

## Service of Worship

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2016

10:30 AM

The church, for all its faults and failures is, for better or worse, the very Christ, Christ's presence in this world. Those of us gathered here, in this church, in this place, are God's answer to what's wrong with the world. Church, we are the body of Christ.

*William Willimon*

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\*those who are able, please stand.

### GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**      Agincourt Hymn      Dunstable

#### CHIMES

### THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

**OPENING PRAYER**    *(let us pray together . . .)*

We gather in this space made beautiful by the Spirit's presence and by the spirit of love in community. May you turn our hearts to you, O God, and open us to the gradual unfolding of your call in our lives. Bind us together as one body of Christ, and be our hope as we seek to live your mission of love. Amen.

#### \*HYMN # 21

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

#### SCRIPTURE READING

New Testament 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a NT pg. 174

#### AFFIRMATION

**In spite of our individual inadequacies, God has called us together to be Christ's Body, and each one of us is indispensable. God re-members us, giving each of us distinct gifts, equipping each of us to provide guidance and accountability for one another, that we all may become more faithful followers of Christ. We are all greater as one Body than any single member of us could be on our own.**

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

#### 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 Anthem** (Hymn # 261)    *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*  
by Doris Akers

## \*Musical Response

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

**We renew our commitment to ministry in this congregation, in covenant with the wider church and all God's children. Bless these gifts. Fill us with the courage to continue to act in service and in love today, tomorrow, and in the years ahead. Give us the words and gestures to share our story, to invite those who wish to walk with us. Deepen our understanding of the call to be a diverse, faithful community, open to your spirit's presence and guidance. May we live more fully into our mission to (on sanctuary wall). Amen.**

## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*You are invited to share a sign of peace with those around you as we transition to the Annual Meeting.*

## POSTLUDE

### **1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27-31a**

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But strive for the greater gifts

## NOTES AND NOTICES

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### Worship Service Participants

*Ushers and Greeters*  
the Dudgeon and Wright  
families

*Worship Leader*  
Gary Harrington

*Acolytes*  
Caoimhe Dudgeon,  
Sophia Wright

*Nursery Volunteers*  
Sheila Shea, Phil Zollweg,  
Grace Wright

*Coffee Hour*  
Dish-to-pass luncheon

*Attendance*  
January 17 - 59

Please note: Contribution  
Statements are available on the  
table in the Russell Fellowship  
Room.

### Life in the Parish Week of January 24

#### **TODAY – January 24**

10:30 am – Worship service  
11:00 am – Annual Meeting  
begins, then Dish-to-Pass  
lunch break

#### **MONDAY – January 25**

7:00 pm – Winning Way  
Investment Club meets  
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets in  
RFR

#### **TUESDAY – January 26**

2:00 pm – Bridge group  
7:00 pm – Homer Brass  
rehearsal

#### **WEDNESDAY – January 27**

7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

#### **THURSDAY – January 28**

9:30 am – Newsletter Collating  
Committee meets (*thank you!*)

#### **SATURDAY – January 23**

5:00 pm – Pie Day Party in the  
Russell Fellowship Room

#### **SUNDAY – January 31**

*Last day to order sub sandwiches  
from Youth Group*  
10:30 am – Worship service

**Today: Annual Meeting.** The First Religious Society in the Town of Homer and the Homer Congregational Church will hold their Annual Meetings for the purpose of: receiving Annual Reports for 2015; electing officers and members of boards and committees; voting on Annual Budgets for 2016; conducting any other business which may be necessary. The meeting will begin at 11:00 AM with a break for a "**dish-to-pass luncheon**". People are asked to bring their own table service. During lunch you can play **Affirmation Hunt**, a game young and old can play. As you read the Annual Reports report at least one thing for which you are grateful. Prizes will be awarded. All are welcome and urged to attend. Childcare will be provided. Please note that the worship service will be slightly truncated.

**Caring Community:** Leslie Wright is having radiation treatments through the end of February. If you would like to provide transportation to one or more of these appointments please contact Jean Cadwallader at 749-3022.

The Methodist Food Pantry is well stocked, for now, with food items, but they are in real need of laundry detergent.

**Christian Education Ministry** is once again **collecting cans and bottles**. They can be deposited in the bin in the kitchen or dropped off directly at Quick Stop (Rt. 281 Cortland, across from SUNY Cortland West Campus Apartments). At Quick Stop, the deposit can be added to our account, "Homer Congregational Church Youth."

The "findings" of the **Transition Team** are available in a report that can be found in Russell Fellowship Hall and at each entrance to the sanctuary. As explained last Sunday, the next phase will involve the entire congregation as we take the Team's recommendations and develop plans for implementation and preparation for a settled pastor.

The Youth Group is taking orders for Sub Sandwiches for pick-up on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7. Last day to order is next Sunday.