

Service of Worship
5th Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016

10:30 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Most wonderful God, we come before you,
not because we are good people,
but because your name is Love;
not because we have all the answers to life,
but because you are abundant life
not because we have a lot to offer you,
but because you offer us amazing love.*

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *With High Delight Let Us Unite* Leavitt

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love.

All: Neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers --- a community of kindred hearts.

One: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know.

All: Strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.

One: People of God, look about and see the face of God reflected in the faces of the people around you.

All: In me, in you, in each of us, God's spirit shines for all to see.

One: People of God, come. Let us worship God.

***HYMN # 517**

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

***OPENING PRAYER** (*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, infinitely generous, gentle and forgiving; 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.

(*silence*)

***WORDS OF GOD'S ENDURING LOVE**

One: In Christ God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope. Let us give thanks for the mercy of God.

All: Amen.

***MUSICAL RESPONSE**

Alleluia

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Alleluia response. The first staff has a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written on a single line with a treble clef. The notes are: A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C#4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C#3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter). The second staff is identical to the first. Below the notes, the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia!" are written under the first staff, and "Al - le - lu - ia!" is written under the second staff. Above the first staff, the letters A, E, D, E, A, D, E are placed above the notes. Above the second staff, the letters A, E, Bm, E, A, D, E, A are placed above the notes.

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LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE Revelation 21:1-6 NT pg 259

SCRIPTURE Acts 11:1-18 NT pg 130

SCRIPTURE John 13:31-35 NT pg 108

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

Minute for Mission – Pennies for People

*HYMN

Ubi Caritas/Live In Charity

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love.
U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.
u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Ubi Caritas/Live In Charity'. It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves are for the vocal line, and the last two are for the piano accompaniment. The music is in 2/4 time and B-flat major. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves. The first line of lyrics is 'Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love. U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,'. The second line is 'Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you. u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.' There is a triplet of eighth notes in the piano part corresponding to the second line of lyrics.

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

Choral Anthem

O Sing A New Song To The Lord
by Judy Hunnicutt

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

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

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

O God, let these gifts grow to reach the whole world with love. Remain in these gifts, O God, so that future generations might know that we love them as much as we love you. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN # 622

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

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Worship Service
Participants

Ushers and Greeters
the Dudgeon Family

Worship Leaders
Kathy McKenna

Liturgists
Angela Herzog,
Heather O'Hara

Acolytes
Grace Wright,
Kenian Ulrich

Flowers
Darci and Carrie Gumaer
*in celebration of life for Darci
and Carolene Gumaer and
in memory of Larry Gumaer*

Nursery Volunteers
Sherri Masterson,
Abby Elkins

Coffee Hour
Carol Agate

Attendance
April 17 - no count recorded

Our giving 4/17/16:

Operations: \$2,485.50

Missions: \$ 303.00

Year-to-date financials will be
in next month's newsletter.

Life in the Parish
Week of April 24

SUNDAY – April 24
10:30 am – Worship service

MONDAY – April 25
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – April 26
2:00 pm – Bridge group
7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – April 27
6:00 pm – Pastor Search
Committee meets
7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY – April 28
10:30 am – Newsletter Collating
Committee meets (*thank you!*)
12:00 pm – Bible Study Group

SATURDAY – April 30
Coffee House
doors open at 6:30 pm

SUNDAY – May 1
9:15 am – Sunday School, The
Well
10:30 am – Worship service
11:45 am – Snack & Chat
11:45 am – Christian Education
Ministry meets

NOTES AND NOTICES

Pennies for People – Today coins will be collected and passed along through the New York Women of the United Church of Christ for their outreach project. This mission allows for Associations within the NY Conference to receive funding for specified mission endeavors. See Jan Jeffers or Leslie Wright for more information.

The Senior High Sunday School class is hoping we can help support the HEBREWS #Feedthepeople **Coffee House**, scheduled for **Saturday, April 30**. Doors open at 6:30 pm, event starts at 7:00 pm. There is wish list sign-up sheet in the Russell Fellowship Room for needed items and supplies, if you can help.

Looking ahead: The Reverend Rick Cowles, former pastor of Homer Congregational Church, will be joining Pastor Kathleen in leading our worship gathering on May 1. Plan to be with us to welcome Rick back.

Donna Piotti and Sherri Masterson have announced their retirement at the end of May. Plans are developing to honor them with a special celebration on May 22. More details to come. See the following information regarding filling the administrative position.

The Homer Congregational Church, seeks a Church Administrator. Responsibilities include: provide communication and administrative support to an active congregation; interface with numerous groups using the facilities; provide office support to the pastor. Normal duties are performed in the church facility but some duties may require local travel. This is a part-time position, hourly wage based on experience. Average 12 hours per week. Qualifications: Extensive knowledge of Microsoft Office and the ability to learn and use current computer applications; competent in the use of social media; aptitude to efficiently use office resources; ability to multitask and prioritize responsibilities; have excellent organizational and communication skills; handle sensitive information in a confidential manner; valid driver's license; comfortable with working in a Christian environment and willing to learn the governance of the United Church of Christ. Send résumé to resumes@homercc.org by May 10, 2016. Job description available on our web site at www.homercc.com.