

The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

October 18, 2015

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Church Staff and Music Ministry

Rev. Dr. Kathleen Waters, Interim Minister
Sherri Masterson, Youth Fellowship Coordinator
Joseph Ford, Director of Music
James N. Shultes, Organist
Jan Jeffers, Chapel Bells
Gary Harrington, Sexton
Donna Piotti, Church Secretary

Church Office Hours:

Mondays through Thursdays, 9am-Noon, closed Friday.
Pastor Kathleern is available, when needed,
at 315-380-0744

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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.

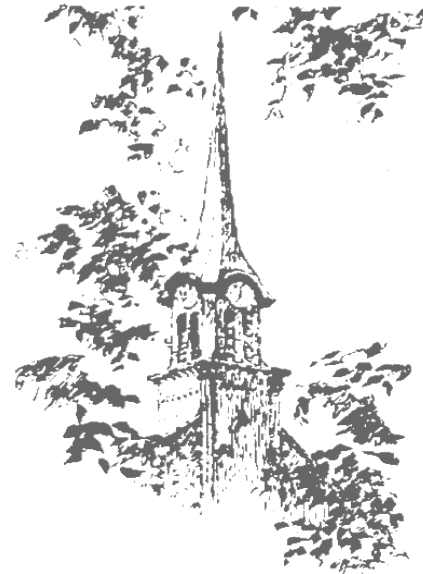
Children - We believe children of all ages have a place in worship and in the life of the church. A children's bulletin and supplies are available at the entrance to the sanctuary. Nursery care is available.

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

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2015

10:30 AM

Mahatma Gandhi

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself
in the service of others."

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

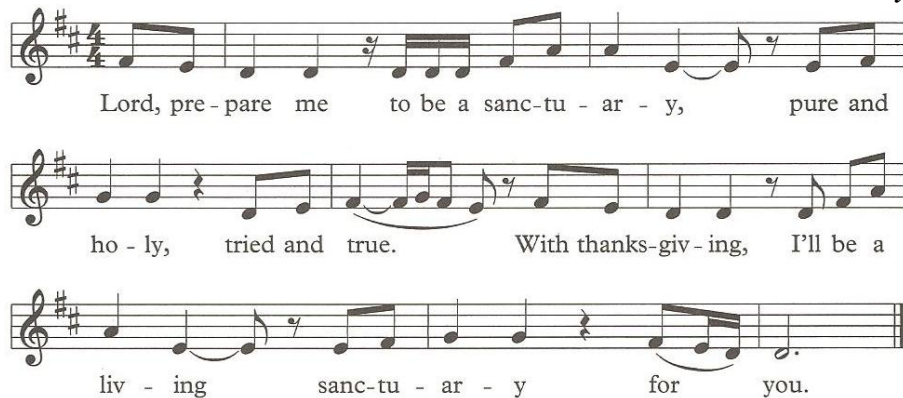
PRELUDE

CHIMES

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sanctuary



Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a
liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

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***HYMN # 585** *What a Friend We Have In Jesus*

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

God of love, take hold of us in this act of worship, and do not let us go until we have been blessed by a vision of love in which all are accepted and no one rejected; love that never ends. Living God, Love itself, live in our hearts now and forever. Amen.

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** (*or see hymn # 715*)

**Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices,
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Invitation and Affirmation

Susan Benedict, Sheila Shea,
John Wright, Elke Wright, Phil Zollweg

***Congregational Affirmation and Prayer:**

(Let us pray together)

Gracious God, we praise you for calling us to faith and for gathering us into the Church. We thank you for your people gathered here and rejoice that you have increased our community of faith. Together may we live in the Spirit, building one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the church, and serving the world for the sake of Christ. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC
(see next page)

Holy Ground

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Belinda Burtner

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

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

SCRIPTURE READING

New Testament Romans 5:6-11 pg. 155

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *We Need a Word from the Lord*

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel John 7:7-19 pg. 99

SERMON “Friend-Me”

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Come on and Bless the Lord

***MUSICAL RESPONSE**

For the Life You Have Given

(see next page)

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

Eternal God, thank you for our many blessings. May the gifts we now present be used to sow justice, to feed the hungry, and bring relief to those afflicted. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN # 560**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
(the word “Covenant” can replace “Fellowship.”)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*those who are able, please stand

Holy Ground

Chord progression: G, D, A, D, G, D, Em, D, G, F#m, F#m7, B7, E, Gm, D, A7, D, G, D, Em, F#m7, G, D, G, D, Em7, D, G, D.

We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground,
and I know that there are an - gels all a -
round; let us praise Je - sus
now; we are stand - ing in his
pres - ence on ho - ly ground.

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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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Worship Service
Participants

Ushers and Greeters
Kurt and Lori Schmidt

Worship Leader
Kathy McKenna

Acolytes
Maddy Dermott,
Justin Dermott

Nursery Volunteers
Sue Urban,
Marissa Urban

Flowers

Coffee Hour
Ingrid Fox and Tracy Bertram

Attendance
October 11 - 86

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

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

Life in the Parish
Week of October 18

TODAY – October 18
New Member Sunday

9:15 am – The Well
9:30 am – Children's Program
10:30 am – Worship service
11:45 am – Conversations with
Marsha

MONDAY – October 19
Office closed

TUESDAY – October 20
2:00 pm – Bridge group

WEDNESDAY – October 21
Newsletter Deadline
7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY – October 22
Noon – Bible Study Group
5:00 pm – Transition Team meets

SUNDAY – 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

NOTES AND NOTICES

You are invited to attend the Installation of the Reverend Janet Abel as Associate Pastor of First Congregation Church, UCC, of Binghamton, NY today at 3:00 pm. For more information, see Pastor Kathleen.

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.

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

Bill and Dorothy Hopkins, along with Kathy Alvord and Joy McGee, are inaugurating the **Memory Café at Cortland**, 10:30 on Tuesday, October 20 at the old Lackawanna/Susquehanna train depot at 90 Central Ave. The café is a place where people experiencing memory loss and their care partners come together for an hour-and-a-half to connect and support one another in a relaxed atmosphere. Participants are invited to enjoy a social time, refreshments, entertainment and a host of fun activities, games, and play some games. **It's all free! You do not have to have a condition to join us!!!** For more information, call Bill at 749-7189 or 607-201-4137 (cell).