

Service of Worship
7th Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2016

10:30 AM

Walter Cronkite, 20th century

"There is no such thing as a little freedom. Either you are all free, or you are not free."

*Those who are able, please stand

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Burkhardt

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to this place of prayer,

All: for here we can bring our hopes and dreams, our hidden fears and the doubts we wear on our sleeves.

One: We come to this place of grace,

All: for here we learn compassion and joy, and discover how deeply we are loved.

One: We come with these people called the church,

All: to be blessed by the variety of gifts, to live as one for our God.

***HYMN # 6**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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

One: Holy One, beginning and end of all things, we know that we have not always been the people you created us to be, and we humbly seek your forgiveness. For our shallowness in loving,

All: forgive us.

One: For our silences when we should have spoken up,

All: forgive us.

One: For talking when we should have listened,

All: forgive us.

One: For our hesitancy in forgiving when we know we could make the same mistake ourselves,

All: forgive us.

One: For holding on to grudges,

All: forgive us.

One: Free us, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

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

One: The same God who offers us the water of life also hears us when we confess, and forgives us and sets us free.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***MUSICAL RESPONSE**

ALLELUIA

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. Above the staff are the chords: A, E, D, E, A, D, E. Below the staff is the lyrics: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! The second staff is identical to the first, but with a Bm chord above the staff instead of a D chord in the second measure. Below the staff is the lyrics: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE Acts 16:9-15 NT pg 136

MUSICAL SELECTION *One* by U2

GOSPEL John 17:20-26 NT pg 111

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

PRAYERS WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the women who raised us. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms. Amen.

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

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION Bill Masterson
Strengthening the Church

OFFERING

Invitation

Choral Anthem

It Is Well With My Soul
Arr. John Ness Beck

*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.

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

Take our offerings, O God, and make our giving a joyous song of praise, that its music may transform the hearts of the powerful, bring unity and liberty to our world. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN # 442

We Are Walking
(English - Siyahamba)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Ode To Joy* Hopson

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The Call to Worship from Thom M. Shuman, the Prayers of Confession and Dedication from Seasons of the Spirit

NOTES AND NOTICES

Worship Service Participants

Ushers and Greeters

Worship Leader
Darci Gumaer

Liturgists
the Dudgeon Family

Acolytes
Maddie Dermott,
Justin Dermott

Flowers

Nursery Volunteers
Sue Benedict

Coffee Hour
the Deacons

Attendance
May 1 – 104

Life in the Parish Week of May 1

SUNDAY – May 8
10:30 am – Worship service

MONDAY – May 9
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – May 10
2:00 pm – Senior Fellowship Club meets
6:30 pm – Deacons meet
7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – May 11
7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY – May 12
Newsletter Deadline
12:00 pm – Bible Study Group

SUNDAY – May 15
9:15 am – Sunday School, The Well
10:30 am – Worship service

Our giving 5/1/16:
Operations: \$5,070.50
Missions: \$725.00

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

The **Senior Fellowship Club** will meet **Tuesday, May 10**, at **2:00 pm** for their monthly time of fun and fellowship.

If you know someone who is **graduating from high school, trade school, or college**, please let us know. We'd love to hear about their plans and share them in next month's newsletter. The Deacons will honor all graduates in worship on June 19. Please contact Donna in the office by Sunday May 15 by phone: 749-2604 or by email: office@homercc.org.

Next Sunday not only will we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church (Pentecost) we will participate in commissioning our new Stephen Ministers. Plan to be with us and wear red!!!!

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.