



Sunday, July 17, 2016
9:30 A.M.

Homer First United Methodist Church
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United Church of Christ
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Service of Worship
9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2017

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*those who are able, please stand

In living into the gospel message of the Good Samaritan, during the opening hymn we will be collecting first aid supplies or donations to put towards our first aid kit project. Next Sunday, (July 24th) our churches will work together to assemble these kits in preparation for distribution to those in need within our community.

(A special thanks to the Homer Brass Ensemble and Andrea Herzog for providing music.)

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Belinda Burtner, HCC
Nancy Hansen, HUMC

Leader 1: Come, neighbors and strangers,
Leader 2: prophets and seekers of justice,
Leader 1: those who need a helping hand,
Leader 2: and those who have something to offer.
Leader 1: Whether your faith is weak or strong,
Leader 2: come: let us be neighbors in this place,
Leader 1: and let us worship God together.

*OPENING 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 - thy 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 cease, where chil - dren grow more wise than__ we, so__ all can thrive in

give. Let__ co - lours, 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 - lours, 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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(let us pray together . . .)

God of love and compassion, you call us to be people of compassion, too: to experience in our living the lives of others, to laugh with their joys and cry with their sorrows. In this time of worship speak to us again your words of love and remind us again of what it means to be a neighbor. We pray in the name of Jesus, who teaches us to pray together by saying: Our Father. . .

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Rachel Morse

GOD'S WORD TO GOD'S PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:25-37

Readers: Alana Auchmoody (Jesus),
Jack Bertram (Narrator), Anelia Corbin (Samaritan),
Kyle Wright (Lawyer)

Hymn

The Servant Song

1., 6. Broth - er, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to - geth - er
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll
5. When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall find such

Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to
on this road. We are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to - geth - er

let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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SERMON

Pastor Kathleen Waters

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

refrain: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.*

We give you thanks for the many mercies of each day,
for the kind word given freely,
for the smile offered sincerely,
for the simple moments
when someone loves a neighbor.

(Refrain)

We remember and pray
for people who care for others,
all of those whose compassionate attention to detail
enhances another's life.

(Refrain)

In a new understanding of being a neighbor,
we give thanks for what we receive
freely from others
who choose to be a neighbor to us,
despite difference that may stand between us.
We pray for a greater understanding and awareness
that everyone is our neighbor.

(Refrain)

We give thanks for every opportunity
to be a neighbor to others.

We pray for justice for those
who are mistreated by others.

(Refrain)

In the many roads we've yet to walk,
the journeys still to undertake,
may we find our neighbor at every turn,
and accept the ongoing surprise of your gospel,
in the neighborhood of your reign.

(Refrain)

Amen.

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

*** Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

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

**God of grace and compassion, may our gifts enable
your church to be a place where strangers become
friends, outcasts are welcomed, seekers receive, and
doubters find faith. In Jesus' name. Amen. Amen.**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

***HYMN**

For the Healing of the Nations

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
4. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that
world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and
earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing, dog - mas that ob -
hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness bring the life of

earth af - fords; to a life of love in ac - tion help us
go in peace. Show us how through care and good - ness fear will
scure your plan. In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we
Christ to mind, that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its

rise and pledge our word, (pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word.
die and hope in - crease, (hope in - crease) fear will die and hope in - crease.
hal - low life's brief span, (life's brief span) may we hal - low life's brief span.
des - ti - ny may find, (may find) earth its des - ti - ny may find.

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***BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?”

²⁷He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”

²⁸And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”