

Church Staff and Music Ministry

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Church Office Hours:

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

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At Church, typically, Sundays through Thursdays
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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

October 4, 2015

19th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Worship



*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.*

Service of Worship

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2015

10:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

I was first introduced to World Communion when, as an adult, I began attending worship services on a regular basis. The minister explained that the day was a call for all Christians - of whatever background - and of whatever theological tradition - to recollect that we are in fact one in Christ - and that the table we receive from and communion at is God's table - not our own. I was captivated by the image of men, women, and children of every language, color, and nationality gathering in fields, straw huts, brick schools, wooden shacks and stone cathedrals and praising God and entering into both a physical and spiritual communion with one another as the planet turned under the gaze of the sun and the stars that God has placed over us all.

~ quote from *Spirit Networks*

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CHIMES

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

On a world map, we will put candles on the places where our ancestors are from.

One: From all around the globe, we gather.

ALL: We come from many places, yet today we are one in Christ. Amen and amen!

***HYMN** *led by our children*

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!

Korean: Praise ye the Lord = Choo chung yung hey!

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We will not find that needed justice in our apathy;
we will not find that elusive wholeness with our quarreling;
we will not find our hoped for unity with our doctrines;
we will not find our misplaced love with our hating;
we will not find that rest we crave in our overflowing
planners;
we will not find the peace you offer in our well nursed
grudges.

but

**we will find you in the brokenness of the Bread
and in the breaking of our hearts;
we will find you when we drain the Cup,
refill it with our gifts, and offer it to a little child;
we will find you when we squeeze closer together,
making room at the Table for all your people.
Help us to find you, Holy One. Amen.**

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** (sung in Shona from Zimbabwe)

Jay-sue ah non-dah (repeat x 3)

Ah non-dah tay-say

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

ANTHEM

Siyahamba

RESPONSIVE READING #728 in the hymnal

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 8* OT page 492

SERMON *Where Have You Eaten?* Rev. Vicki Johnson

***HYMN # 403** *In Remembrance of Me*

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

One God triune, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Preparing the Meal

Table Grace

We are Fed

Thanksgiving for the Miracle #412 in the hymnal

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN # 403**

In Remembrance of Me

In remembrance of me, search for truth.

In remembrance of me, always love.

In remembrance of me, don't look above, but
in your heart, look for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

***CHIMES**

POSTLUDE

*those who are able, please stand

NOTES AND NOTICES

Worship Service Participants

Ushers and Greeters

Carl and Connie Applegate,
Jim McKenna, James McKenna

Worship Leader

Kathy McKenna

Acolytes

Caoimhe Dudgeon
Sophia Wright

Nursery Volunteers

Kevin Cappy,
Molly Ulrich

Flowers

Rachel Rood
In memory of Richard Rood

Coffee Hour

Sue Urban

Attendance

September 27 - 74

Life in the Parish Week of October 4

TODAY – October 4

9:15 am – The Well
9:30 am – Children's Program
10:30 am – Worship service
11:45 am – All Church meeting
4:30 pm – Youth Group mini
golf at Ship Wreck Mini Golf

MONDAY – October 5

7:00 pm – WWIC meets
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – October 6

2:00 pm – Bridge group meets

THURSDAY – October 8

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

SUNDAY – October 11

10:30 am – Worship service

*Thank you to the Rev. Vicki
Johnson for leading our service
and to Andrea Herzog-O'Hara for
playing the organ.*

The **Youth Group** will meet at Ship Wreck Mini Golf **today** at **4:30 pm** for fun and fellowship time.

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.

Next Sunday the lectionary passages are difficult and many commentaries on the gospel passage try to soften Jesus' challenge to sell all we have and give the money to the poor. Jesus' call is to love, not accumulate, but rather to travel light. Lectionary Scripture: Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Please note: The Methodist Food Pantry sent a message that they desperately need: Manwich, macaroni & cheese, margarine, jello, pudding, pasta/rice sides, rice, Hamburger Helper, Cream of Mushroom soup, peaches, and baked beans.