



The Original Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
May 11, 2025, 10:00am  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

***A Most Blessed Mother's Day to All!***

*Order of Worship*

ORGAN PRELUDE "St. Columba (The King of Love My Shepherd Is)"  
C. S. Lang

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.*

\*HYMN No. 54 ***For the Beauty of the Earth***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Lord of All, we lift our hymns of grateful praise to you. You have blessed us with the joy of love: brother, sister, parent, child; friends on earth and friends in heaven. We thank you and bless you for your divine love. Forgive us for times we have strayed from your love. Lead us gently back to your fold. Fill our worship with your grace and beauty. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

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

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## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive the Assurance of Faith.

The great good news of faith is this: God loves us like a gentle shepherd, protecting us, nudging us back into the flock, nourishing and restoring us. In the strength of God's love, we are forgiven. We are prepared to return to life. We are sent as on a mission to love the world with all we've got!

**People: Praise be to the Lord of 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.**

RESPONSIVE READING *from Psalm 23 using CEB version*

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing.

**People: He lets me rest in grassy meadows.**

Leader: He leads me to restful waters.

**People: He keeps me alive.**

Leader: He guides me in proper paths for his name's sake.

**People: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,**

Leader: I fear no danger because you are with me.

**People: Your rod and your staff protect me.**

Leader: You set a table for me right in front of my enemies.

**People: You bathe my head in oil.**

Leader: My cup is so full it spills over!

**All: Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the Lord's house as long as I live.**

\*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 READING

Acts 9:36-43 “Peter Raises Tabitha to Life”

ANTHEM **“Lord, Be Glorified”** Bob Kilpatrick, arr. John Purifoy

## SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7:9-17 “The Heavenly Worship”

SERMON “Our Grand Rehearsal”

\*HYMN No. 429 ***Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us***

## PRAYER NOTICES

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

Leader: Loving God, we lift up to you our joys and concerns.

**People: O Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. 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 offerings with love and thanksgiving!

**People: With joy we return our gifts to God!**

## OFFERTORY “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Words: Henry W. Baker; Music: Irish, arr. Vicki Wright

*Please join in singing the last verse:*

**And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;**

**Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.**

\*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: Dear God, we dedicate our gifts to you.

**People: Strengthen us in the work of your love.**

Leader: Bless our church to grow strong in faithfulness.

**People: May we return your blessings to all in need! Amen.**

\*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: Great is the faithfulness of the Lord!

**People: Each morning is made new in God's love!**

Leader: Let us go out singing of God's unwavering compassion!

**People: All we need God has provided and will provide us still!**

\*HYMN No. 596 *Great Is Your Faithfulness*

\*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE **"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"**

African American Traditional

\*DISMISSAL

*Let us greet one another as we depart from worship!*

\*POSTLUDE **"Before the Throne of God Above"** Vikki Cook

***Welcome to the OCC!***

Thank you for being in worship today!

Join us for refreshments following the service.

We wish you all a most blessed Mother's Day holiday today!

*May 13th, no Bible Study due to Pastor Ken having a continued education seminar.*

## *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.

**Walt Landin**, Pastor Ken's Dad for his recent hospitalization.

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

**THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: Kim Kelly**

**THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: Alice Gero, Pam Jennette, Barbara Ligon & Ned Ligon**

**THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: Mike Foster & Ralph Lambalot**

### **CALENDAR:**

*Reminder: the Parking Lot by Fellowship Hall is being repaired this week so please use the public parking lot across the street and the entrance by the office door for this week.*

Monday, May 12th	6:30pm	Food Pantry Meeting
Tuesday, May 13th	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 14th	5:00pm	Food, Fun & Friends
Thursday, May 15th	6:00pm	Bells Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, May 17th	8:00am	Yard Sale
Sunday, May 18th	10:00am	Sunday Worship
	11:00am	Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
	4:00pm	Spring Concert & Potluck

*New Members Joining During Service May 25th, June 1st and June 8th.*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2025

Original Congregational Church, Wrentham MA

**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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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.***



Yard  
Sale  
Donations  
Needed





**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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**Bells Director: Martha Goodman**  
**Community Coordinator, Lead Soprano: Monica Yohn**  
**Sextons: Bob & Sandy Cummings**  
**Office Administrator: Kristi Brytowski**