

The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, April 20th, 2025, 10:00am
Easter Sunday

Happy Easter to All!

Order of Worship

PRELUDE “**Crown Him with Many Crowns**”

arr. Chris Neal
Frank Pace, trumpet

GREETING

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Notices for parish activities are shared.

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: Open to us the gates of righteousness,

People: That we may enter and give thanks to God!

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected,

People: Has become the chief cornerstone.

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!

*HYMN No. 205 ***Christ the Lord Is Risen Today***

GATHERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Lord of Heaven and Earth, our joyfully praise we raise to you. On Easter you were risen. May our spirits rise anew with you today and let us soar wherever you lead. The sky is filled with your light. Your love shines through our hearts. Bless the world on this Easter morning with your redeeming promise of new 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.

*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

Job 19:23-25 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

ANTHEM **Jesus is Lord** Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend, arr. Mary McDonald
Monica Yohn, flute

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12 "Risen on the Third Day"

EASTER TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

All little ones are welcomed to the front for a message and song!

SERMON "Easter Life!"

*HYMN No. 206 ***I Danced in the Morning***

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 Easter offering with joy.

People: We are glad to return our gifts to God!

OFFERTORY “Rejoice in the Risen Christ” Alen Pote

*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 your Glory.

People: Keep us strong in your Holy Spirit.

Leader: Send us out to live into our Easter Faith.

People: Alleluia! The Lord is Risen! Life begins again!

*HYMN No. 214 *Thine Is the Glory*

*BENEDICTION

Leader: To God is the Glory.

People: We go filled with gladness!

Leader: With joyous hymns of triumph we sing.

People: To the world, love and peace we bring! Amen.

*EASTER EGG HUNT *The children are gathered together.*

*DISMISSAL *Those who want to see the egg hunt are dismissed first.*

*DISMISSAL MUSIC No. 257 *This Is the Day*

*POSTLUDE “Tuba Tune” C. S. Lang

Welcome to the OCC!

Thank you for joining us for Easter worship.

Our Easter Egg Hunt immediately follows the service.

May you and your loved ones enjoy a most blessed Easter!

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

For those who participated in the honors & remembrance program for the Easter flowers, please take home a plant today.

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: Gordon Wetmore

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: Stephen Becker, Alice Gero, Trevor Knott & Lesley Whittemore

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: Ralph Lambalot & Trevor Knott

CALENDER:

Wednesday, April 23rd	1:30pm	Book Club
Thursday, April 24th	9:30am	Ladies' Breakfast
	6:00pm	Bells Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, April 26th	1:00pm	Yard Sale Drop Off
Sunday, April 27th	10:00am	Sunday Worship
	11:00am	Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall



**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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