

The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

July 3, 2016

7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship



**Holy
Communion**

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

Worship Service
Participants

Ushers and Greeters

Worship Leader
Belinda Burtner

Liturgist
Sylvia Hammond

Special Music
Molly, Evan and Kenian Ulrich

Sylvia Hammond

Acolytes
Abbey Elkins, Elijah Smith

Flowers

Nursery Volunteers
Ingrid Fox, Molly Ulrich

Coffee Hour
Clay Benedict, Elaine Olson

Attendance
June 26 – 61

Our giving 6/19/16:
Operations - \$1,914.50
Missions - \$303.00

Our giving 6/26/16:
Operations - \$618.00
Missions - \$190.00

Please note: Sunday School classes have ended for the summer, nursery care during the worship service is still available.

Life in the Parish
Week of June 12

SUNDAY – July 3
9:30am – Worship
10:30 - Snack and Chat
2:00 – Brewster House worship

MONDAY – July 4
Holiday – Office closed
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – July 5
2:00 pm – Bridge Group
7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – July 6
6:00 Pastor Search Committee

THURSDAY – July 7
12:00 pm – Bible Study Group

FRIDAY – July 8
Office Closed

SUNDAY – July 10
9:30 am – 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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*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 *Processional on "Melita"* Callahan

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is with us; we are not alone!

All: Christ is with us!

He comes to us as to the first disciples.

One: Let us sense the presence of God in our midst.

All: Christ is with us! Let us worship God.

***HYMN # 16** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

***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 #35** *Glory Be to the Father*

LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE *John 21:1-14* NT pg. 115

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

SERMON

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

OFFERING

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

Special Music

***Doxology # 49**

(From All That Dwell)

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

Use these gifts, O God, to bring rest, renewal, and refreshment to those people and places that need it most. Take our talents and our dreams, our laughter and our singing, our tears and our anxieties – use them all to bring your season of new life to fullest bloom. Amen.

***HYMN # 425**

Let Us Break Bread Together

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *with the Lord's Prayer*

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

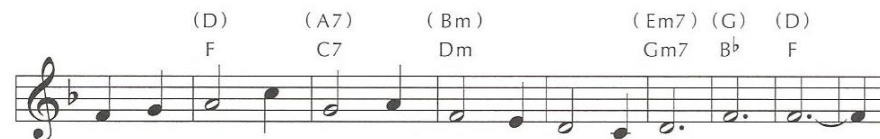
You are invited to share a sign of peace with others.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

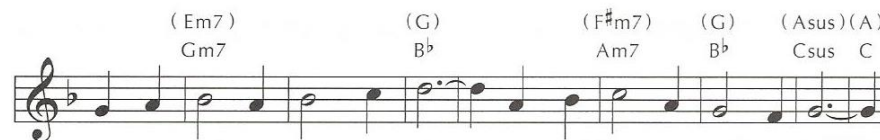
***HYMN** *Will You Come and Follow Me* (vs. 1, 3, 5)



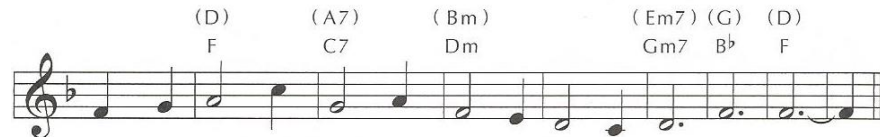
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

(Tune: KELVINGROVE, text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987, GIA Publications, Inc. OneLicense.net License # A-713031).

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fugue on "America"

Thayer

NOTES AND NOTICES

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.

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. To sign up as a volunteer or participant in VBS, forms are available on our website: <http://www.homercc.com/events/vacation-bible-school/>. For more info contact Mark Bertram at 607-745-0177 or by email 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 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 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 or via her cell phone: (315) 380-0774

HCC website - 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.