

*The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ*

November 1, 2015

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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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.

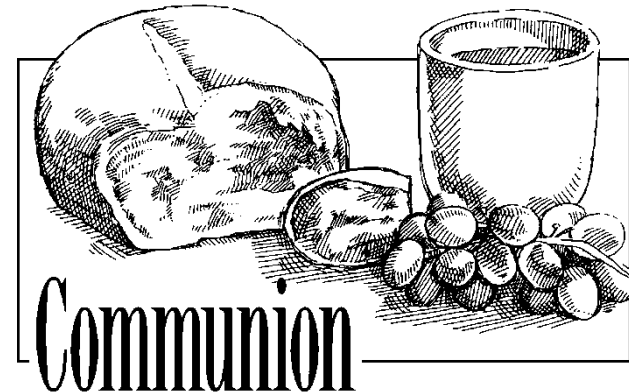
Children - We believe children of all ages have a place in worship and in the life of the church. A children's bulletin and supplies are available at the entrance to the sanctuary. Nursery care is available.

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.

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.

**10:30 am Worship
with Holy Communion**



*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.*

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

Service of Worship

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 1, 2015

10:30 am

On All Saints Sunday we celebrate not only historic figures of the faith, but also remember the “great cloud of witnesses” who have gone before us, those whom we have known and revered. In response we continue to acknowledge our responsibility to carry out Christ’s mission as the living saints of today.

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Intraada for All Saints* Ore

CHIMES

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather today with all the everyday saints who have shown God’s love.

All: We gather today with all the everyday saints who have followed the cross of Christ.

One: We gather today with all the everyday saints who have given of themselves for others.

All: We gather today with all the everyday saints who love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength, and their neighbors as themselves. We gather today to worship God, Alleluia!

***HYMN # 637** (stanzas 1,2,4,5)

For All the Saints

*OPENING AFFIRMATION

One: What is a saint?

Two: Someone who puts others’ needs before their own, like Mother Theresa . . . or mothers, fathers, grandparents, teachers, pastors, and good friends among us.

All: We are all saints!

One: What is a saint?

Two: Someone who loves God and loves others as themselves!

All: We are all saints!

One: We gather together to celebrate the saints who have gone before us and the saints among us.

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

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that you call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. Forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way and join with those from ages past who have served you with faith, hope and love in Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Remember that our God is a gracious God, who has been present throughout the generations, loving us, guiding us, forgiving us.

All: Amen.

*MUSICAL RESPONSE

We Are Forgiven

G Am D7 Gsus G C

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to

G Am7 Dsus D G Am

God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.

D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G

We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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REMEMBERING

The Light of God's Saints Surrounds Us

David Alvord – February 8, 2015

Fred Adams – February 18, 2015

June Beard – April 28, 2015

Marion Merritt – October 3, 2015

Robert Gay – October 13, 2015

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Ruth 1:1-18 pg. 241

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel Mark 12:28-34 pg. 49

SERMON

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Karen Dudgeon

Trust in the Promise

“For surely I know the plans I have for you . . . to give you a future with hope.” from Jeremiah 29:11

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Aria

Cherwien

***RESPONSE** (see insert) *For the Life You Have Given*

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

Thank you, O God, for the gifts of your people. Help us that we rely not on our own understanding in the use of these gifts, but to seek your wisdom. Knowing that as we do, your will be revealed and your people near and far will be blessed. Amen.

MUSICAL PRESENTATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CHRIST'S TABLE

COMMUNION PRAYER

One: God be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: We thank you, O God, for all the saints, for those who have walked before us the path of faith, for those who have touched our hearts with the fire of your love. We praise you that in Jesus the Christ you knit us together as one body with your witnesses in ages past and with those who are yet to be born. We bless you for the gift of your Spirit which guides us, refreshes us, and renews us for the journey of life, calling us to be salt for the earth and light for the world.

And so we join together with voices from the beginning of time and with voices yet to be heard as we sing the greatness of your name:

SUNG RESPONSE

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 a - 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 e - res, Se - ñor!

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

One: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover, the festival of remembrance. Jesus took bread and the cup, and after giving thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, saying: “Take and eat. Take and drink. Do this in remembrance of me.”

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table, that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all the world.

