

*The Homer Congregational Church*  
*United Church of Christ*

June 26, 2016

6th Sunday after Pentecost

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**10:30 am Worship**



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

*Worship Service*  
*Participants*

*Ushers and Greeters*

Peter and Barbara Wright, David  
and Anne Barnes

*Worship Leader*

Doris Hoffmann

*Liturgist*

Bonnie and Elijah Smith

*Acolytes*

Heather O'Hara, Grace Wright

*Flowers*

*Nursery Volunteers*

The Dudgeons, Jenelle Pedersen

*Coffee Hour*

Bev Berry and Anne Wingard

*Attendance*

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**Please note:** Sunday School classes have ended for the summer, nursery care during the worship service is still available. Our summer worship schedule begins on July 3, with worship starting at 9:30 AM.

*Life in the Parish*  
*Week of June 12*

**SUNDAY – June 26**

10:30am – Worship on the Green

**MONDAY – June 27**

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

**TUESDAY – June 28**

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

**WEDNESDAY – June 29**

**THURSDAY – June 30**

12:00 pm – Bible Study Group

**FRIDAY – July 1**

Office Closed

**SUNDAY – July 3**

9:30 am – Worship  
10:30 – Snack and Chat  
2:00 – Brewster House worship

**Childcare staff needed**

We cherish our children continue to seek to hire a second **Child Care person** for Sunday morning care. The position description is on our web site. For more info contact Pastor Kathleen or Carol Costell Corbin. See

<http://www.homercc.com/hiring/>

## Service of Worship

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*Joan Chittister, 21st century*

"Prophets are those who take life as it is and expand it.  
They refuse to shrink a vision of tomorrow to the  
boundaries of yesterday."

*Eleanor Roosevelt, 20th century*

"You must do the thing you think you cannot do."

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\*those who are able, please stand.

### GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING MUSIC

### THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Through prophets, rulers, and leaders,

**All: God passes on the story to the world.**

One: Through disciples and apostles and followers,

**All: God passes on the story to the world.**

One: Through saints and reformers and mystic,

**All: God passes on the story to the world.**

One: Through you and me and us,

**All: God passes on the story to the world.**

One: Come, let us worship God, and continue the story.

### \*OPENING MUSIC

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

**God of wisdom and wonder, we gather in this place as prophets and disciples, as people led by your spirit, and as humble followers seeking to do your will. Called here by your love, we come to be renewed in our faith and go from here ready to serve you again. Open us to your spirit, we prayer. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

### LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

**SCRIPTURE:** 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  
Luke 9:51-62

### SERMON

### 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.**

### PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

## OFFERING

### Invitation

#### \*Doxology

*LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

**From all that dwell below the skies**

**Let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let the Redeemer's name be sung**

**Through every land, in every tongue.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

**We offer to you, Gracious God, ourselves. Not just our money. Not just our time or service. We bring ourselves to you, fully and wholly. Multiply our offerings that the world may know that You are real and that You are a God of healing and grace. Amen.**

## GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

### \*CLOSING MUSIC

#### \*BENEDICTION

One: We could linger in the shadow of Elijah,

**All: *(stamp feet)* but justice does not wish us to linger.**

One: We could linger in the company of yesterday,

**All: *(stamp feet)* but truth does not wish us to linger.**

One: We could linger in the consolation of the past,

**All: *(stamp feet)* but the Realm of God does not wish us to linger.**

One: We could linger in the comfort of the dead,

**All: *(stamp feet)* but the resurrection does not wish us to linger.**

One: Let us move out into this day

**All: and meet God there.**

## Old Testament Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

2Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

<sup>13</sup>He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup>He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

# NOTES AND NOTICES

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## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

### **Many hands make light work. . .**

Transformation is taking place throughout our church, especially within our children's programs. Under the leadership of our new Director of Christian Education, Rachel Ditch, the DCE office has been spruced up (stop in and see for yourself). In the next few weeks new flooring will be installed in the first floor children's classrooms as we prepare for our newly "adopted" **Homer Nursery School**. In preparation for this installation help is needed to sort stuff that has accumulated over the years. Would you be willing to take a two hour shift and help with this sorting and/or moving light furniture? The fun may also include the second floor classrooms and lower level of Jones Hall too. Various shifts are being set aside. Please consider helping as we move forward in our new mission. To volunteer or get more information contact Rachel Ditch at 749-2604 or at [ChristianEd@homercc.org](mailto:ChristianEd@homercc.org).

Preparations for **Holiday in Homer** (July 16th) are taking place. Sign up to volunteer in our sanctuary. **VBS and Chautauqua** – An Adventure in Community! August 1-7. For more info contact Mark Bertram at 607-745-0177 or by email [markbertram@hotmail.com](mailto:markbertram@hotmail.com).

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, August 27** as a special outreach on the Green is being planned by a group of HCC members committee to reaching out into our community. For more information contact Bonnie Smith at 607-749-8574.

## OUR CARING COMMUNITY

Keep in your prayers **Erin Leach** and **Kathy Alford** as they recover from recent medical challenges.

## OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

Golf Tournament on **July 27**. Come and play golf while you support the ministry of **The Council of Churches**! Wednesday, July 27, Elm Tree Golf Course, with an 8:30 shotgun start, captain and crew. Join us as we honor Dan McNeil, Sr. For more information, contact [cortlandchurches@aol.com](mailto:cortlandchurches@aol.com) or 607-753-1002.

## Church Staff and Music Ministry

Rev. Dr. Kathleen Waters, Interim Minister  
Rachel Ditch, Director of Christian Education  
Joseph Ford, Director of Music  
James N. Shultes, Organist  
Jan Jeffers, Chapel Bells  
Gary Harrington, Sexton  
Sheila Shea, Church Administrator

### Church Office Hours:

Mondays through Thursdays, 9am-Noon, closed Fridays.

Pastor Kathleen's time in the office varies each week, but she is available to visit those with special needs or to meet for any other reason. Please feel free to contact her via email: [pastor@homercc.org](mailto:pastor@homercc.org) or via her cell phone: (315) 380-0774

HCC website - [homercc.com](http://homercc.com)

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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 "Busy Bags" 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.