



The Original Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Sunday, May 18, 2025, 10:00am  
5th Sunday of Easter  
Wrentham wRingers

***Welcome to the OCC!***

*Order of Worship*

PRELUDE “Spirit Song” John Wimber

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.*

GATHERING TIME

*We gather our little ones before going to CKC.*

\*HYMN No. 51 ***All Creatures of Our God, Now Sing***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Loving God, all creatures sing of your praise. We gather for worship with humble and expectant hearts. Forgive us for times of unbelief when we have strayed from your ways. Gently return us to your fold. We lift up all our joys and concerns to your warmth and light. Shape us and reshape us. Form us and reform us anew! Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

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

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## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive the Assurance of Faith.

The is the great good news of faith: In Christ all things are made new. For all the ways we have fallen short of the glory of God, God's glory continues to shine upon us and lift us up to a vision of a new heaven, a new earth, and that God's compassion and peace overflows like a spring of the eternal water of life!

**People: Praise be to the Lord of Creation! 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 148*

Leader: Praise the Lord from the heavens!

**People: Praise him all you angels!**

Leader: Praise God, sun and moon and shining stars.

**People: God commanded and they were created.**

Leader: The Lord established them forever and ever.

**People: God fixed their bounds which can't be passed.**

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth.

**People: Mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars!**

Leader: Wild animals and cattle, creeping things and all birds!

**People: Young and old all people together!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord.

**People: God's glory is above heaven and earth!**

\*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.**

## John 13:34-35 “Jesus Gives a New Commandment”

## SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6 “A New Heaven and Earth”

SERMON “Of Sacred Boundaries and New Beginnings”

\*HYMN No. 281 *Spirit of the Living God*

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

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

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

SPECIAL MUSIC    **“Largo”**    Antonín Dvořák

*We invite you to be mindful of our prayer concerns*

Leader: Christ is with us.

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

Leader: Let us pray.

## CALL TO OFFERING & SERVICE

Leader: Let us strengthen our work in the name of the Lord.

**People: We rejoice to return our gifts to God!**

OFFERTORY **“Lord, Be Glorified”** Bob Kirkpatrick, arr. Derek K. Hayes  
Wrentham wRingers

\*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: Bless us as we serve together in your name.**

Leader: Increase the ministry of our church.

**People: Send us out to proclaim your glory! Amen.**

\*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: May the joy of heaven to earth come down!

**People: Our humble hearts in faith are crowned**

Leader: Let us join the Lord in the work creation.

**People: Let us go full of wonder, love and praise!**

\*HYMN No. 404 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

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

African American Traditional

\*DISMISSAL

*Let us greet one another as we depart!*

\*POSTLUDE **Sonata in C Minor: III. Presto**

G.B. Pescetti

***Welcome to the OCC!***

Thank you for being in worship today!

Join us for refreshments following the service.

May the Lord grant you all the blessings of faith!

## *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.

**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.

**Jean Dusty & Family**, on the recent passing of George.

**Susy Gottberg**, for strength and healing.

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

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: **Heather Castelo**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Mike Foster, Trevor Knott, Joan Mello,  
& Pat Wallhauser**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Trevor Knott & Joan Mello**

### **CALENDAR:**

Wednesday, May 21st	12:00pm	Lunch Bunch
	2:00pm	PK Conference Committee Mtg.
Thursday, May 22nd	9:30am	Ladies' Breakfast
	6:00pm	Bells Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, May 25th	10:00am	Sunday Worship/New Members
	11:00am	Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall

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

# UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2025

Original Congregational Church, Wrentham MA

**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.***

Thank you to all who helped  
make the Spring Yard Sale such a success!

**THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF WRENTHAM**



**SPRING YARD SALE**  
**MAY 17 8 AM-12 PM**

**THANK YOU!**



**1 EAST ST. WRENTHAM MA 02093**  
**LOCATED IN THE CHURCH VESTRY**



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