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Welcome - We are glad that you have chosen to join us for worship this morning. If you would like additional information about HCC please speak to the pastor or worship leader and plan to join us for refreshments and community time after the service.

Children - We believe children of all ages have a place in worship and in the life of the church. A children's bulletin and supplies are available at the entrance to the sanctuary. Nursery care is available.

Prayer request sheets are placed at each entrance. Prayers will be offered later in today's service.

Accessibility - Individual listening headsets are available to provide hearing assistance to any in need. Contact one of the ushers for help.

# *The Homer Congregational Church*

## *United Church of Christ*

June 14, 2015      †      Children's Sunday

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**10:30 am Worship**

Children's Sunday



“And he took the children  
in his arms, put his hands  
on them and blessed them.”

Mark 10:16

## Service of Worship

Children's Sunday

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### For Quiet Meditation

*But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14*

*The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children.*

German Protestant theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*If every one of us looked at each child as a child of God, we wouldn't stand for the injustice that kids suffer.*  
Marian Wright Edelman, Children's Defense Fund

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## GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Jerusalem*

Parry

CHIMES

INTROIT

## THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us worship our God who creates each child in God's image;

**All: Come, let us worship our God who blesses the children with enfolding grace.**

One: Come, let us worship our God who sustains us in our work for justice for God's children.

**All: Come, let us worship the Triune God.**

**\*HYMN # 284**

*Gather Us In*

### \*INVITATION TO PRAYER

By Marian Wright Edelman in *Hold My Hand: Prayers for Building a Movement to Leave No Child Behind.*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** *(let us pray together . . .)*

**God, you call us to love as deeply as you, and yet we love too few and too little. You call us to stand boldly for what is just and right, and we timidly whisper that the world is unfair. You call us to serve others selflessly, and we mostly take care of ourselves and our own. You call us to hope and faith, and we get mired in despair and doubt.**

**For our stingy hearts, our timid words, our selfish ways, and our wavering faith, forgive us. Help us to love your children as you do. Help us to speak for justice as you expect. Help us to serve the least of these as Jesus did. Help us to believe in a world made just and kind for all children and in your power to work through us to make it real. Amen.**



**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. Amen.**

## OFFERING

### Invitation

**Offertory**        *Rhosymedre*        Vaughan Williams

**\*Doxology** (*or see page 46 in the Hymnal*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (*let us pray together . . .*)

**Transforming God, change us from cautious into extravagant givers, from self-protective to risk-taking disciples, that we may serve the poorest and most needy of your children, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

**\*HYMN #75**        *I Was there to Hear Your Borning Cry*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**\*CHIMES**

**POSTLUDE**        *Fanfare*        Eldridge  
\*those who are able, please stand

## NOTES AND NOTICES

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Local faith leaders and congregations of many faith traditions will join together for a Pride Interfaith Worship Service to be held at the **First English Lutheran Church on Tuesday, June 16, at 7:00 pm.** The address is 501 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13203. Our gathering will feature a diversity of music and prayers of various traditions. A reception will follow. Anyone who wishes to sing in a community choir are asked to arrive by **6:00 pm** for a short practice prior to the service.

Wanted for VBS: old tents....Since "Everest" is our theme for VBS, we would like about 3-4 small tents for our base camp, to be set up in the Fellowship Room. If anyone can spare a tent, we would appreciate it! We would need it from about July 29-August 9. Camping and or climbing gear would also be appreciated. Please contact Kathleen Dentes at 749-6725 if you have something you can spare or you have questions.

Save the dates: Special times of recognition will take place during worship for two of our staff who are retiring - June 21, Russ Pedersen, Sexton, and June 28 - Lori Schmidt, Director of Christina Education.

**Next Sunday**, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost, is Dads and Grads Sunday and the Choir's final Sunday before summer. Our gospel text illustrates that when the disciples followed Jesus they experienced times of fear, especially during a storm on the Sea of Galilee. Today we know that fear is not always inappropriate in this world. Yet God journeys with us in the boat, offering a peace that calms our spirits and encourages our trust. Lectionary Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 32-49; Psalm 9:9-20; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41.

*Please note: Sunday School classes end today. We start our summer worship schedule on July 5, with the communion service starting at 9:30 am.*



# Sunday School Classes

## Elementary Class

Maya Allen  
 Alex Bertram  
 Jack Bertram  
 Luke Bertram  
 Gwen Cappy  
 Anelia Corbin  
 Caoimhe Dudgeon  
 Ruairi Dudgeon  
 Danny Ford  
 Heather O'Hara  
 Kyle Wright  
 Sophia Wright

## Junior High Class

Abby Elkins  
 Melina Settineri  
 Grace Wright

## Senior High Class

John Gumaer  
 Olivia Harrington  
 Logan Schmidt  
 Joe Settineri  
 Evan Ulrich  
 Kenian Ulrich  
 Molly Ulrich

## Presentation of Bibles

Jack Bertram  
 Maya Allen



**THANK YOU TO OUR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
TEACHERS**

## Sunday School Teachers

Tracy Durkee  
 Lori Schmidt  
 Jenelle Pedersen  
 Sherri Masterson  
 John Helgren  
 Helper: Abby Elkins

## Chapel Bells Director

Jan Jeffers

## Youth Groups

Sherri Masterson  
 Lori Schmidt



**All-Church  
Picnic**  
 Please join us after  
 worship for our annual All-  
 Church Picnic. We have  
 plenty of food and would  
 love to share this time  
 with you.



Summer Volunteers Needed for:  
**Vacation Bible School!**

**August 3 - 7**

Volunteers make our  
 Christian Education  
 programs successful. Are  
 you ready to join our  
 team? We need 40  
 volunteers for VBS to help  
 with the decorating  
 committee, to be crew  
 leaders (we especially  
 need adults to help with  
 this role), for registration,  
 and for many other jobs  
 big and little. See Mark  
 Bertram for details.