One: Bring us together with (*Call out the names of those who have been saints in your life*) and with all your saints from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and loves with you and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.

All: Amen.

One: 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

(You are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, eat and return to your seat. The elements can be brought to you if you wish. All are welcome!)

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

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at this table. We thank you for your presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. Go with us now and may we be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice and pray. Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share a sign of peace with others.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN** (see insert) *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

***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!**

CHIMES

POSTLUDE *For All The Saints* Ore

*those who are able, please stand.

A Sacred Conversation on Race

Dinner Friday, November 13 through dinner Saturday, November 14, Christ the King Retreat Center, Syracuse

Pastor Kathleen will be attending ***A Sacred Conversation on Race***, sponsored by the New York School of Ministry of the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ. This 24-hour learning event will explore notions of race, racism, and racial justice on a personal, interpersonal, cultural, and institutional level. The overnight cost is \$115; commuters pay \$55 (scholarships available); all meals and materials are included. If you are interested in attending with her let Kathleen know by Monday, November 2.

Next Sunday: November 8, Stewardship Sunday

As a sign of offering our very selves to God, we will be invited to bring our pledge cards forward.

⁴²*But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny.*



⁴³*Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."*

Lectionary Scripture: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Heb. 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

[Or the information on the Spaghetti dinner and, time & talent and bakers needed could go on this panel.]

For the Life You Have Given

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in
 Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these
 gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;
 heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to
 love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

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I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun - dreds of
 brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and
 made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus'
 thou - sands still; the world is bright with the joy - ous
 died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a
 sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a
 saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in
 doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess
 sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a
 school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in
 on the green: they were all of them saints of
 fierce wild beast: and there's not an - y rea - son,
 shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just
 God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

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Worship Service
Participants

Ushers and Greeters

Worship Leader
Karen Dudgeon

Acolytes
Kyle Wright,
Jack Bertram

Nursery Volunteers
Cindy Stout,
Abby Elkins

Flowers
Dale Halstead and
Sylvia Hammond

Coffee Hour
the Harrington family

Attendance
October 25 - 85

Pastor Kathleen's time in the office varies each week, but she is available to visit those with special needs or to meet for any other reason. Please feel free to contact her via email: pastor@homercc.org or via her cell phone: (315) 380-0774

Life in the Parish
Week of November 1

TODAY – November 1
9:15 am – The Well
9:30 am – Children's Program
10:30 am – Worship service
11:45 am – CEM meets

MONDAY – November 2
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets in RFR

TUESDAY – November 3
office closed
2:00 pm – Bridge group

THURSDAY – November 4
10:00 am – RFR in use
Noon – Bible Study Group
5:00 pm – Transition Team meets

SATURDAY – November 7
5:00 pm – Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner
6:00 pm – CEM Time & Talent Auction

SUNDAY – November 8
Stewardship Sunday
Youth Group Bake Sale
9:15 am – The Well
9:30 am – Children's Program
10:30 am – Worship service

NOTES AND NOTICES

You are cordially invited to attend the largest CEM fundraiser of the year on **Saturday, November 7!** The spaghetti dinner will begin at **5:00 pm** followed immediately by the Talent Auction at **6:00 pm**. Your donations for the auction may be dropped off at the church office during that week or you can bring them with you to the dinner. Come enjoy a spirited evening of delicious comfort food, energetic bidding, and warm fellowship! See you there!

Save the date: Our **Roast Pork Dinner** will be **Saturday, November 14**. See Don VanSlyke to volunteer.

Pray for the family of Ray Ziobro, (father of Jim Ziobro). Ray died on Tuesday. His obituary can be read at <http://shaughnesseybakfuneralhome.com/obituaries>. Copies of the obituary are also located on the coffee table in front of the fireplace.

The Methodist Food Pantry is anticipating special needs for Thanksgiving Boxes – cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie filling, evaporated milk, corn, green beans, stuffing mix, fruit cocktail. Last month 22 families were fed through the Food Pantry Thank you!

The flower sign-up sheet and coffee hour listing are temporarily on the small table in the Russell Fellowship Room.

Thinking Ahead:

The Hanging of the Greens and soup and bread lunch will be held on **Sunday, November 29**, immediately after worship.

The Children's Christmas Program will be presented on **Sunday, December 13** during the 10:30 service of worship.