

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 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

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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.

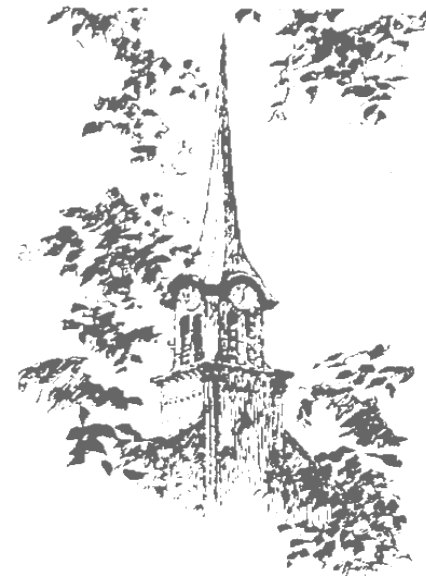
Prayer request sheets are placed at each entrance. Prayers will be offered later in today's service.

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
November 15, 2015 **25th Sunday after Pentecost**

10:30 am Worship



Service of Worship
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Sunday

November 15, 2015

10:30 am

"Tenderness and kindness are not signs of weakness and despair but manifestations of strength and resolution."

Kahlil Gibran

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CHIMES

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Deuteronomy 6:1-9)*

One: Hear, O people of God: our God is one.
Hear the commandments of our God.

All: **First, love your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

One: Hear, O people of God: our God is one.
Recite the commandments to your children
and hold them in your hearts.

All: **Second, love your neighbor as yourself. There is
no commandment greater than these calls to
love. Amen.**

***HYMN # 5**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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

**O Holy One, Source of all life and Ground of all love,
we thank you for your love that never lets us go. Thank
you for the privilege of gathering in this space with
these your people – our neighbors – to worship you.
We do not come merely to open the doors of the church,
but we come that our hearts might be opened to you
and to one another. As we worship you today, help us to
respond to the call of love – to love you, our neighbors,
and ourselves. Guide us as a community of faith to
follow the path of love. Amen.**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: Live in the grace of God's love as you walk in the
way of Jesus and surely you shall find mercy and
peace.

All: **Amen.**

***MUSICAL RESPONSE**

We Are Forgiven

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major, 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "We are for-giv-en. We are for-giv-en. Thanks be to". The second staff continues the melody for the second line: "God. Thanks be to God. We are for-giv-en.". The third staff continues for the third line: "We are for-giv-en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.". Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G.

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GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Psalm 146 p. 581

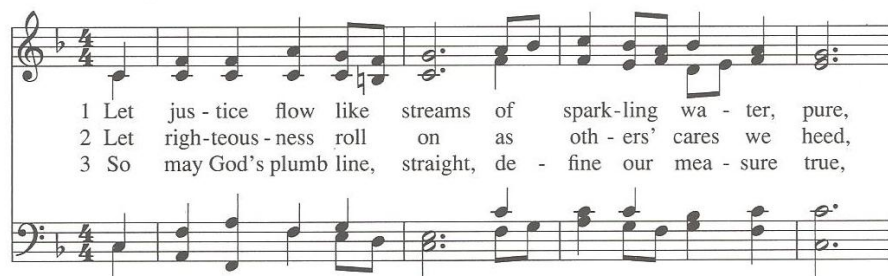
ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

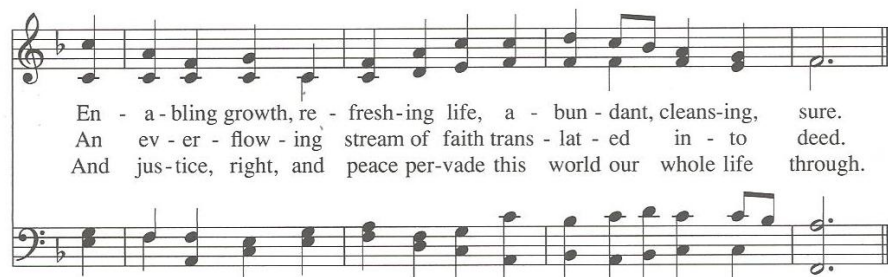
(Children through second grade may go to the nursery.)

*HYMN

Let Justice Flow like Streams



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spark - ling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



En - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
An ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
And jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

(Tune: ST. THOMAS S.M., Aaron Williams; New Universal Psalmist, 1770.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel Mark 12:28-34 pg. 49

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.**

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

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

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

**Gracious God, we return a portion of what we have
received from you, in gratitude for all that you have
bestowed upon us. Bless this offering. May it
continue to sustain and support the ministries of this
church to bring the light of Christ into this
community and the world beyond. Amen.**

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN** (see insert)

Together We Serve

***BENEDICTION**

CHIMES

POSTLUDE

**those who are able, please stand.*

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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Together We Serve

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
 B^b F Gm Dm7

1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,
 in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.
 We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,
 ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

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Worship Service

Participants

Ushers and Greeters

Gwen Hayne, Nita Baldwin

Worship Leader

Karen Dudgeon

Acolytes

Justin Dermott

John Gumaer

Nursery Volunteers

Sherri Masterson,

Grace Wright

Flowers

Coffee Hour

the Ford family

Attendance

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You are invited to David A. Kaden's installation as Senior Minister by the Susquehanna Association of the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ, today at 3:00 p.m. First Congregational Church, 309 Highland Road Ithaca, NY. A reception will follow.

Life in the Parish Week of November 15

TODAY – November 15

9:15 am – The Well

9:30 am – Children's Program

10:30 am – Worship service

MONDAY – November 16

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets in

RFR

TUESDAY – November 17

2:00 pm – Bridge Group

6:30 pm – MissionInsite

presentation

6:30 pm – Trustees meeting

WEDNESDAY – November 18

Newsletter deadline

7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY – November 19

Noon – Bible Study Group

SUNDAY – November 22

9:15 am – The Well

9:30 am – Children's Program

10:30 am – Worship service

1:00 pm – Youth Group at Kmart

7:00 pm – Community

Thanksgiving Service

Please note: Youth Fellowship is now collecting returnable cans and bottles. The receptacle bin is back in the kitchen.

NOTES AND NOTICES

This Sunday we welcome the Rev. John Hottenstein as our guest preacher. John completed seminary at Harvard Divinity School and served in a number of pastorates. He also completed a Master's Degree in Television at the Newhouse School of Syracuse University and was a member of the faculty until his retirement. After retiring he served as administrator of the Spiritual Care ministry of the InterReligious Council of Central New York, an interim pastor at Plymouth Congregational Church in Syracuse, and is a regular volunteer in spiritual care at University Hospital. He has served the United Church of Christ as an interim pastor, a member of various Oneida Association committees, chair of the Executive Council of the New York Conference, and recently as chair of the Conference Minister Search Committee.

Transition Team Forum - this Tuesday, November 17, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, (Light refreshments with conversation with Team members will begin at 6:00 PM.) As part of our congregation's preparation to search for a new pastor we are exploring the question, "Who Is Our Neighbor?" Freeman Palmer, the Associate Conference Minister for the NY Conference of the UCC, will be guiding us through the community findings for those who reside in zip codes 13077 and 13045. Please join us as we seek to better serve our community with the good news of God's love.

The Homer Congregational Church seeks a Child Care Coordinator. This is a part-time position, approximately 3-4 hours per week with presence required on Sunday mornings and during other events as requested. Normal duties are performed in the church facility. To apply, send resume to Resumes@homercc.org. Job description is available on our web site at www.homercc.com. For more information contact Karen Dudgeon.

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. Items are needed by November 19.