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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.

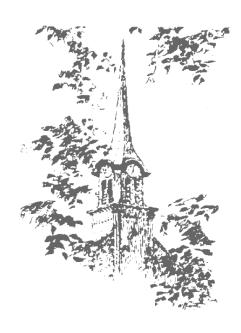
# The Homer Congregational Church United Church of Christ

July 26, 2015

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9th Sunday after Pentecost

### 9:30 am Worship



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

### **Service of Worship**

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### **For Quiet Meditation**

"It seems to me that in joining a church you leave home and home town to join a larger world. The whole world is your new neighborhood and all who dwell therein — black, white, yellow, red, stuffed and starving, smart and stupid, mighty and lowly, criminal and self-respecting, American or Russian — all become your sisters and brothers in the new family formed in Jesus. By joining a church you declare your individuality in the most radical way in order to affirm community on the widest possible scale."

William Sloane Coffin

### GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** Prelude Vierne

**SPECIAL MUSIC** I Am by Mark Schultz

### THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Here we see the richness of God's love made real in the gifts of relationship, grace, food, and faith.

All: God's presence keeps us going and gives us more than we need.

One: Come closer, search deeply, Open your hands, your hearts, and your minds. All: God makes a place for all and gives to all with generous abundance.

One: Let us live with hope and trust in God

All: and worship abundantly.

\*HYMN #419 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

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

Aware of our longings, we sometimes wonder:

Will there be enough?

Will our deepest hungers be satisfied?

Will we receive what we need to live and to thrive?

O God, calm our anxious spirits,

fill us with your sustaining presence, and satisfy us with your enduring love. Amen.

\*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!

### GOD'S WORD TO GOD'S PEOPLE

**SCRIPTURE** Ephesians 2:11-22 NT page 192 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 NT page 41

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

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

\*HYMN #575

Come and Find the Quiet Center

**SERMON** 

**SPECIAL MUSIC** He's My Son by Mark Schultz

### **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.

#### PRAYER RESPONSE

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### **OFFERING**

**Invitation** 

Offertory

Offetoire

**Dubois** 

\*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...)
Thank you, God, for the ministries of the people of your church. Thank you, God, for the bounty of your blessings you have poured out upon us. We have taken a portion of our abundance and given it to you in grateful thanksgiving. Consecrate this offering. May it help to support the ministries of this church that will dismantle the walls that divide us so all people will be one in the new family gathered in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

\*HYMN #632

Lead On, O King Eternal

\*BENEDICTION

\*SPECIAL MUSIC

Walking Her Home by Mark Schultz

**POSTLUDE** 

Sortie

Dubois

\*those who are able, please stand

# Worship Service Participants

### Worship Leader Darci Gumaer

### Steve Jones and Joe Ford

# Nursery Volunteers Kevin Cappy, Marleah Dentes

### Coffee Hour Sylvia Hammond, Dottie Kelley

### Attendance: Sunday July 19 with HUMC – 123

## Life in the Parish Week of July 26

### TODAY – July 26

9:30 am – Worship service 10:45 am – Special Church Meeting

### MONDAY - July 27

4:00 pm – Chautauqua Planning meeting7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

### TUESDAY – July 28

2:00 pm – Bridge Group 4:00 pm – Transition Team meeting

#### THURSDAY - July 29

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY – August 2**

9:30 am – Worship service 4:00 pm – VBS volunteers meeting

Save the dates: Chautauqua+ friends & family is August 6-9. For information and registration, go to cortlandchurches.net

### NOTES AND NOTICES

### A Call for a Special Church Meeting

As announced in worship on July 12, the Board of Trustees of the First Religious Society in the Town of Homer New York have called a **Special Meeting** of the Society **today** following the 9:30 am worship service at the Homer Congregational Church.

The following items will be covered:

- 1. Accepting the resignation of Jean Cadwallader as Treasurer of the First Religious Society, and voting to elect Andrea Herzog-O'Hara as the new Treasurer of the First Religious Society.
- 2. The Trustees will supply the members of the First Religious Society with a complete update on the finances for the 2015 budget. Wording will then be given at this time for a motion to use Endowment funds to help with any budget shortfall. The vote on that motion will take place at a future meeting whose date will be set at this meeting.
- 3. Kevin Cappy will give a presentation on the replacement of the church steps. He will have a couple of renditions to look at and discuss, with quotes from Tom Kile. Hopefully, Kevin will have a possible starting date for this project so we can get a time-line going. Wording will then be given at this time for a motion to use Endowment funds to pay for this project. Voting on this motion and project will take place at a future date set at this meeting.

**Vacation Bible School Registration** - We celebrate "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power" August 3-7. Register on homercc.com or use forms in the RFR.

Vacation Bible School Donations - We are looking for VBS snacks and snack-related products. Grocery store gift cards or buying items individually and dropping them off would greatly be appreciated. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mark Bertram. Thank you very much! We need, in addition to grocery store cards, paper plates, plastic cups, pretzels, napkins, Goldfish crackers, and lemonade mix.

All VBS teachers, helpers, and crew leaders will meet Sunday, August 2, at 4:00 pm