

**Service of Worship**  
10th Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2016

9:30 AM

*The Dalai Lama, 21st century*

"If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion."

*Mother Teresa, 20th century*

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

\*those who are able, please stand.

**GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Special announcement from Karen Dudgeon of the Board of Deacons

**PRELUDE**      Andante Tranquillo      *Mendelssohn*

**THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**One:** Today is a brand-new day! And with it comes God's unfailing love and mercy.

**ALL:** God is never absent from us. We are full of home because God gives so freely.

**One:** We may experience fear or depression or discouragement. But healing will come just as sure as a new day, when we trust in God.

**All:** Our hearts are full of praise, forcing us to break forth into singing of God's great love!

**\*HYMN**      *Ask me What Great thing I Know*

1 Ask me what great thing I know that de - lights and stirs me so,  
2 Who de - feats my fierc-est foes? Who con - soles my sad - dest woes?  
3 Who is life in life to me? Who the - death of death will be?  
4 This is that great thing I know; this de - lights and stirs me so:

What the high re - ward I win, whose the name I  
Who re - vives my faint - ing heart, heal - ing all that  
Who holds all my days se - cure, in God's heart where  
Faith in Christ who died to save, Christ who tri - umphed

glo - ry in: Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.  
grief im - parts? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.  
love is sure? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.  
o'er the grave, Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.

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**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Life can be such a burden, O God, when we let our problems make us blind to your love. Forgive us when we prolong our hopelessness by not trusting in your mercy. Give us patience to wait on you to give yourself to us, that we may experience the joy of hope which comes with each new day. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S ENDURING LOVE

One: God of grace, who has already given us salvation and forgiveness in Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, pardon us and set us free.

**All: May we know that we are forgiven and to be at peace. God, strengthen us in all righteousness, and grant us life eternal. 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:** II Corinthians 8:7-15 pg. NT 183

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *I Will Lift My Eyes* Bebo Norman & Jason Ingram

**SCRIPTURE:** Mark 5:21-43 pg. NT 39

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

\***HYMN # 628** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

### SERMON *Precious Lord* the Rev. Dr. Roger Martin **GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND**

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A New Creed*  
United Church of Canada

One: We are not alone, we live in God's World.

**All: We believe in God:**  
**who has created and is creating,**  
**who has come in Jesus,**  
**the Word made flesh,**  
**to reconcile and make new,**  
**who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,**  
**to love and serve others,**  
**to seek justice and resist evil.**  
**to proclaim Jesus,**  
**crucified and risen,**  
**our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

### PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

The Lord's Prayer (*let us pray together . . .*)

**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**

**Offertory**      *My Story*    Mike Weaver & Jason Ingram

**\*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 . . .*)

**Loving God, we share what we have because you share so abundantly with us. May our sharing be an act of thanksgiving and praise for all you have done and all you will continue to do for us. We dedicate these gifts and offer ourselves to your service. Bless us and our gifts, that we might be a source of help, hope, and joy to a world in need. With grateful hearts we pray, Amen.**

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

**\*HYMN # 530**

*I've Got Peace Like A River*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Allegro Maestoso*

*Mendelssohn*

We welcome in worship today as our guest preacher the **Rev. Dr Roger Martin**. Roger recently retired as the pastor of Faith United Church in Oswego, NY and Registrar of the Oneida Association of the NY Conference, UCC. This congregation is a "united" congregation sharing membership in both the United Church of Christ and Presbyterian Church (USA). Roger is an ordained PC(USA) minister. Welcome Roger!

## NOTES AND NOTICES

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### Upcoming Chautauqua Worship Service

Be sure to join in the community-wide Chautauqua worship service, **August 7<sup>th</sup> at 11am**, under the tent on the Green. We will experience how Jesus can shine a light in the darkest of places. Preaching is The Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams, the Associate Conference Minister for Clergy and Authorized Ministry of the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ. We will be graced with special music by Michelle Edwards-Williams, and we will also get a treat in the form of special music by VBS participants! You will not want to miss it.

Come join in community and fellowship. The service will occur, rain or shine!

### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

#### **VBS and Chautauqua – Adventure in Community - August 1-7**

Come join us for a special VBS this year that is partnered with the Methodist Church and in conjunction with Chautauqua. Monday-Wednesday will be 9AM-12PM; Thursday-Friday will be 5-7:30 PM, and Sunday service at 11:00 AM under the Chautauqua tent followed by a community lunch. Registration forms are available at the church office or on-line: <http://www.homercc.com/events/vacation-bible-school/>. Volunteers: If you have completed the sixth grade, you are old enough to volunteer at VBS. Teens and adults are needed to make our program a success, so please contact Mark Bertram at 607-745-0177 or by email [markbertram@hotmail.com](mailto:markbertram@hotmail.com). Chautauqua brochures are available at [www.cortlandchurches.org](http://www.cortlandchurches.org).

#### **Donations Needed for VBS**

Donations are needed to help make VBS a success. We need cardboard (boxes, TP tubes, etc), snacks (pretzels, popcorn), paper goods (paper plates, bowls, napkins), and gift cards to local food places.

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, August 27**, from 2-4. Back to School **P.R.E.P. Providing Resources & Essentials** to help **Prepare** School-Aged Children for School! (Plus free ice cream!). For more information, contact Bonnie Smith at 607-749-8574.

**Route 90 Sale: Spaces still available!** There are 10'x10' spaces on the Green available on **Saturday, July 30** from 8am-4pm, for a \$35 donation. **Reservations are due by Tuesday, July 26.** Email the office ([office@homercc.org](mailto:office@homercc.org)) or call (607) 749-2604 for more information.

## NOTES AND NOTICES (CONTINUED)

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**OUR MISSION - Homer Nursery School** has become our new mission and there are plans to update the rooms with new flooring, furnishings, and supplies. If you would like to help sort and provide light moving, contact Rachel Ditch. We look forward to providing a valuable service to our community and supporting some of our youngest people.

**OUR WIDER COMMUNITY - Golf Tournament on July 27.** 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. Join us as we honor Dan McNeil, Sr. For more information, contact [cortlandchurches@aol.com](mailto:cortlandchurches@aol.com) or 607-753-1002.