

The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

October 11, 2015

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Staff and Music Ministry

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Mondays through Thursdays, 9am-Noon, closed Friday.

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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.

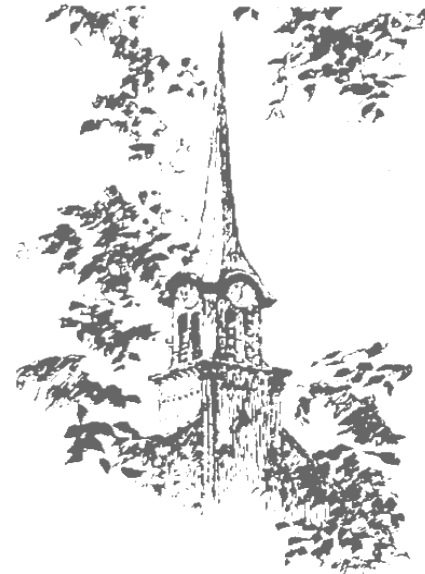
Children - We believe children of all ages have a place in worship and in the life of the church. A children's bulletin and supplies are available at the entrance to the sanctuary. Nursery care is available.

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.

10:30 am Worship



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

Service of Worship

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Oscar Wilde, 19th century

"Ordinary riches can be stolen, real riches cannot.
In your soul are infinitely precious things that cannot be
taken from you."

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CHIMES

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When God seems distant,

All: we seek what we long to find.

Two: When life overtakes us,

All: we seek what we long to find.

Three: When trouble is near and danger is close,

All: we seek what we long to find.

One: Come find in this place the One we both long to
find and who longs to find us.

***HYMN # 6** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*
(stanzas 1 and 2 only)

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

**Holy One, we cannot begin to count all our possessions.
We have things in our closets, our attics, and our
basements. We have things tucked away in**

**boxes we haven't opened in years, and still we acquire
more. We have so much stuff and yet, there are those
in our communities who can fit all their worldly
possessions in a shopping cart.**

**We know that you, O God, will defend the poor and
come to them in their need. But we, O God, need your
forgiveness for we are more attached to our things
than we willingly acknowledge. Help us confront our
attachment to possessions and things more honestly so
we can share our own abundance more equitably.
Amen.**

A moment of silence . . .

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: Hear the good news! Because God loves us, we lack
for nothing; because God forgives us, we have
everything we need; because God surrounds us with
sisters and brothers, we do not journey alone.

**All: Trusting in the One who loves us, we live as
God's faithful and forgiven people. Amen.**

***GLORIA PATRI** (*or see page 35 in Hymnal*)

**Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

ANTHEM

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

GOSPEL READING Mark 10:17-31

pg. 46

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children may go to the nursery following the Children's Moment.)

COMMISSIONING STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

Bill Masterson and Belinda Burtner

HYMN # 609 *(stanzas 1-4 only)*

Take My Life

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

SERMON

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.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Bill Masterson

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

***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 . . .)*

**We come to you, Holy God, with gifts to share with
your people. Thank you for the riches you place in our
lives each day. Lead us to see your gracious hand in
all that we are and all that we have. Amen.**

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN**

(see insert)

*COMMISSIONING OF CROP WALKERS

One: As we prepare for our CROP Walk, let us recall those
for whom we walk.

**All: We walk for those who are hungry, for refugees
and the homeless.**

**We walk for women, who nurture their families
against all odds,
for children, who look to adults for care and
protection.**

One: May you walk safely and may you be a witness of
caring to our community. Let us pray together:

**All: Gracious God, bless our feet, our hands, our
hearts. May we not be afraid to take a stand for
what is right. Give us the strength to reach out to
those in need, whether near or far. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

CHIMES

POSTLUDE

**those who are able, please stand*

Guide My Feet

1 Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet
2 Hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand
3 I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child
4 Stand by me while I run this race, stand by me

Yes, my God.

while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race,
while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race,
while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race,
while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race,

Yes, my God.

