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To receive our mid-week email, *Weekday Words*,
please email the office

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

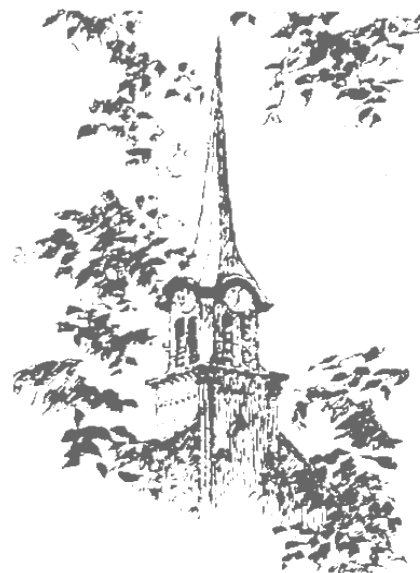
United Church of Christ

June 28, 2015



5th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Worship



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

Service of Worship
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For Quiet Meditation

"Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see." *C.S. Lewis, 20th century*

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Overture in D* Handel

CHIMES

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:

All: here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

One: Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

All: here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

One: Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown.

All: here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to call out, "God, save us!"

*HYMN

All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen



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LITANY OF CONFESSION

One: When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter:

All: God have mercy.

One: When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation:

All: Christ have mercy.

One: When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know:

All: God have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: In Christ God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope. Let us give thanks for the mercy of God.

All: 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!**

SPECIAL MUSIC Molly Ulrich and Olivia Harrington

GOD'S WORD TO GOD'S PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 NT page 183
Mark 4:35-41 NT page 39

***HYMN #88** *All My Hope on God Is Founded*

SERMON

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

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.**

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory *Largo* Handel

***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 . . .*)

**Generous God, take our gifts this day and use them so
that we may be part of your great work in this world.
Through our giving, bring a brighter day of justice
and love, not just in our community but in the world
beyond these walls. Strengthen our church and the
whole United Church of Christ so that we grow
together each day into a powerful voice for healing
and peace. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

RECOGNITION AND THANKS – Lori Schmidt

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN #614** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

***BENEDICTION**

***CHIMES**

POSTLUDE *Hornpipe* Handel

*those who are able, please stand

NOTES AND NOTICES

Worship Service Participants

Ushers & Greeters

Pat Signor, Shirley Osterhoudt,
Rachel Rood, Stanley Nilsson

Worship Leader

Bill Masterson

Acolytes

Caoimhe Dudgeon,
Heather O'Hara

Nursery Volunteers

Karen Downey,
Abby Elkins

Flowers

Janice Bacon
*in honor of her mother,
Janet Kneer*

Coffee Hour

Gail VanPatten and
the Deacons

Attendance:

Sunday June 21 – 75

Please contact the church office or Deacon Karen Dudgeon at 914-886-2239 if a pastoral emergency occurs while Pastor Kathleen is away; local pastors are available to assist.

Life in the Parish Week of June 28

TODAY – June 28

10:30 am – Worship service

MONDAY – June 29

Office closed

4:00 pm – Chautauqua Planning meeting

6:30 pm – Legends vs Redeemer @ Beaudry 2

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – June 30

2:00 pm – Bridge group

THURSDAY – July 2

Noon – Bible Study Group

SATURDAY – July 4

10:00 am – Reading of the Declaration of Independence in the Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY – July 5

Start of Summer Worship schedule

9:30 am – Worship service with communion

Thank you to Molly Ulrich and Olivia Harrington for today's special music.

The Twentieth Annual **Public Reading of the United States Declaration of Independence** will take place in the church sanctuary on **Saturday, July 4, at 10:00 am**. After a recounting of the events that led up to its adoption in 1776, those in attendance will be invited to read a short portion of the Declaration. Following this, the bells of the buildings surrounding the Homer Green will be rung. There is no charge for this event, and all, particularly children, are welcome.

Next Sunday worship will begin at **9:30 am** and communion will be served. The **Rev. Nancy Rehkugler** will be our guest preacher. Nancy is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church where she served several congregations in Central New York. The Gospel story is a “story within a story” and contrasts the status of an unnamed woman with the status of a known leader of the synagogue. Lectionary Scriptures: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43.

The Homer Congregation Church seeks an Interim Director of Christian Education. Starting 08/01/2015. Responsibilities include: Direct the Church School, promote and publicize Christian Education events; Coordinate Vacation Bible School and other programs/events. This is a part-time position (~ 20 hours per week) with presence required on Sunday mornings. The balance of work time may be fulfilled on a flexible basis in consultation with the Interim Pastor. Qualifications: A commitment to fostering the faith of our children and youth; proven experience in children and youth education; ability to multitask and prioritize tasks. Send résumé to “Resumes@homercc.org.” Job description available on our web site at www.homercc.com.

A Call for a Special Church Meeting

There will be a meeting of the First Religious Society in the Town of Homer, New York on **July 26th, 2015 after coffee hour** to discuss the Church front steps and our financial situation and needs. Articles in the July newsletter introduce this discussion. Any motion to change the By-laws will be published for review in advance of the meeting.