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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

September 6, 2015 **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion



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

Service of Worship
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9:30 am

*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.*

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

INTROIT

Ode to Joy

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

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

Worker God, whose hands built the earth, molded our bodies, and sowed the stars across the sky, we gather in your presence this morning with praise and thanksgiving for your mighty deeds. Meet us here, strengthen our hearts and our hands to work with you in the building of justice and peace. Amen

***HYMN # 386**

We Come as Guests Invited

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

Side A: We are workers, God, just like you. But we confess that our work is not always done in a manner that affirms and honors each other.

Side B: We confess that, on some occasions, we have blindly bought goods made by people who are paid too little or work in unsafe conditions.

Side A: We admit that we have failed to end an unjust system in which some workers have jobs that provide good wages and benefits while other may have no job, or one that pays little and provides few benefits.

Side B: Creator God, help us to be your people, working for a world where all workers are valued.

Side A: Help us to build a world where those who clean houses are also able to buy houses to live in.

Side B: Help us to build a world where those who grow food can also afford to eat their fill. And one where those who serve us – in stores, schools, hotels, restaurants, nursing homes, and other places – are also served by us.

Side A: Help us to build a world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Our God is a God of grace and transformation.
When we ask, God will give us the courage and strength to live out our faith in the workplace and marketplace, as well as in the sanctuary.

*MUSICAL RESPONSE

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' written below the notes. Chords are indicated above the notes: A, E, D, E A, D, E on the first staff; A, E, Bm, E A, D, E A on the second staff.

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SPECIAL MUSIC *For the Beauty of the Earth* Ensemble

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

SCRIPTURE READING

New Testament James 2:1-10, 14-17 pg. 229

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel Mark 7:24-37 pg. 42

SERMON

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Simple Gifts

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

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below; Holy Spirit
evermore; One God triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

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

**May we who are rich with your blessings, share them
in common with those who have so little. May our
gifts be used to sow justice, to feed the hungry, and to
bring relief to those afflicted in so many ways. This
we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

*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,

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody and a bass line with lyrics written below the notes.

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.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody and a bass line with lyrics written below the notes.

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CHRIST'S TABLE COMMUNION PRAYER

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks for the peace of God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: It is a good to give thanks to you, Almighty God, in all places and at all times and in all our tasks. In our cars, our homes, our offices, our fields, and our kitchens; at our tables, our desks, our telephones, and computers; when we are resting or waiting, laboring or supervising, follow or leading. All these we do with all your people now on earth and all the multitude of heaven, praising your name and joining in their unending hymn:

SUNG RESPONSE

Santo, Santo, Santo

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a 6/8 time signature. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has five measures with the following lyrics: "¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My". The second system has six measures with the following lyrics: "cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios. heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God." Chord symbols are placed above the staff: C, G7, C, F, C in the first system; F, C, Am, F, G7, C in the second system.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy are you and holy is your work among us in Jesus Christ, who came to be born in the home of a carpenter, a trade he learned and practiced, a laborer in our midst. He called out fishermen and activists. He healed the servant of a soldier. He received the support of resourceful women. He delegated his ministry to his disciples, empowered all his followers to do his divine work in this world.

By his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, and made with us a new covenant by water and Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so remembering the mighty work of Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves, our daily lives, and our unique locations for ministry in the world—homes and hospitals, parks and stores, prisons and concert halls—as a living and holy sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us all.

Remember now those for whom we pray . . .

The Lord's Prayer (*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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal and for the all inclusive love of Jesus Christ. Help us to be your faithful disciples so that our love will be your love reaching out into the life of the world. Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share a sign of peace with those around you.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN # 494** *They'll Know We Are Christians*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in C Major* Purcell

*those who are able, please stand.

James 2:1-17

2My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

NOTES AND NOTICES

Worship Service Participants

Ushers and Greeters

Worship Leader
Joanne Cincotta

Special Music
Tioughnioga Ringers Ensemble

Nursery Volunteers
Kevin Cappy,
Abby Elkins

Flowers

Coffee Hour
Jane and Carl Edlund,
Betty MacNeill

*Thank you to the Tioughnioga
River Ensemble Handbell Choir
for today's special music:*

*Jean Edwards
Jan Jeffers
Evan Ulrich
Kenian Ulrich
Molly Ulrich*

Life in the Parish Week of September 6

TODAY – September 6
9:30 am – Worship service with
Holy Communion

MONDAY – September 7
Labor Day - office closed
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – September 8
2:00 pm – Senior Fellowship
Club meets

THURSDAY – September 9
Noon – Bible Study Group
4:45 pm – Transition Team
meets
7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

SUNDAY - September 13
Rally Day
9:15 am – Pancake Breakfast,
sign-up for Sunday School
9:15 am – The Well resumes
10:30 am – Worship service

Food Pantry - NEEDED!!!
Manwich, chicken in the can,
roast beef in the can, small can
diced tomatoes, peanut butter
and jelly, and snacks for
children for after school.

The **Senior Fellowship Club** will meet **Tuesday, September 8**, at **2:00 pm** in the Russell Fellowship Room. Tina Helgren and her mother, Bonnie Stavenhagen, will speak on their "Baltic Journey: Then (1945) and Now (2014)". Bonnie fled East Prussia in 1945. In 2014, Tina retraced her mom's flight.

Next Sunday is Rally Day!

- 9:15 am – Pancake Breakfast hosted by Christian Education Ministry for all members, followed by sign-up for Sunday School.
- 9:15 am – The Well resumes
- 10:30 am – Worship Service

2015 Covenant Share Offering – New York Conference, United Church of Christ. *Since 2013, individuals have been invited to contribute to a special annual offering that targets the ministries of the United Church of Christ in New York. These ministries include such things as the assistance provided to congregations in pastoral transition, the New York School of Ministry, State Youth Event, Church Revitalization Events, Authorized Ministry Retreats, Justice Advocacy such as Black Lives Matter, and many more programs and services. The goal for the 2015 Covenant Share Offering is \$353,000 which amounts to approximately \$10/member of the UCC New York Conference. There is a recognition that some are able to contribute more and others less. You may give online at www.uccny.org or pass along your gift to HCC and designate your check or cash to "UCC Covenant Share." A focus on Covenant Share will take place on September 13. For more information contact one of your Conference delegates, Belinda Burtner or Vicki Johnson.*

Please note: Christian Education Ministry is no longer collecting returnable bottles and cans and the barrel has been removed from the kitchen. If another committee or group is interested in resuming this fundraiser, please let Donna know.