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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.

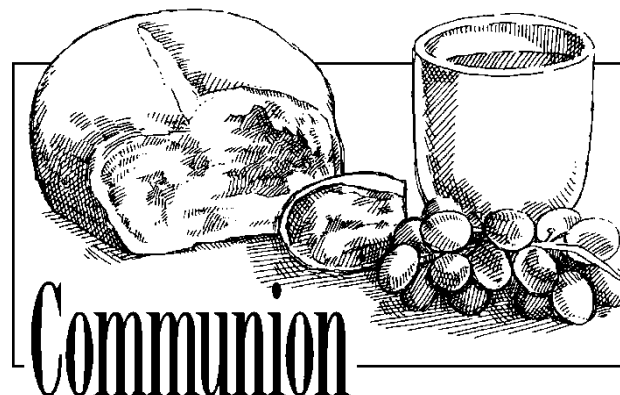
The Homer Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

August 2, 2015

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion



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

Service of Worship

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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9:30 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 *Fanfare* Wetzler

CHIMES

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hungry for meaning, acceptance, and love,

All: we gather within the mystery of God.

One: Yearning for greater peace and equity,

All: we gather within the friendship of Christ.

One: Open to renewed generosity and compassion,

All: we gather within the enfolding of the Holy Spirit.

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

**Generous Giver of Life, you, who with each sunrise,
breaks open a love that renews and sustains all of
creation, come to us in this place, creating a renewed
hunger for generous lives of spirit and human
goodness. For it is in the name of Jesus, our bread of
life, that we ask. Amen.**

*HYMN # 272

The Church's One Foundation

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: Gathered by God's hopeful love
around a table of welcome;

**All: we affirm the goodness of life
and celebrate its Author's presence.**

(Set the table with colorful cloth and a candle.)

One: Receivers of living bread
that keeps on being broken for all;

**All: we affirm the goodness of life
and pledge ourselves to its sharing.**

(Place bread and cup on the table.)

One: Bearers of a compassionate spirit
who always leads us toward others;

**All: we affirm the goodness of life
and open our hearts to its healing ways.**

(Place a pitcher of water and flowers on the table.)

*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

Chuck Feiszli and Joe Ford

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gospel John 6:24-35 pg 98

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

***HYMN # 259** *Spirit of the Living God*

SERMON

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory *Elegy* Elgar

***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 . . .*)

God, with many voices we praise you and in different ways we serve you. Take our diversity and mold it into a common theme of thanksgiving. Transform our lives that we may dedicate our service wholeheartedly to you. Take our gifts and us for use in renewing your world. Amen.

***HYMN # 393** *One Bread. One Body*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(see insert)

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN # 218** *Thine Is the Glory*

*BENEDICTION

One: Go out from this table, from this place of peace, to serve a hurting world.

All: **We go, knowing that the God of peace will be with us.**

One: Go where there is disunity among Christians, and bring God's reconciliation.

All: **We go, knowing that the God of peace will be with us.**

One: Go where there is injustice and brokenness, to bring God's way of peace.

All: **We go, knowing the God will be with us. Amen!**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** Chuck Feiszli, Joe Ford

CHIMES

POSTLUDE *Postlude in F Major* Thiman

*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, you have loved your people, feeding and nourishing us as from your own body. You sent Jesus, the bread of life, to be one of us and share our very life. Help us to know the presence of Christ in this bread and cup we share, and know that you feed us always and everywhere with the divine presence. And now we gladly join our voices to the song of the church on earth and in heaven:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Santo, santo, santo

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you!
San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te g - do - ra!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!
Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to - res, Se - ñor!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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)*

Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal and for the all-inclusive love of Jesus Christ. Help us to be your faithful disciples so that our love will be your love reaching out into the life of the world. 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 and Greeters

Elaine Olson, Shirley
Osterhoudt, Susan Benedict,
Nita Baldwin

Worship Leader

Bonnie Smith

Special Music

Chuck Feiszli and Joe Ford

Children's Moment

Elijah Smith

Nursery Volunteers

Karen Dudgeon,
Teen Volunteer

Coffee Hour

Rachel Rood and
Stanley Nilsson

Attendance:

Sunday July 26 – 75(?)

Life in the Parish Week of July 26

TODAY – August 2

9:30 am – Worship service

4:00 pm – VBS volunteers
meeting

MONDAY – August 3 **VBS begins**

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – August 4

2:00 pm – Bridge Group

THURSDAY – August 6 **Chautauqua begins**

Noon – Bible Study Group

6:30 pm – VBS Family Fun
Night

NEXT SUNDAY – August 9

11:00 am – Worship service on
the Green with Chautauqua
followed by a free community
meal

All **VBS teachers, helpers, and crew leaders** will meet **today** at **4:00 pm**.

VBS starts tomorrow! Pre-registration begins at 8:45 am. Everest camp will gather daily from 9:00 am until noon. Families and friends are invited to the Summit Celebration in the sanctuary each day at 11:35 am. **Family Fun Night** is **Thursday** at **6:30 pm** for the campers to share their weekly experiences with family members and friends.

Chautauqua+ friends & family starts Thursday, August 6 and runs through Sunday midday.

- Thursday and Fridays schedules are: 6:00 - Vespers; 6:30 - Classes; 7:30 - Snack & Chat; 8:00 - Classes.
- Saturday's schedule includes Wilcox Fun(d) 3/5K Walk/Run; Bake-zilla 2015; Downtown Olympics; My Brother's Keeper Quilt Group.
- Saturday evening offers 6:30 - Trivia for Families *PLUS* Children/Youth Talent; 7:30 - Snack & Chat; 8:00 - Trivia for Youth & Adults *PLUS* Talent Show
- Worship under the Tent at 11:00 am. Pastor Kathleen is preaching. Music from *Sister Act* by the Women of United Presbyterian Church, Cortland, Paulette Fry, pianist. Lectionary Scripture: 2 Sam. 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Eph. 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51
- A free Community Meal will follow the service. All welcome! Contact Belinda Burtner at 756-2454 if you are able to provide a dish for the meal.

For more information and registration forms, go to www.cortlandchurches.net.