



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, March 16, 2025, 10:00am
Second Sunday in Lent

*We welcome you to the OCC
Join us next week March 23 for a Special Music Sunday*

Order of Worship

PRELUDE “Sonata Pathétique, Op. 13: II. Adagio cantabile”

Ludwig van Beethoven

GREETING

Leader: Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord, the one who was, and is, and is forever to be, the living and eternal God of praise!

People: Praise be to God!

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING TIME

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

*HYMN No. 2 *The God of Abraham Praise*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.

All: O Lord, our praise is to you, the Living God. Your love is our strength and stay. Your Spirit flows freely in our soul. We confess that we have not always been faithful to your covenant with us. We, like sheep, have gone astray. Forgive us our unbelief. Call us back to your presence. Guide us in worship that we may draw ever nearer to your Word. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

*All those who are able, please stand.

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive the Assurance of Faith.

And this is the great good news of our faith: we have joy in our partnership with God. God holds us in the heart, as we hold one another. Love flows more and more with the sharing of the knowledge of God and we are made right in God's righteousness. In Christ, we are forgiven. In the Lord's promise to us, we are heard, delivered, and sustained in the everlasting covenant.

People: Thanks be to the Lord of 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 105*

Leader: Call on the name of the Lord and give thanks.

People: Sing of all the Lord's wonderful works.

Leader: God is mindful of the covenant forever:

People: With Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Israel everlasting.

Leader: The Lord sent Moses and Aaron and brought Israel out of Egypt.

People: God gave them food in abundance.

Leader: God opened the rock and water gushed out.

People: Water flowed through the desert like a river.

Leader: God remembered the Holy Promise with Abraham.

People: God brought the people out with joy. Praise the Lord!

*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

Philippians 2:1-4 "With Love, Look to the Interests of Others"

ANTHEM “**If You But Trust in God**” Georg Neumark, arr. James Woodward

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15:1-18 “The Lord Makes a Covenant with Abraham”

SERMON “On Creating Covenants with the Lord”

*HYMN No. 473 ***O Jesus, I Have Promised***

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

We invite you to be mindful of our prayer 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 together with our gifts.

People: We return our offering to the Lord with thanksgiving!

OFFERTORY “**St. Patrick’s Breastplate**”

Words: St. Patrick, Music arr. Charles V. Stanford and R Vaughan Williams

*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, bless these our gifts.

People: May our church grow strong in you.

Leader: Energize us in our ministries in your name.

People: Fill us with all the good gifts of the Spirit. Amen.

*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: Our Lord endured all things for love.

People: We go letting the Lord be our strength.

Leader: Let us sing as disciples of Christ as we go on our way.

People: We shall take up the cross and bear love in the world.

*HYMN No. B-13 *“Take Up Your Cross,” the Savior Said*

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*DISMISSAL

Let us rise and greet one another.

*POSTLUDE **“O Lamb of God, All Holy”** Georg Philipp Telemann

Welcome to the OCC!

Thank you for being in worship today!

Join us for refreshments following the service.

May the Lord lead you to grow in all the ways of the Spirit!

The choir is singing a medley from *Jesus Christ Superstar* next Sunday, March, 23, during the worship service. Please make sure to join us for this special occasion!

If you are singing with us, there is **rehearsal** at 11:15 this morning. The **"dress rehearsal"** will be Thursday night at 7:30.

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.

Pastor Lori Bruni, in our prayers for strength and love during a difficult time.

Becky & Chris Cuoco and Family, on the birth of Camryn Christine Flaherty.

Sherry Alleman, for preparation of her surgery at the end of the month.

Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: **Judy McCormack**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Leesa Burke, Alice Gero, Pam
Jennette & Lesley Whittemore**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Leesa Burke & Bob Boissy**

CALENDER:

Wednesday, March 19th	12:00pm	Lunch Bunch
Thursday, March 20th	6:00pm	Bells Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, March 23rd	10:00am	Special Music Worship
	11:00am	Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
	11:15am	Pray the Psalms with Pastor Ken

O.C.C. SANTUARY **MUSIC** **MARCH 23**
Sunday 10 A.M. SERVICE

Members of the Adult Choir, under the direction of Justin Kisch, will sing a medley of selections from Jesus Christ Superstar!!!!

PRAYING THE
PSALMS
 EVERY MEMBER | GROWING TOGETHER

Pray the Psalms
 with Pastor Ken after
 Worship Service on
 March 23rd, at 11:15am
 in the parlor.

Yard Sale
Donations Needed

Donations are needed for the upcoming Yard Sale on May 17th. The drop off day is April 26th from 1-3pm, but donations can be dropped off at the office any time from 9am to 3 pm on Tuesdays through Fridays. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Food Pantry is in need of creamy peanut butter, tuna in water, pasta sauce with meat and strawberry jam and grape jelly.
 All donations are greatly appreciated!

Food Pantry Needs

O.C.C. Wrentham

Upcoming Events



March

2025

MAR 9	Tea Party Committee 11:15 A.M. in Parlor
MAR 16	New Members Meeting 11:15 A.M. in Parlor
MAR 19	Lunch Bunch 12:00 P.M..
MAR 23	Pray The Psalms 11:15 A.M. in Parlor
MAR 26	O.C.C. Book Club 1:30 P.M. in Parlor
MAR 26	Spring Floral Demonstration 6:00 in Fellowship Hall
MAR 29	C.P.R.Certification Class 2:00 P.M.in Fellowship Hall
SEP 17	Email Monica monica@occhurch.net



**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**