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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.

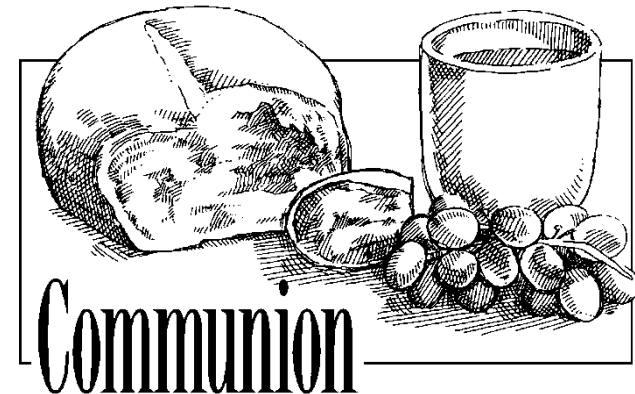
The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

July 5, 2015

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship
with Holy Communion

Guest Preacher, The Rev. Nancy Rehkugler



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

Service of Worship

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2015

10:30 am

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 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Haan

CHIMES

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As followers of Christ, let us lift our hearts and voices to God!

All: **We are indeed followers of Jesus, and we are pleased at the closeness to him we feel.**

One: Today we remember the rejection of Jesus by those most familiar with him—his neighbors and family members.

All: **Unlike those closest to him who failed to understand his mission, may we worship the one true Christ, that the power of Christ may rest upon us.**

OPENING PRAYER *(let us pray together . . .)*

Almighty God, open our minds to the wisdom we may receive from hometown prophets. We come to worship in humility and weakness. Help us to learn a lesson from Jesus' encounter with his neighbors, that we may see him and his work for what they truly are, and not for what we want to make of them. In his name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN # 668

For the Healing of the Nations

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

Most understanding God, we confess that we often create images of Jesus out of our imaginations and feelings, and devote ourselves to them rather than to the one revealed in Scriptures. Forgive us, we pray. Guide us by your Spirit to see Jesus—the man, the message, and the ministry—for the Kingdom—making agent you sent him to be. In his name we pray. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Friends, hear the good news! God's grace is all you need.

All: **Divine power comes to full strength in our weakness.**

One: Friends, believe the good news!

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*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**CHILDREN'S MOMENT***(Children may go to the nursery following the Children's Moment.)***SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalter Psalm 48:1-10 pg 518

¹Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God.

His holy mountain, ²beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north,
the city of the great King.

³**Within its citadels God
has shown himself a sure defense.**

⁴**Then the kings assembled,
they came on together.**

⁵As soon as they saw it, they were astounded;
they were in panic, they took to flight;

⁶trembling took hold of them there,
pains as of a woman in labor,

⁷as when an east wind shatters
the ships of Tarshish.

⁸**As we have heard, so have we seen
in the city of the LORD of hosts,
in the city of our God,
which God establishes forever.**

⁹**We ponder your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.**

¹⁰Your name, O God, like your praise,
reaches to the ends of the earth.
Your right hand is filled with victory.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND**OFFERING****Invitation**

Offertory *I Love to Tell the Story* Diemer

***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 . . .)*

Loving and forgiving God, you provide for our every need.
You give us voices to praise you and hands to respond to
Christ's call. With hearts, hands and voices renewed by your
Spirit, we offer you our resources and our commitment to
serve. Accept them, we pray, as signs of our faith. Amen.

***HYMN # 254**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(see insert)

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN # 352**

Spirit Song

***BENEDICTION**

***CHIMES**

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe

Callahan

*those who are able, please stand

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER *(responsively)*

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

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."

(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

Special Music

Joe Ford

Nursery Volunteers

Cindy Stout

Molly Ulrich

Flowers

Carl Applegate

In memory of

Georgianne S. Applegate and

Clarence E. Applegate

Coffee Hour

Clay Benedict,

Elaine Olson

Attendance:

Sunday June 28 – 85

Life in the Parish Week of July 5

TODAY – July 5

9:30 am – Worship service

MONDAY – July 6

Office closed

6:30 pm – Legends vs Cortland

UMC 2 at Starr Road

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – July 7

2:00 pm – Bridge Group

THURSDAY – July 9

Noon – Bible Study Group

6:30 pm – Church Council
meets

NEXT SUNDAY – July 12

9:30 am – Worship service

11:45 am – CEM meets

Thank you to our guest preacher, The Rev. Nancy Rehkugler. Nancy is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church where she served several congregations in Central New York. She retired from full time ministry in 2008 after serving the Fayetteville UMC. Nancy lives in Cortland with her husband Gerry.

Next Sunday is the 7th Sunday after Pentecost. Question: Which worship and spiritual practices bring you comfort and calm, and which stretch you beyond your comfort zone? Join us next Sunday as we explore answers. Lectionary Scripture: 2 Sam. 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

Plan to be with us on **Sunday, July 19, at 9:30 am** as the **Homer United Methodist Church** joins us in a worship experience on the Green. Our focus will be "Sharing in the abundance of God's gifts." Consider bring fruits and vegetables from your garden to donate to the Food Pantry or share with others. Following our time of worship we will gather under the tent for food and fellowship. A joint "pick up" choir will be led by Joe Ford. Let him know if you wish to participate. Lectionary Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Eph. 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-56

10 Things You Should Know about Chautauqua in 2015:

10. It's a little different this year! Kids can come, too!

9. The dates are Thursday, Aug. 6 - Sunday, Aug. 9. (we TOLD you it was different)

8. There will be two evenings of classes (Thursday/Friday); just as we have "always done it", except that there will be 6:30 classes for kids AND a Bounce House on Friday.

7. When is the last time you played croquet? badminton? Helped tie a quilt for the homeless? Watch for Saturday afternoon events!

6. www.chautauqua5K.com Kids/Families can walk/run-check it out! *Child care will be provided.*

5. We will need your help with "Bakezilla 2015". Someone will be calling soon.

4. We will END with worship on Aug. 9 at 11 AM. (we told you it was different)

3. Saturday evening, Aug. 8 - Trivia for Families and Trivia for Adults = Kids-Who-Don't-Have-to-be-in-Bed-by-7:30

2. The worship music will be great, but (just for this year) it will *not* be provided by our usual volunteer choir.

1. Our Theme: Chautauqua+
friends & family