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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.

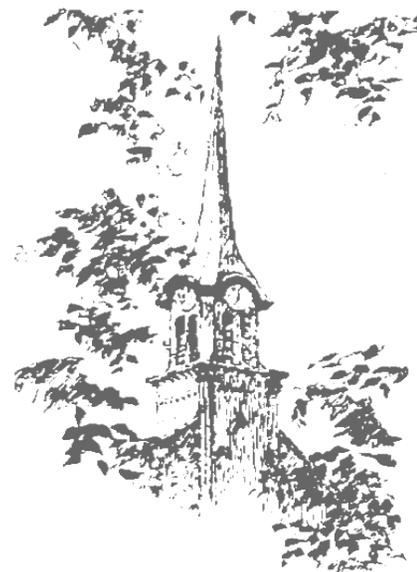
Miss a Sunday and want to review the bulletin? You can find weekly bulletins at our website: <http://www.homercc.com/resources/>.
Share with a friend.

The Homer Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

August 16, 2015 † 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship



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

Service of Worship

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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9:30 am

"We are leaves of one branch, the drops of one sea,
the flowers of one garden."

Jean Baptiste Lacordaire, 19th century

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Maestoso* Rohlig

CHIMES

INTROIT *Word of God Speak*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (taken from Psalm 34:9-14)

One: Come now, let us praise the Lord our God at all times! Let us share God's mighty acts of love with other people.

All: We come, to share in the joys of those who trust in God.

One: Come now, all who are deeply discouraged by life's traumas—because our God is gracious and loving, and forgiving of our sin.

All: We come, to give thanks for our God's merciful blessings to us.

One: Come now, and experience the radiant joy of God's mercy. Let us celebrate together the generosity of generosity of our Listening God.

All: We come, conscious that we are not immune from troubles, but we rejoice that the God we worship frees us from our fears.

***HYMN # 277** *Christians, We Have Met to Worship*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: We seek to follow Jesus, but sometimes it seems that we do not know how to go forward out of the shadows of life. The One who has sent the Bread of Life to us is the God who loves and is just, longing to grace us with mercy. Let us pray together, saying:

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All Wise God, we thank you for giving us this time to look into our words, thoughts and deeds. We confess that we fool ourselves into believing that we possess all of the knowledge that we need. Even though we say we want to hear your Word and speak with you, we fail to see that we are always in your presence. Fill us with the with the living bread of Jesus that we might live each day according to your will and plan for us. Help us to discern your wisdom that we might live eternally with you and Christ. Amen. *Silence is kept*

***WORDS OF GRACE AND MERCY**

One: Know and believe that the One who guides our lives continues to forgive us, correct us, and sustain us with grace. Know that we are all forgiven and be filled with joy! Let us celebrate this gift of grace.

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** (or see page 2 in the Hymnal)

Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

SPECIAL MUSIC *Bridge Over Troubled Waters*

DENOMINATIONAL UPDATE (General Synod)

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrew Scripture Proverbs 9:1-6 OT pg 591

Gospel John 6:51-58 NT pg 98

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children through the second grade may go to the nursery.)

***HYMN # 62** *Creator God, Creating Still*

SERMON

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

The Lord's Prayer *(in 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

Voluntary

Rohlig

***Doxology** *(page 48 in hymnal) tune: TALLIS' CANON*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all creatures here below;

Holy Spirit evermore;

One God triune, whom we adore. Amen.

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

**Compassionate God, you make us whole again, and
enable us to work toward unity in our congregation
and community. May we represent you by our good
posture towards others. May we freely offer the bread
of life that we have so graciously received. In Christ's
name, Amen.**

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN # 595**

Be Thou My Vision

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Learning to Be the Light*

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso

Rohlig

*those who are able, please stand

NOTES AND NOTICES

Worship Service Participants

Ushers and Greeters

Worship Leader
Bonnie Smith

Special Music
Steve Jones and Joe Ford

Nursery Volunteers
Sue Urban,
Marissa Urban

Coffee Hour
Terre Dennis

Life in the Parish Week of August 16

TODAY – August 16

9:30 am – Worship service
2:00 pm – RFR in use

MONDAY – August 17

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – August 18

2:00 pm – Bridge Group

THURSDAY – August 20

9:30 am – Newsletter Collating
Committee (*thank you*)
Noon – Bible Study Group

NEXT SUNDAY – August 23

9:30 am – Worship service
10:45 am – CEM meets

Today we welcome Rachel Ditch as our guest preacher. The Homer Congregational Church is in a Covenantal relationship with Rachel during her time as a “Member in Discernment.” She is entering her third and final year of study for her Master's of Divinity at Boston University School of Theology. In her final year she will be serving as a Chaplain Intern at Framingham Union Hospital, and she will also be spending two weeks in South India in January to explore conflict resolution in multicultural societies. In addition to her studies, Rachel is the cleaning coordinator of the Barton House, a historic structure built in the 1860s, where she resides with people studying in programs related to social justice.

The **Newsletter Collating Committee** meets **Thursday at 9:30 am**. All are welcome to join the fun.

Christian Education Ministry meets **next Sunday at 10:45 am**.

Next Sunday Pastor Kathleen will focus on a passage from John 6 in which Peter realizes that, while Jesus' message and ways are not easy, the journey promises nourishment by God. On August 30, “Fifth Sunday” the Homer Brass Ensemble will provide special music for our worship of God – plan to be with us we sing of the “...the Saints Go Marching In.”

"Snack and Chat" Members of the Boards of Deacons and Trustees will be available in the Russell Fellowship Room following the worship service on August 30th for a time of “Snack and Chat.” Plan now to grab some refreshments and join them. On the 30th they will be providing information regarding the circumstances surrounding the election of a new Treasurer. Up-to-date financial information will also be available. The boards plan to be available the last Sunday of each month to increase communication among the congregation. All are welcome.