

# *The Homer Congregational Church*

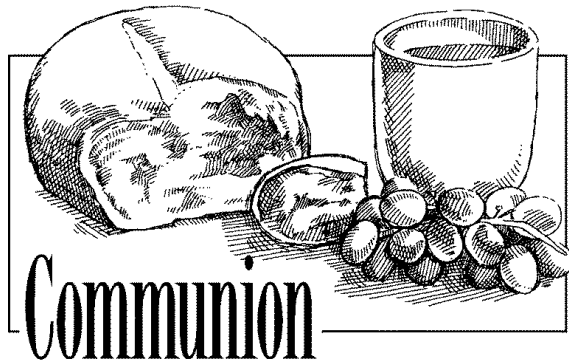
*United Church of Christ*

**June 5, 2016**

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

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**10:30 am Worship**



**Communion**

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

**Worship Service**  
**Participants**

***Ushers and Greeters***

Laura Cinquanti, Gail VanPatten, Rachel Rood, Stanley Nilsson

***Worship Leader***

Doris Hoffmann

***Liturgists***

***Acolytes***

Justin Dermott, Kenian Ulrich

***Flowers***

***Nursery Volunteers***

Kevin Cappy, Molly Ulrich

***Coffee Hour***

Pat Buchholz

***Attendance***

May 29 – 59

**Our giving 5/23/16:**

Operations – \$1631.50

Missions – \$510.00

**Our giving 5/29/16:**

Operations – \$1719.50

Missions – \$204.00

**Life in the Parish**  
**Week of June 5**

**SUNDAY – June 5**

10:30 am – Worship service

**MONDAY – June 6**

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

**TUESDAY – June 7**

2:00 pm – Bridge group

7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY – June 8**

6:00 pm – Worship & Music Committee

7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

**THURSDAY – June 9**

12:00 pm – Bible Study Group

**FRIDAY – June 10**

Office Closed

**SUNDAY – June 12**

9:30 am – Sunday School (last day)

10:30 am – Worship service: Children's Sunday

**VBS and Chautauqua** – An Adventure in Community! August 1-7.  
. For more info and to volunteer, please contact Mark Bertram at  
607-745-0177 or by email [markbertram@hotmail.com](mailto:markbertram@hotmail.com).

## Service of Worship

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

June 5, 2016

10:30 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

## PRELUDE

## THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to worship . . .

**All: God who brings life out of death.**

One: We come to worship . . .

**All: God who brings food to those who are hungry.**

One: We come to worship . . .

**All: God who brings people out of bondage.**

One: We come to worship . . .

**All: God who calls us to bring good news to our world.**

One: Come, let us worship God.

## \*HYMN

## All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell, and all can safe-ly  
2. Let us build a town where all will know di-ver-si-ty's a-  
3. Let us build a home where heal-ty hearts are bound as fa-mi-  
4. Let us build a world of joy and love where pet-ty con-flicts  
live, Where words of ha-tred are un-known, and hearts learn to for-  
gift. Ac-cep-tance preached in ev-ery street, as joy-ful songs up-  
-ly. A new day dawn-ing, bring-ing light to those who did not  
8 cease, where chil-dren grow more wise than we, so all can thrive in  
give. Let co-lors, stream-ing ban-ners pro-  
lift. Let gay and straight to-ge-ther join-  
see. We may come from dif-ferent back-grounds; we may  
11 peace. Let co-lors, stream-ing ban-ners pro-  
claim our love is real. We are proud to be God's ga-thered chil-dren;  
in one migh-ty song. It is time to break the walls of si-lence!  
pray in dif-ferent ways, but our ga-thering here is hope and heal-ing.  
15 claim our love is real. We are proud to be God's ga-thered chil-dren;  
All are wel-come! All are wel-come! All are wel-come in this place!

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

**Loving God, bread-maker, may you find space here with us, who are hungry. May those who are broken find their wholeness and those who feel lost find a home. May we hear a word to call us beyond this place, to share ourselves, as you have called us all to one table. And may we meet you there sharing with those this world has relegated, laughing with the misunderstood, and playing with the lost. May we find compassion enough that transforms our understanding into a vision of your realm. Amen.**

## \*MUSICAL RESPONSE

## ALLELUIA

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

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## LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

**SCRIPTURE**            *1 Kings 17:8-24*            OT pg 324

**SCRIPTURE**            *Luke 7:11-17*            NT pg 65

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*(Children through second grade may go to the nursery following Children's Moment.)*

## CHORUS

### Halle-Halle-Halleluia

Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja.  
Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - lu - ja.

**I AM the Bread of Life, feed on me  
I AM the One True Vine grow in me;  
I AM the Bread of Life, feed on me.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**I AM the Resurrection, live in me.  
I AM the Way the Truth, follow me.  
I AM the Resurrection, live in me.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

## SERMON

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

### OFFERING

#### Invitation

(Loose offerings will be used by the Board of Deacons to further our mission and outreach.)

#### Choral Anthem

*I Woke Up This Morning*

**\*Doxology (page 49 in hymnal) 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 . . .*)

**Lord God, we bring to you the ordinary things of life – food and drink and money – and with them we bring ourselves. Take us, and our gifts of money, to do your work in the world. take this food and drink from our tables and feed us from your table with your love. Accept the praise we offer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN # 420** (vs. 1-3)

*I Come With Joy*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION

#### COMMUNION PRAYER

One: God be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

One: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them up to God.**

One: Give thanks to God.

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

One: We thank you, O God, for those who have walked before us the path of faith, for those who have touched our hearts with the fire of your love. We praise you that in Jesus the Christ you knit us together as one body with your witnesses in ages past and with those who are yet to be born. We bless you for the gift of your Spirit which guides us, refreshes us, and renews us for the journey of life,

calling us to be salt for the earth and light for the world.

And so we join together with voices from the beginning of time and with voices yet to be heard as we sing the greatness of your name:

### SUNG RESPONSE

*Santo, Santo, Santo*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dore you!  
San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!  
Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!

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### WORDS OF INSTITUTION *with the Lord's Prayer*

One: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover, the festival of remembrance. Jesus took bread and the cup, and after giving thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, saying: "Take and eat. Take and drink. Do this in remembrance of me."

**All:** Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table, that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all the world.

**One:** Bring us together with all your saints from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and loves with you and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

**One:** Remember now those for whom we pray . . .

### **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.**

### **SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

*(You are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, eat and return to your seat. The elements can be brought to you if you wish. All are welcome!)*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (*Let us pray together.*)

**Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at this table. We thank you for your presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. Go with us now and may**

**we be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice and pray. Amen.**

### **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*You are invited to share a sign of peace with others.*

### **GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE**

#### **\*HYMN**

*O for a World*

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,  
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - ry re - lieved,  
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice  
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.  
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,  
where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

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#### **\*BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

## NOTES AND NOTICES

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