Service of Worship

Easter Sunday

March 27, 2016

10:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!" (Luke 24:5b-6a)

*those who are able, please stand.

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Processional on "Crucifer"* Callahan

WORDS OF CELEBRATION

INTROIT Old Rugged Cross then Ode to Joy Homer Brass Quartet

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Alleluia!One: Christ is Risen!One: Alleluia!One: Christ is Risen!All: Alleluia! Christ is Risen, indeed!

*HYMN # 216

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of all ages, this past week has been one of mixed emotions; of faith struggling to understand. We have greeted you with palm branches; we have sat at table with you to share a farewell meal. We have witnessed your death on a simple wooden cross. Yet on the third day, you come to us again in victory. By this, we know that death is not the final word. As the sun boldly rises to meet a new day, rise in our lives this Easter morning, for you are our hope, our life, and our joy. Amen. (*silence*)

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: In the Spirit of Christ, we know that love cannot be weakened or diminished. Or imprisoned, or killed – not then, not now, not ever. Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Amen.

*MUSICAL RESPONSE (# 21 vs. 3 in *the Hymnal*) Men and women, young and old, Al-le-lu-ia! Raise the anthem manifold, Al-le-lu-ia! Join with children's songs of praise, Al-le-lu-ia! Worship God through all your days, Al-le-lu-ia!

CHORAL ANTHEM

This Day of Resurrection by Willan

LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

New Testament Acts 10:34-43

Pg. 129

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel	John 20:1-18	Pg. 114
*HYMN # 222	Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!	
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SPECIAL MUSIC

Up from the Grave, He Arose Homer Brass Quartet

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

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.

OFFERING

Invitation Offertory Anthem

God of Glory, Lord of Love by Mary McDonald

*Doxology (or see page 46 in the Hymnal) Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen. *Prayer of Dedication (*let us pray together*...) Accept these gifts we offer, God. May they be a part of proclaiming your resurrection message to all people, a message of hope and unconditional love and a start to new life. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN # 234 Crown Him with Many Crowns

***BENEDICTION**

- One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- All: He is risen indeed!
- One: Go in peace to love and serve our living Lord.
- All: We go in the power of Christ's resurrection! Alleluia!
- One: May God, the creator of all life, Jesus Christ, the giver of eternal life, and the Holy Spirit, the power in each and every life, bless each one of us, this day and every day.
- All: Hallelujah and amen.

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** Hallelujah Chorus G. F. Handel (from "Messiah)

(Any who wishes may proceed to the choir during the final hymn to join the choir for the Hallelujah Chorus.)

"Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth! The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever! King of kings and Lord of lords! And he shall reign forever and ever. Hallelujah!"

POSTLUDE Lift High The Cross

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Worship Service Participants

Ushers and Greeters Jim and Kathy McKenna Kurt and Lori Schmidt

> Worship Leaders Bonnie Haaland Bill Masterson

Acolytes Grace Wright Maddie Dermott

Flowers Easter flowers from the Congregation

Nursery Volunteers Kelly Settineri Molly Ulrich

Coffee Hour the Deacons

Attendance March 20 - 75

Our giving 3/20/16: Operations - \$1,952.50 Missions - \$475.05

Year-to-date income and expense totals can be found in April's newsletter.

<u>Life in the Parish</u> <u>Week of March 27</u>

MONDAY – March 28 7:30 pm – Winning Way Investment Committee meets 7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – March 29 2:00 pm – Bridge group 4:30 – Pastor Relations Committee meets 7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – March 30 9:30 am – Newsletter Collating Committee meets (*thank you!*) 7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY – March 31 12:00 pm – Bible Study Group 5:00 pm – Transition Team meets

SATURDAY – April 2 8:30 pm -4:00 pm – Stephen Ministry team meets 5:00-7:00 pm – Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

SUNDAY – April 3 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship service 11:45 am – FRS and HCC Special Meeting 12:00 pm – Youth Group pizza and Games Tournament 12:30 pm – VBS/Chautauqua Planning group meets 2:00 pm – Worship at Brewster House

NOTES AND NOTICES

Special Thanks - Thanks to Sue Bonne and the United Presbyterian Church Choir for graciously loaning us the musical piece from their library. Thanks also to four members of the Homer Brass Ensemble for joining us today: Trumpet/French horn - Terry Martens, Trombone -Jim D'Addario and Phil Rumsey, Euphonium/Tuba - Cheri White.

Welcome to **Carli Clementi**, who has joined staff as our new Child Care Coordinator. Carli is a sophomore at SUNY Cortland, majoring in Early Childhood Education. Carli will be coordinating the nursery care each Sunday from 9 am – noon and as needed for other events.

Next Sunday, April 3 we will celebrate Holy Communion with participation of all members of our faith community including our young children. Using the example of Jesus' appearance to the early disciples, Pastor Kathleen will reflect on how fear can prevent a generous sharing of human love. Scripture: John 20:19-31.

There will be a **Special Meeting** of the First Religious Society and the Homer Congregational UCC immediately following worship on **Sunday, April 3, 2016**. The purpose of the meeting is: to vote on the proposed slate of members of the Pastor Search Committee; to elect a treasurer for the Homer Congregational Church (Andrea Herzog); to elect an auditor for the Endowment Fund (Nancy Richards). The names presented for election to the Pastor Search Committee are: Bev Berry Tracy Bertram Miles Dudgeon

Bev Berry	Tracy Bertram	Miles Dudgeon
Chuck Feiszli	Dorothy Hopkins	Kathy McKenna
Lori Schmidt	Jim Ulrich	
Alternates: Barb Wright and Kevin Cappy		

We're hosting our annual **Chicken & Biscuit Dinner** on **Saturday**, **April 2**. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are on the bulletin board in the Russell Fellowship Room.

The **Senior Fellowship Club** will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 12th** at 2:00 PM. Dottie Kelley will be presenting a program about our National Parks, how they are being endangered and what is being done about this problem.