



The Original Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 10:00am  
Third Sunday of Easter  
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Welcome to the OCC!***

*Order of Service*

PRELUDE “**Vado Piscari (I am Going Fishing)**” (John 21:3)  
Antonio Bologna

GREETING

Leader: Grace and Peace to you in the name of the One who is and who was and who is to come, the Lord Almighty!

**People: And may our joy be made complete in our fellowship of faith! Amen.**

WELCOME & ONA COVENANT *printed on back*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*Announcements are made for the good of the parish.*

GATHERING TIME

*Children are gathered for activity time.*

\*HYMN No. 111 ***When Morning Gilds the Skies***

CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together.

**People: Eternal God, from heaven comes your song of life. Let air and sea and sky, from all heights and depths, send their joyous reply. Gather us for worship in your holy name. We confess that we have wandered away from your Word. We have resisted your call. Forgive us O Lord, and draw us back into your community of love and service. Amen.**

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

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## SILENT PRAYER

### ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive the Assurance of Faith.

In the power of Christ's love we are saved. Our sins are forgiven. With God, our sorrows are turned to joy. Our hearts are turned to God. We live, filled by the Spirit of our Easter Faith!

**People: Praise be to the Lord our God!**

### RESPONSIVE PSALM *from Psalm 30*

Leader: O Lord, our God, we cry to you for help.

**People: You lifted up our soul and healed us.**

Leader: Weeping may linger for the night,

**People: But joy comes with the morning.**

Leader: When your face was hidden,

**People: We were dismayed.**

Leader: Then you turned our mourning into dancing.

**People: O Lord, God, we give thanks to you forever.**

\*ACT OF PRAISE No. 36 Words: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Revelation 5:11-14 "Blessing, Honor and Glory to the Lamb"

### ANTHEM "The Summons"

Words: John Bell; Music: Scottish, arr. John Bell & Gary Daigle

### SCRIPTURE

John 21:9-19 "Jesus Appears by the Sea"

### SERMON "On the Shores of Love"

\*HYMN No. B-38 (in the blue binder) ***Blessed Assurance***

## PRAYER NOTICES

*We ask for first names and place names to be lifted up in prayer.*

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

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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*We invite you to meditate with our prayer requests.*

## CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

**People: Christ is in our midst.**

Leader: Let us pray.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## CALL TO OFFERING

Leader: We worship the Lord with gifts of praise.

**People: We honor the Lord with our offering.**

Leader: Let us present our gifts to God.

**People: Honor, Glory and Blessing be unto the Lord.**

## OFFERTORY “My Song of Praise” Don Besig & Nancy Price

\*DOXOLOGY No. 44 Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Bourgeois 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: May you strengthen our ministry together.**

Leader: Bless the work of your church in the world.

**People: Bless us to share your faith gifts with all! Amen.**

\*COMMUNION HYMN No. 319 *Bread of the World*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive at the Lord's Table!*

COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS *unison; see insert*

CONSECRATION

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.**

LAMB OF GOD *see insert*

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER

**We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*SENDING & COMMISSIONING**

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

Leader: Our Lord sends us out to care for the flock.

**People: Our Lord sends us out to love one another.**

Leader: Let us go in the peace of God.

**People: The peace of God is with us always.**

**\*HYMN No. 349 *Go In Peace***

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”**

African American Traditional

**\*DISMISSAL**

*Let us greet one another on the way to Coffee Hour.*

**\*POSTLUDE “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”**

Johann Gottfried Walther

***Welcome to the OCC!***

We are so glad to have you join us in worship today.

Please join us for refreshments after worship.

May God bless you with all the good gifts of the Spirit!

## *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.

**Frank Mello**, on continued recovery and health healing.

**Fred Wise**, Alice & Wayne's brother, on the passing of his wife Donna.

**Sgt. Michael McCaillon**, Monica & Hodge's friend, for answering the call of duty.

**Nancy Mure**, for healing.

*Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God*

**THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: Barbara Ligon**

**THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: Stephen Becker, Leesa Burke, Kim Kelly, Judy O'Neill, & Gordon Wetmore**

**THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: Alison Wade & Bob Boissy**

### **CALENDAR:**

Wednesday, May 7th	9:00am	Kitchen Elves
	7:00pm	Finance Team Meeting
Thursday, May 8th	9:30am	Ladies' Breakfast
	6:00pm	Bells Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, May 11th		<b>Happy Mother's Day</b>
	10:00am	Sunday Worship
	11:00am	Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall



Good Morning: Kristen Silva of ***Grit and Grace*** in Attleboro has asked if we, as a church, could donate some bath towels, new or slightly used, to be given to the occupants of the sober house. As a new resident joins the house, she is given two bath towels. The house is fully occupied but the need continues. A box has been set up in Fellowship Hall to receive these towels.

**Thank you in advance.**

## 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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