

FOR THIS REASON, EVER
SINCE I HEARD ABOUT
YOUR FAITH IN THE LORD
JESUS AND YOUR LOVE
FOR ALL THE SAINTS.
— EPHESIANS 1:15

The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, May 25th, 2025, 10:00am
Ascension Sunday
Memorial Day Holiday Weekend

Welcome to the OCC!

Order of Worship

PRELUDE “**Evening Piece**” Eduard Schütt

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. 107 ***All Hail the Power of Jesus Name***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Lord of All, in your wonder and majesty we join in the everlasting song. You are above all nations. We confess that we have made small our vision of your immeasurable power. Forgive us our unbelief. Open our minds to the expansive glory of your grace and faithfulness at work in the world. Raise our hearts by your Spirit in worship. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

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

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive the assurance of faith.

We may rejoice in the great power of God. Far above every power on earth, Christ has been raised and grants to us heavenly strength and faithfulness. In Christ's saving work, our sins are forgiven. Christ's love will reign from above from everlasting to everlasting, from age to age with no end.

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 47*

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples.

People: Shout to God with songs of joy.

Leader: The Lord is the Most High.

People: The Lord chose our heritage.

Leader: Sing praises to God.

People: Sing praises with a Psalm.

Leader: God reigns over all the nations.

People: The whole world belongs to God, the Exalted!

*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

Ephesians 1:15-19 "The Working of Christ's Great Power"

ANTHEM “**Soon and Very Soon**” Andraé Crouch, arr. Jack Schrader

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:44-53 “Jesus is Taken Up into Heaven”

SERMON “Raising Praise”

*HYMN No. 238 ***The Church’s One Foundation***

PRAYER NOTICES

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

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 return our gift to God.

People: We rejoice to share in God’s work!

OFFERTORY “**We Will Glorify**” Twila Paris, arr. Jack Schrader
(quoting “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above,” German trad.)

*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 with your powers from on high.

Leader: Turn our resources into heavenly gifts for others.

People: Bless us to share in your ministries of grace. Amen.

*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

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

Leader: With God's grace we go to serve and sing aloud!

People: From mountain majesty to fruited plains we praise the Lord!

*HYMN No. 532 ***O Beautiful for Spacious Skies***

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN No. 291 **"Amen"** (Danish)

*DISMISSAL

Let us greet one another as we exit the sanctuary!

*POSTLUDE **Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"** Pietro Cattaneo
(based on a hymn by Johann Crüger)

Welcome to the OCC!

Thank you for being in worship today!

Join us for refreshments following the service.

May God grant you a most blessed Memorial Holiday Weekend!

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.

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

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

Susy Gottberg, for strength and healing.

Samuel DeBaggis, in our prayers while he's in the US Coast Guard bootcamp.

Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: Ned Ligon

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: Heather Castelo, Judy O'Neill, Richard Randlov, & Lesley Whittemore

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: Alison Wade & Richard Randlov

CALENDAR:

Wednesday, May 28th	1:30pm	Book Club
Thursday, May 29th	6:00pm	Bells Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, May 30th	8:00am	Yard Sale
Sunday, June 1st		Bells Perform
	10:00am	Sunday Worship/New Members
	11:00am	Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
	11:15pm	Teen Luncheon
	2:00pm	Afternoon Tea

New Members Joining During Service June 1st, June 8th and June 15th.



The CKC will be having it's last 2 classes on June 1st and June 8th. After the service on June 8th, there will be an ice cream social during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall

REMARKABLES

There is something new going on at Whiston House. Barbara Ligon and Judy McCormack felt there was a real need for a consignment shop to sell really upscale things. Things possibly your parents left you ,things you thought were wonderful at one point in your life, gifts that you really have no use for, or like us, things you need to find a home for before you leave this planet. With this thought in mind REMARKABLES was born.

This is a project the entire church family can be involved with. We are hoping you all will look through your homes for items to sell and volunteer for a two hour shift at the shop. We need to spread the word throughout the community. Our hours will be Tuesday and Saturday 1-3pm. 50% of the sale price will be given to the church and 50% will be returned to the consignor. We hope to provide the church with a steady income flow.

We are enthusiastic about this project and hope you are too. Come on over to Whiston House and see the items we have....the scope runs from china to golf shoes to antique chairs. **Open date:** *June 3, 2025*

**THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF WRENTHAM**

We have added another sale!

**YARD SALE
MAY 31
8 AM- 12 PM**



1 East St. Wrentham MA
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*Afternoon
Tea Party*

*June 1st
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.*

*Original Congregational
Church Parlor*

Tickets \$10.00 per person

Dress clothes suggested but casual clothes accepted



**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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