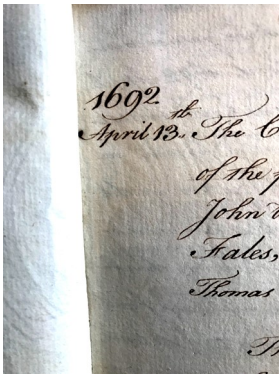


Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025





The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, April 13th, 2024, 10:00am
Palm/Passion Sunday
333rd Anniversary of the OCC

PRELUDE “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” Stephen Schwartz

GREETING

Leader: Grace to you and peace from the One who is, and who was,
and who is to come!

**People: Behold the coming of the One from heaven for all to see
and receive!**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Announcements are made for our parish life.

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 118*

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: The Lord is by our side. We shall not fear.

People: We shall look in triumph on that day.

Leader: Open to us the gates of the Lord.

People: Let us enter through it.

Leader: This is the Lord’s doing.

People: It is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Save us, we pray, O Lord!

People: O Lord, we pray, give us success.

Leader: The light of the Lord is shining upon us.

People: Bind up the festal branches!

*All those who are able, please stand.

*HYMN No. 178 *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

GATHERING TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Following the children's time, the children go out to find the palms.

THE PALM PARADE *from Luke 19:28-40*

Leader: Jesus went up to Jerusalem and said to the disciples,

People: "Go into the village and find a colt and bring it here."

Leader: They found the colt and while untying it the owners asked,

People: "Why are you untying the colt?"

Leader: And they answered them,

People: "The Lord has need of it."

Leader: They set Jesus on the colt and the multitudes said in a loud voice,

People: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord."

Leader: They praised God joyfully for all the deeds of power they had seen,

People: "Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Leader: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus,

People: "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

Leader: Jesus answered them saying,

People: "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out!"

HYMN No. 179 *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*

The Children bring in the donkey and hand out the palms to all.

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.

*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. Amen.

HOLY SCRIPTURE

Zechariah 9:9-10 “Humble and Mounted on a Donkey”

ANTHEM **Antiphonal Hosanna** G. Alan Smith

HOLY SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 “Being Servants of Christ”

SERMON “Stewards of the Mysteries”

HYMN No. 198 ***Jesus, Remember Me***

PRAYER NOTICES

We ask for first names and place names for prayer requests.

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

People: O Lord, in your mercy, 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 praise the Lord with our gifts!

People: We bring our offerings up to the altar!

OFFERTORY “Ave Verum Corpus” W. A. Mozart

*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: Bless our gifts, O Lord, and bless this church.

People: We dedicate ourselves to service in your name. Amen.

*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: Now Wrentham sing a noble song!

People: Three centuries to God above.

Leader: With God's grace we build the church below.

People: All glory, love and praise to God we forever raise!

*HYMN Insert *Now Wrentham Sing a Noble Song*

*BENEDICTION & GRACE *for our celebration breakfast*

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE No. 252 *How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely*

*DISMISSAL

*POSTLUDE “All Glory, Laud and Honor” G. F. Kaufmann

Welcome to the OCC!

Thank you for being with us today!

We wish you a most blessed Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

Please join us for Pancake Breakfast in our Fellowship Hall!

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, on the recent passing of her son, Alessandro Bruni.

<https://tinyurl.com/ye2348yp>

Sherry Alleman, for healing after her surgery.

Peggy Mercier, on passing of her brother Joseph LeBlanc, service was on 27th.

Frank Mello, on continued recovery and health healing.

Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: Leesa Burke

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: Leesa Burke, Pam Jennette, Joan Mello & Judy O'Neill

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: Leesa Burke & Joan Mello

CALENDER:

Monday, April 14th	6:30pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday, April 16th	12:00pm	Lunch Bunch
Thursday, April 17th	6:00pm	Bells Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Maundy Thursday Worship Service
	8:15pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, April 18th	12:00pm	Good Friday Walk
Sunday, April 20th	6:00am	Easter Sunrise (meet in FH)
	10:00am	Easter Sunday Worship
	11:00am	Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall


Good Friday

FAITH WALK

Join us as we walk around the church in prayer with one another.

- Potluck Lunch immediately following.


April 18, 2025
12:00 P.M.
Original Congregational Church Wrentham MA

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 2025

APR. 6 WALK THE STATIONS	11:00 A.M.
APR. 9 F,F & F EASTER DINNER	5:00 – 8:00 P.M.
APR. 13 PANCAKE BREAKFAST	11:00 A.M.
APR. 17 MAUNDY THURSDAY	7:30 P.M.
APR. 18 GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER WALK	12:00 P.M.
APR. 20 EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES	6:00 A.M. Sunrise or 10:00 A.M.
APR. 26 YARD SALE DROP-OFF	1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

 CONTACT MONICA FOR MORE INFO: 508-384-3110 MONICA@OCCCHURCH.NET



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!



**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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