For I don't want to run this race in vain.

Sunday, October 18, 2015
Homer Congregational Church

Join us during our 10:30 AM time of worship as special music will be offered by **Michele K. Edwards-Williams** and a spiritual message by the **Reverend Dr. Marsha Williams**, the new Associate Conference Minister for Clergy and Authorized Ministry Concerns for the New York Conference.



Following our worship gathering Dr. Williams will be sharing *observations of our connection to local and global mission through the United Church of Christ, New York Conference.*

Michele Edwards-Williams' musical accomplishments include, performing as part of the opening act for national recording artists, "The Commodores," joining the Philadelphia Community College Gospel Choir on Broadway, local stage productions in Washington State, and in 2013 she recorded her first gospel single, entitled "*Grace.*"

Marsha Williams has served in pastoral ministry since 1995 serving churches in Indiana as well as the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ. Marsha is and an accomplished musician and plays several instruments including saxophone, bass guitar and drums. She is a former member of the Fort Knox Kentucky Jazz Ensemble and the Rainbow City Concert Band of Seattle, Washington. Marsha served as Executive Producer of "*Diary of a Songwriter, Vol 1.,*" a CD compilation of original gospel music compositions.

(African-American traditional, Arranged by Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992, found in The New Century Hymnal ©1995. All rights reserved. OneLicense.net, License # A-725159.)

Marsha and Michele currently reside in New Windsor, NY. They also are proud parents of a 24-year-old daughter, Courtney who is a recent graduate of California State University, Sacramento.

NOTES AND NOTICES

Worship Service Participants

Ushers and Greeters

Gwen Hayne, Nita Baldwin,
Janice Bacon, Sharon Wainman

Worship Leader

Kathy McKenna

Acolytes

Heather O'Hara,
Grace Wright

Nursery Volunteers

Susan Benedict,
the Bertram family

Flowers

Dora Jones
In honor of my family

Coffee Hour

Tina and John Helgren

Attendance

October 4 - 75

Life in the Parish Week of October 11

TODAY – October 11

9:15 am – The Well
9:30 am – Children's Program
10:30 am – Worship service
1:15 pm – CROP walk

MONDAY – October 12

Columbus Day - office closed
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – October 13

2:00 pm – Senior Fellowship
Club meets

THURSDAY – October 15

Noon – Bible Study Group
7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

SUNDAY – October 18

New Member Sunday
9:15 am – The Well
9:30 am – Children's Program
10:30 am – Worship service

*Thank you to Andrea Herzog-
O'Hara for playing the organ.*

We will meet at Grace and Holy Spirit Church in Cortland at **1:15 pm today** to join in the **Crop Walk**. All are welcome to walk and/or sponsor a walker.

The **Senior Fellowship Club** will meet **Tuesday at 2:00 pm** in the Russell Fellowship Room. Guest speaker is Doris Walker who will show slides of her trip to Vienna, Greece, and Croatia.

The Christian Education Ministry committee is trying to keep our **Sunday School** going while the deacons continue to search for a Director of Christian Education. We need people to teach at all different levels. We will offer curriculum and training. If you would like to teach, co-teach or sub we would love to have your help. Please contact Terry Pedersen at 749-7540 or trpedersen@hotmail.com if you would be willing to help keep this worthwhile ministry going. We can't do it without you!

The **Women's Book Group** has chosen to read *The Marriage of Opposites*, by Alice Hoffman, published 2015. They will meet **October 27** with the usual bag lunch at noon and discussion at 12:30 pm.

The Christian Education Ministry committee's **Talent Auction and Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner** will be returning on **Saturday, November 7**. Please be thinking of ways that you can share YOUR time and talent with others to raise funds for Christian Education programs. Babysitting, cleaning garages, woodworking, baked goods, craft lessons, handmade items, and chili dinners, are all wonderful ideas from past auctions.

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