

The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, March 23, 2025, 10:00am
Third Sunday in Lent
Music Sunday
Selections from Jesus Christ Superstar

You have set them all on fire.

Have they found the new Messiah?

—from Heaven on their Minds

Order of Worship

PRELUDE "Pilate's Dream" Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice

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

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

*HYMN No. 25 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*All those who are able, please stand.

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 63

Leader: O God, our God, we search for you! **People: Our whole being thirsts for you!**

Leader: We faint for you as in a dry and weary land. **People: We have looked for you in the sanctuary.**

Leader: Let us behold your power and glory.

People: Your steadfast love is better than life.

Leader: We will bless you as long as we live.

People: Our soul is satisfied. You sustain us.

Leader: O Lord, we ponder you in the watches of the night. **People:** In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy!

Leader: O Lord, our soul clings to you! **People: Your strength upholds us!**

GATHERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Holy God, thank you for bringing us in to this time of worship. We long to see your face and hear your words. By your Spirit, show us the way to experience the meaning of your coming into the world. Bless us in our music today that we may lift up the power of your love. Make our souls ready to receive the gifts of your grace and glory. 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 53:1-6 "He Has Borne Our Griefs and Carried Our Sorrows"

SPECIAL MUSIC "Pie Jesu" from Requiem Andrew Lloyd Webber

Monica Yohn

Pious Jesus, Who takes away the sins of the world, Give them rest. Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, Give them rest, Everlasting Rest.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:1-8 "Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany"

*HYMN No. 464 Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

PRAYER NOTICES

We ask for first names and place names for prayer requests Leader: Loving God, we lift all our prayers to you.

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

MEDITATIVE MUSIC

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: Christ is in our midst.

Leader: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SELECTIONS FROM JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

Lyrics: Tim Rice Music: Andrew Lloyd Webber, arr. Neil Slater

Amory Kisch, guitar

CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN No. 183 What Wondrous Love Is This

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL

Let us greet one another on our way!

*POSTLUDE "John 19:41" Andrew Lloyd Webber

Welcome to the OCC!

Thank you for being in worship today!

Join us for refreshments following the service.

May the Lord inspire your soul and bless you in all faithfulness.

There is no offertory today during Music Sunday.

Please place your offering in the baskets at the door.

Thank you for your support of our ministries at the OCC!

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 USHERS: Joan Mello, Judy O'Neill, Richard Randlov

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

CALENDER:

Today-Sunday, March 23	11:15am	Pray the Psalms with Pastor Ken
Wednesday, March 26th	1:30pm 6:00pm	Book Club Spring Flower Demo Class
Thursday, March 27th	9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	Ladies' Breakfast Bells Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, March 29th	2:00pm	CPR Class
Sunday, March 30th	10:00am 11:00am 11:15am	Worship Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall Outreach Lent Prayerful Cards





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 beforehand, any time from 9am to 3 pm, Tuesday through Friday. 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!



Upcoming Events at OCC

Today—Sunday, March 23



Wed., March 26

1:30 pm OCC Book Club in the Parlor

6:00 pm Spring Floral Demonstration

in Fellowship Hall

Sat., March 29

2:00 pm CPR Certification Class

in Fellowship Hall

Contact Monica for more information 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.



THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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