



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, April 27, 2025, 10:00am
Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome to the OCC!

Order of Worship

PRELUDE “**To a Wild Rose**” Edward MacDowell
Monica Yohn, flute

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 good of the parish are shared.

GATHERING TIME *with the children.*

*HYMN No. 204 ***Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, you come before us in peace and joy. Let us see your love rising as the morning sun. Turn the world's sadness into gladness. We confess our doubts wear away at our trust. Forgive us our times of unbelief. Grant us a sure and steady faithfulness. In worship, may your Holy Spirit breathe new life into all we do together in your name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

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

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive these words of assurance.

The Lord has sent Jesus to change our hearts and lives. In the power of Christ's love and Resurrection, our sins are forgiven. By grace we are forever held alive in God's Spirit. The Holy Spirit, our Helper, has breathed new life in all the saints on earth. We are assured. We have Good News to proclaim in our words and deeds.

People: Praise be to God! 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 150*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God in the sanctuary.

Leader: Praise God in the mighty firmament.

People: Praise God for mighty deeds.

Leader: Praise God for surpassing greatness.

People: Praise the Lord with trumpets.

Leader: Praise the Lord with lute and harp.

People: Praise the Lord with strings and dance.

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

People: 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. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 4:1-2, 9-11 “Worthy Are You, Our Lord and God”

ANTHEM “**Ten Thousand Angels Cried**” David Patillo

Monica Yohn Soprano

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31 “Jesus Appears to Thomas”

SERMON “Life Begins Again”

*HYMN No. 208 ***Now the Green Blade Riseth***

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 present our gifts to God’s glory.

People: We rejoice to build God’s House together!

OFFERTORY “**In the Garden**” C. Austin Miles, arr. Mark Hayes

*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 we dedicate our gifts to you.

People: Take our offerings as a sign of our trust in you.

Leader: Turn all our moments and our days into praise.

People: We celebrate the work of our Easter Faith! Amen.

*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: Joy dawned again on Easter Day.

People: We go to see the Lord in every way.

Leader: We live our days singing God's praise.

People: God enlivens our work in so many new ways!

*HYMN No. 215 *Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day*

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*MUSICAL RESPONSE

*DISMISSAL

Let us greet one another on our way!

*POSTLUDE **"Cebell"** Henry Purcell

Welcome to the OCC!

Thank you for being in worship today!

Join us for refreshments following the service.

May the Lord grant your faith new life this Eastertide!

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.

Sherry Alleman, for healing after her surgery.

Peggy Mercier, on the passing of her brother Joseph LeBlanc.

Frank Mello, on continued recovery and health healing.

Fred Wise, on the passing of his wife Donna.

Earl Wagner, for recent health concerns.

Michael McCaillon, for answering the call of duty.

Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: Jerry Long

**THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: Heather Castelo, Mike Foster,
Richard Randlov and Pat Wallhauser**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: Mike Foster & Richard Randlov

CALENDAR:

Wednesday, April 30th	1:30pm	Book Club
Thursday, May 1st	6:00pm	Bells Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 2nd	9:00am	Office Closed
Saturday, May 3rd	10:00am	Game Day
	7:00pm	Coffee House Concert
Sunday, May 4th	10:00am	Sunday Worship
	11:00am	Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall



The Office will be closed on
Friday, May 2nd,
 while Kristi travels to Maine to help
 pack up and bring home her
 daughter's dorm items.

THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
WRENTHAM MA PRESENTS...

ACOUSTIC MUSIC CONCERT

Coffee House

MAY
03

7:00 P.M.

FEATURING:
High Planes Duo
&
J. Michael Graham



O.C.C.
FELLOWSHIP HALL
1 EAST STREET
WRENTHAM



Tickets:
\$15 in advance
\$20 @ Door

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2025

Original Congregational Church, Wrentham MA

Saturday, 05/03

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

Saturday 05/03

Acoustic Coffee House Concert 7:00 P.M.

Sunday 05/04

Welcome Time 11:15 A.M.

Wednesday, 05/14

Spring Garden Food, Fun, & Friends 5:00 P.M.

Saturday 05/17

Yard Sale 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Sunday 05/18

Spring Music Concert 4:00 P.M.

Wednesday 05/28

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

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Donations are needed for
the upcoming Yard Sale on May
17th. Donations can be dropped
off at the office 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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