

The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

October 25, 2015

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Church Staff and Music Ministry

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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



40 years - 1975
Steve Cinquanti

50 years - 1965
Stuart Jones, Debra Jones-Dutcher, Carla Walsh,

60 years - 1955
none

70+ years
Frances Armstrong (1945), Barbara Hale (1943),
Jaffrey Harris (1943), Carleton Potter (1944)
Esther Twentyman (1935)

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

Service of Worship

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2015

10:30 AM

On Oct. 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 theses to the castle door in Wittenberg, Germany. We remember this event as the “beginning” of the Protestant Reformation. Yet Luther was neither the first nor the last to seek to reform and renew the church. This day we remember and celebrate those who challenge us to see things in new ways, to hear, to expand and explore our sense of what it means to be the body of Jesus Christ. We think of people whose gifts and talents through words, images, music, sermons, questions, and ideas have helped to shape us as a church.

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress* Leavitt

CHIMES

INTROIT # 112 *Holy Ground*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (taken from Psalm 46)

One: God is our refuge and strength;

All: A very present help in trouble.

One: “Be still, and know that I am God; I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”

All: God is with us; the God of our ancestors will never abandon us. Let us worship God.

*HYMN # 65

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

***REFORMATION PRAYER** (*let us pray together . . .*)
O God, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Sanctify its life, renew its worship, empower its witness, restore its unity. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it. Inspire passion for justice and righteousness, and such Christ-like compassion for the poor and oppressed, that the world will see unmistakable signs of your presence and glorify your name. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Remember that the God who has been present throughout the generations, loves us, guides us, and forgives us.

All: Thanks be to God.

*MUSICAL RESPONSE

We Are Forgiven

The musical notation is for the hymn 'We Are Forgiven'. It consists of three staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The lyrics are: 'We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.' The chords indicated above the notes are: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G.

INTRODUCTION OF OUR HONORED MEMBERS

LITANY OF THANKS

One: Loving God, we thank you for our heritage of faith:
for the vision of apostles and evangelists who
brought it to us,

All: We give you thanks and praise.

One: For the courage of martyrs and teachers who secured
it for us,

All: We give you thanks and praise.

One: For the devotion of preachers and pastors who
proclaimed it to us,

All: We give you thanks and praise.

One: For the members we have honored who passed along
their faithfulness,

All: We give you thanks and praise.

One: For the love of families and friends who nourished it
within us,

All: We give you thanks and praise.

One: For the freedom to speak of it in the world about us,
and share it with our neighbors,

**All: We give you thanks for our heritage of faith:
Help us to pass it on to others. Amen.**

ANTHEM

For Simple Things

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

THE PSALTER *Psalm 46* *Hymnal page 742*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel *Mark 10:46-52* *pg. 47*

SERMON

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

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

Kurt Schmidt

OFFERING

Invitation and Offertory *A Mighty Fortress* Hanff

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

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

**O God, we bring before you this accounting of our
faithfulness. You have entrusted much to us. We
return some of it for the work of your church. Grant
us imagination and generosity to use all you entrust to
us in ways that build up rather than destroy. Amen.**

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN** (see insert) *Will You Come and Follow Me*

***BENEDICTION**

***CHIMES**

POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress* Walcha

*those who are able, please stand

Will You Come and Follow Me The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

(Words by John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987. Music: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987. Text and Music Arr. ©1987 WGRG, Iona Community. All rights reserved. OneLicense.net, License # A-725159.)

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.

(Words by Carl P. Daw Jr., 1987. Music: Leavitt's Christina Lyre, 1830/31. Text ©1990 Hope Publishing Company. All rights reserved. OneLicense.net, License # A-725159.)

Transition Team Forum “HCC in Perspective”

**Today
11:45 AM, Catered lunch
All Welcome**



The Transition Team is seeking to create a process in which we might honestly and transparently talk about our past while exploring and discerning the possibilities for the congregation's future.

As part of this process a congregational survey was conducted on September 20 and 27 with the expectation that the results will be discussed in November and our common dreams will be captured. During this time we hope to pray, listen and think wisely together.

Today, in conjunction with Membership Recognition, we will be hosting a forum called “HCC in perspective.” This forum will be filled with laughter, inquiry and appreciation for how our God has moved in and through us in the years past. We will also seek to explore how we have handled difficulties and seek to learn from those times as we prepare to search for a new pastor. Please plan to stay for lunch and conversation. All are welcome!!!!

Following this Congregational Assessment phase the Team will move into a time of “Community Assessment” before looking at the study, What Kind of Pastor for What Kind of Congregation.

Team members: Clay Benedict, Tracy Bertram, Belinda Burtner, Gary Harrington, Laurie Leach, Bonnie Smith, Kathleen Waters, Molly Ulrich, and Kenian Ulrich.

As we move forward the results of both the Congregational and Community Assessment will be post on our web site at www.Homercc.com.

Worship Service
Participants

Ushers and Greeters
the Ulrich family

Worship Leader
Kathy McKenna

Acolytes
Abby Elkins
Elijah Smith

Nursery Volunteers
Carol Costell Corbin
Molly Ulrich

Flowers

Coffee Hour
Deacons
Member Recognition Luncheon

Attendance
October 18 - 92

Life in the Parish
Week of October 25

TODAY – October 25
Member Recognition Sunday
Forum: HCC in Perspective
9:15 am – The Well
9:30 am – Children's Program
10:30 am – Worship service
11:45 am – Member
Recognition luncheon and
presentation of "HCC in
Perspective"

MONDAY – October 26
7:00 pm – WWIC
7:30 pm – Al-Anon in RFR

TUESDAY – October 27
12:00 pm – Women's Book
Group
2:00 pm – Bridge group
6:30 pm – Deacons meeting

THURSDAY – October 29
9:30 am – Newsletter Collating
Committee meets (*thank you!*)
Noon – Bible Study Group
5:00 pm – Transition Team
meets

SUNDAY – November 1
(Daylight Savings Time Ends)
Remembrance Sunday
9:15 am – The Well
9:30 am – Children's Program
10:30 am – Worship service

NOTES AND NOTICES

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

The **Newsletter Collating Committee** meets **Thursday, October 29** at **9:30 am**. All are welcome to come join the fun.

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.

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

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!

Next Sunday is “All Saints Sunday,” a time to celebrate not only historic figures of the church, but also remember the “great cloud of witnesses,” those whom we have known and revered as followers of Christ. As we look back we recognize our responsibility to carry out Christ’s mission as the living saints of today. We will also celebrate Holy Communion.