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To receive our mid-week email, *Weekday Words*,
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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.

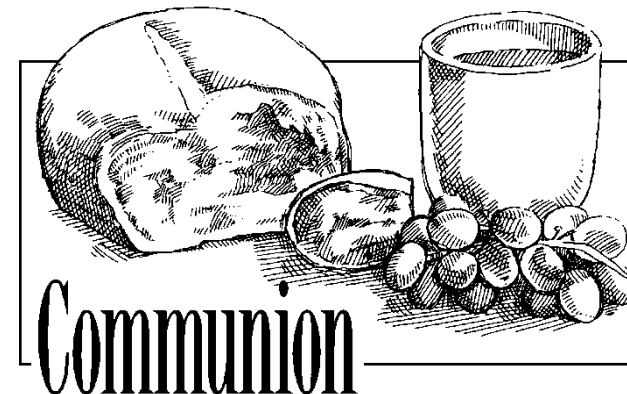
Accessibility - Individual listening headsets are available to provide hearing assistance to any in need. Contact one of the ushers for help.

The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

June 7, 2015

Second Sunday after Pentecost

**10:30 am Worship
with Holy Communion**



Gathered on the Green in 1801- Still Gathered Doing God's Mission

Service of Worship

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*Welcome to this service of Worship and Holy
Communion.*

*The Lord's Table is open to all who come seeking the
presence and peace of Christ. The cup contains
unfermented juice, and we serve gluten-free bread.*

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *At the Lamb's High Feast* Pachelbel

CHIMES

INTROIT

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Listen! Too many sounds, too many voices, too many people shouting in our ears.

All: **To whom do we listen?**

One: We listen to the television pundits, thinking they will tell us what we need to know.

All: **But do we listen to God?**

One: We listen to advertisements, thinking they will give us what we need.

All: **But do we listen to God?**

One: We listen to others' judgments, thinking they will show us the way.

One: Listen! To the One who made us, the One who gives us life, the One who will show us the way. Listen, for God is speaking, here in this time and place.

OPENING PRAYER

God who speaks, we want to hear you. We yearn to listen to you above all the noises of our lives. Guide us in this time of worship to hear your voice. Speak to us in the songs, in the Word, in the laughter of the children, and in the chatting with a new friend. Speak to us, God, your children are listening. Amen.

***HYMN # 24**

The God of Abraham Praise

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God, we can be distracted by the constant pressures in our lives: the bills we have yet to pay, the better job that we haven't applied for, the bigger house we think we need.

Silence

One: God, we can be distracted by instantaneous communication: the messages that are pouring in, the calls that keep coming, the social networks that never shut down.

Silence

One: God, we can be distracted by information: the 24-hour news cycle, libraries available at the click of a mouse, medical information changing every day.

Silence

One: But God, we seek to focus on you. We want to communicate with you. We want to know more about you.

Silence

One: Forgive us for the times when we allow ourselves to be distracted from living in your way, for the times when we want more than we need, and for desiring the secular instead of your way. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

All: God of the world, you listen to us even when we don't listen to you. Hear our prayer and may we hear the sound of your forgiveness. Amen.

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** (or see page 23 in the Hymnal)

**Praise, my soul, the God of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting One!**

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children of all ages may now go to the nursery.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament	1 Samuel 8:4-20	OT pg 251
Gospel	Mark 3:20-35	NT pg 37

SERMON The Rev. Dr. David Cleaver-Bartholomew

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word*

Pachelbel

***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 . . .)

As Samuel listened to God, we strive to listen to God in our everyday lives. We bring our gifts, both tangible and intangible, to be used in God's mission. May God bless the gifts, and may we grow stronger as we move forward in harmony as the community of Christ. Amen.

***HYMN # 416**

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(See Insert)

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN # 633**

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

***CHIMES**

POSTLUDE

Jig Fugue

Buxtehude

*those who are able, please stand

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

One Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks for the peace of God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: It is right to give you praise,
for the life of Jesus,
which informs our living,
for his compassion,
which changes our hearts,
for his clear speaking,
which contradicts our excuses,
for his innocent suffering,
his fearless dying,
his breathing forgiveness,
Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of
the church on earth and in heaven:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna
in the highest. Blessed is he who come in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORD OF INSTITUTION

One: Called in grace and gifted in love,
Jesus gathered with his friends and shared a meal;
the setting simple, the meaning profound.

Bread of life, cup of blessing.

"This is my body. This is my blood.

Do this in remembrance of me."

COMMUNION PRAYER *(responsively)*

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

(The bread is broken; the juice is poured.)

This table is God's offer of grace and an invitation to
community where forgiveness is found and we are
called to be the body of Christ.

In that body, we find all shapes, sizes, and abilities,
the young and the old, all colors and shades,
and the created diversity of loving relationships.
Together, we are affirmed in our shared mission,
and empowered for discipleship.

Remember now those for whom we pray . . .

The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

**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. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(let us pray together)*

**We give thanks to you, God, for this meal. Simple,
elegant, refreshing, re-creating. May we hear the call:
love one another as you have loved us. One body, many
members, the body of Christ. Amen.**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share a sign of peace with those around you.

NOTES AND NOTICES

Worship Service Participants

Ushers & Greeters

Worship Leader
Carol Agate

Acolytes
Darci and Carrie Gumaer

Nursery Volunteers
the Dudgeons
Jenelle Pedersen

Flowers

Coffee Hour
Phyllis Adams,
Laura Cinquanti

Attendance:
Sunday May 24 – 102

Our Usual Sunday Schedule

(unless otherwise noted)

9:15 am – Sunday School classes
9:15 am – The Well
9:45 am – Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am – Worship Service

Life in the Parish Week of June 7

TODAY – June 7

10:30 am – Worship service
11:45 am – CEM meets

MONDAY – June 8

6:30 pm – Legends vs Groton
Assembly @ Starr Road
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – June 9

2:00 pm – Senior Fellowship
Club meets
4:00 pm – Staff meeting
6:30 pm – Church Council
meets

THURSDAY – June 11

Noon – Bible Study Group
7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY – June 14

Children's Sunday
and All-church picnic
10:30 am – Worship service

Thank you to the Rev. Dr. David Cleaver-Bartholomew for preaching for us today. David is a UCC clergy and holds a PhD in Old Testament/Hebrew Bible. (Pastor Kathleen will be attending the annual meeting of the United Church of Christ, New York Conference.)

The **Senior Fellowship Club** meets **Tuesday, June 9, at 2:00 pm.** Guest speaker is Kathy McKenna, who will discuss her hobby of growing gourds and transforming them into decorative items.

Join us next Sunday, Children's Sunday as our children guide us in our time of worship and provide some amazing skits: "Dos and Dots" (about the Ten Commandments) and "Good Shepherd, Smart Sheep." We will also show our appreciation to the Sunday School teachers that have faithfully served throughout the year – thank you teachers! Some of our children will be presented bibles from the Homer Congregation. Please bring a canned food item for the food pantry.

Following the service and coffee hour, CEM will sponsor an all-church picnic and all are welcome. Hot dogs, rolls, potato chips, and lemonade will be provided.

Sexton needed for Homer Congregation Church starting 06/22/2015. Responsibilities include: cleaning of the physical facilities and set-up of meeting rooms for scheduled events. This is a part-time position; pay will be in the \$14 per hour range. Qualifications: proven experience in janitorial work and in the operation and maintenance of janitorial supplies/equipment; comfortable working in a Christian environment. Send resume to "Resumes@homercc.org" by June 8, 2015. Job description available on our web site at www.homercc.com.

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.