

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

August 14, 2016

13th Sunday after Pentecost

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**9:30 am Worship**



**RESTORE US, O LORD.**

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

**Worship Service**  
**Participants**

***Ushers and Greeters***

Joanne Cincotta  
Kathy McKenna  
Dottie Kelly  
Shirley Osterhoudt

***Worship Leader***

Anne Wingard

***Liturgist***

Barbara Wright

***Acolytes***

Maddy Dermott, Justin Dermott

***Flowers***

***Nursery Volunteers***

Susan Benedict, Abbey Elkins

***Coffee Hour***

***Attendance***

July 31: 55

**Our giving 7/31/16:**

Operations - \$2554.50  
Missions - \$240.00

**Our giving 8/8/16:**

Operations - \$875.00  
Missions - \$200.00

**Life in the Parish**  
**Week of August 14**

**SUNDAY – August 14**

9:30 am – Worship  
*Holy Communion*

**MONDAY – August 15**

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

**TUESDAY – August 16**

2:00 pm – Bridge group  
6:30 pm – Trustees Meet  
7:00 pm – Homer Brass  
rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY – August 17**

*Newsletter deadline!*

**THURSDAY – August 18**

12:00 pm – Bible Study Group  
4:30 pm Endowment  
Committee meets

**FRIDAY – August 19**

Office Closed

**SUNDAY – August 21**

9:30 am – Worship

**Childcare staff needed**

We are seeking to hire a second  
**Child Care person.** The  
position description is on our  
web site.

<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.*

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\*those who are able, please stand.

## GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**            *Prelude on "Melcombe"*            Parry

## THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader One:        We gather as a community of faith:  
Leader Two:        girls and boys,  
Leader Three:      men and women,  
Leader Four:        old and young  
Leader One:        from near and far,  
Leader Two:        different faces,  
Leader Three:      a great gathering of witnesses,  
Leader Four:        with a past, a present, and a future:  
Leader One:        God's people, come to worship!  
Leader Two:        you are welcome here!  
**All Voices:        Come, let us worship God.**

\*HYMN # 618 (vs. 1-3)

*How Firm a Foundation*

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

**We come before you this day, O God, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. As you have been with your people throughout history, so we know you are with us even now. In this time of worship, help us to celebrate your presence among us, and strengthen us to continue the work you have begun. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      *Morning Has Broken*      Farjeon  
Quintet: Pat Buchholz, Sylvia Hammond, Ingrid Fox, Elaine Olson and Bonnie Haaland. Accompanists: Andrea Herzog

## **LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

The Epistle	Hebrew 11:29-12:2	NT pg. 226
The Gospel	Luke 12:49-56	NT pg. 75

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

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

**\*HYMN # 618** (vs. 4-5)      *How Firm a Foundation*

### **SERMON**

## **GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND**

### **OFFERING**

#### **Invitation**

**\*Doxology** (*page 48 in hymnal*)      *tune: TALLIS' CANON*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ all creatures here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**One God triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

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

**Like countless others before us, O God, we offer ourselves to you. Take all that we have and are, and use that for the work of making your reign become real on earth as it is in heaven. Amen**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION**

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

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

**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.*)

**God, you are making us into one body of Christ, nourished at your table with this bread and cup. Thanks you for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst. Send us into the world to show mercy, and to be part of your healing presence. Amen.**

# THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

## GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

\***HYMN** (see insert)      *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

### \***BENEDICTION**

Leader One:    Such a large crowd of witnesses is all around us!

Leader Two:    So let us get rid of everything that slows us down, especially the sin that just won't let go,

Leader Three:  Let us be determined to run the race that is ahead of us,

Leader One:    Take with you the blessing of Jesus, who leads us and makes our faith complete; the blessing of our Heavenly Mother and Father, from whom we come; and the blessing of the Holy Spirit, who breathes life into us all.

**All Voices:    Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**                      *Rondo*    McAfee

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**Pastor Kathleen will be on vacation**, beginning August 15 and will return August 29. Guest Reverend Craig French will be preaching in her absence. Craig is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church where he served congregations in Buffalo and Syracuse, focusing on urban ministry.

**Excuse (Enjoy) our mess!** The steps to the entrance of the sanctuary are being replaced as well as a portion of the Memorial Gardens' wall. While this project is being completed please use an alternate entrance to the church. And stay tuned for updates!!!!.

# NOTES AND NOTICES

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We had a great week at **Cave Quest VBS**. We had 48 children participate and their week-long mission was to raise money for the Heifer project. Overall, we raised \$960 dollars, which was enough to buy 3 goats, 3 pigs, and 2 sheep for families around the world! The children also did a great job of bringing in socks and underwear for the back to school P.R.E.P. program. Thank you to all who made VBS possible. We hope to see you all next year!

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

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.

## **Homer Nursery School - Thank you:**

*Dear Congregation,*

*Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to become a mission of your church. The nursery school has been a wonderful treasure to the Homer community for over 30 years and we are so very happy and appreciative to be able to continue the tradition. We feel very strongly that there is no greater treasure than our children and we love being able to give them the opportunity to grow and learn in a safe, nurturing environment well into the future. Thanks again,*

*Lisa Clark & Sarah Bowens*

There are plans to update the rooms with new flooring being installed in the next few weeks. Covering the expense of this new flooring is coming from a number of sources but donations are very welcomed. *In addition*, there are a few items that would greatly enhance the nursery ministry (see August Newsletter for list). For any questions feel free to ask Karen Dudgeon or Lisa Clark (HNS director).

## **OTHER NEWS**

**Newsletter survey:** If you have the survey sent with the August newsletter about your mail preferences and have not yet returned it, you may leave it in the marked basket in the RFR. There are also blank surveys available next to the basket, if you have not received one.

## 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)  
Follow Homer Congregational Church on facebook!  
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.