

The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

August 21, 2016

14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship



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

Worship Service
Participants

Ushers and Greeters

Bev Berry, Belinda Burtner,
Vicki Johnson, Doris Hoffman

Worship Leader
Anne Wingard

Liturgist
Bill Hopkins

Special Music
Chuck Feiszli

Acolytes
Kyle Wright, Jack Bertram

Flowers

Nursery Volunteers
Sue Urban, Melissa Urban

Coffee Hour
Laurie Leach, Kathleen Dentes

Attendance
August 14: 49

Our giving 8/14/16:

Operations - \$2,155.00
Missions - \$632.00

Life in the Parish
Week of August 21

SUNDAY – August 21
9:30 am – Worship

MONDAY – August 22
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – August 23
2:00 pm – Bridge group
7:00 pm – Homer Brass
rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – August 24

THURSDAY – August 25
9:30 – Newsletter collating
group
12:00 pm – Bible Study Group

FRIDAY – August 26
Office Closed

SUNDAY – August 28
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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Marva Dawn, 21st century

"Sabbath ceasing [means] to cease not only from work itself, but also from the need to accomplish and be productive, from the worry and tension that accompany our modern criterion of efficiency, from our efforts to be in control of our lives as if we were God, from our possessiveness and our enculturation, and finally, from the humdrum and meaninglessness that result when life is pursued without the Lord at the center of it all."

*those who are able, please stand.

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Nocturne

Stoughton

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

(by John van de Laar)

One: It's a familiar call, Jesus:

a whisper ... almost unheard,

but persistent and unfailing.

"Come," it says.

"Come to me, and I will give you rest."

**All: We long for what you offer, Jesus.
We yearn for the still calm of wholeness.
And yet we fear...**

**What if we are disappointed?
What if we never find what we so desperately
desire?**

One: But the call remains – “Come to me...”

**All: And so, in relief
that our doubts do not silence your invitation;
in faith
that all who answer are filled
(even though your gift may surprise us
or may be other than we expected);
and in honest admission
of our reticence and uncertainty;
We come.**

***HYMN # 575**

Come and Find the Quiet Center

LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament

Jeremiah 1:4-10

OT pg. 698

The Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

NT pg. 76

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

PRAYER OF REFLECTION *(by John van de Laar)*

One: How frightened we are by Sabbath, Jesus;
how afraid that, if we stop,

**All: We'll fall behind,
we'll have less than we want,
we'll lose out to those who don't stop.
How driven we are to protect ourselves,
to hoard what we can get,
to rise above the crowd.
How wounded we and our world have become,
because we have forsaken the wisdom of Sabbath.**

One: Teach us again how to be Sabbath People, Jesus;

**All: how to trust you for our daily bread;
how to resist the urge to accumulate and hoard;
how to defy the pressure to have more, be more, do
more.**

One: Teach us to dance to the rhythms of your reign, Jesus;

**All: to work meaningfully and rest peacefully;
to enjoy shamelessly and share generously;
to love abundantly and include indiscriminately.**

One: Teach us that the small, daily Sabbath-choices we
make

**All: to trade fairly and consume responsibly,
to treat all others with dignity and respect,
liberate us all from the crippling weight of greed
and fear,
and heal those whose lives are bent and broken
from Sabbathlessness.**

Amen.

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

***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 . . .*)

**O Maker and Savior of heaven and earth,
when we come face to face
with our failings, our inadequacies,
our disappointments, our fears,
and so are tempted to try again,
only a bit harder and with greater resolve,
as if we can remake ourselves and our world
by our own efforts and initiative,
remind us that healing and salvation--
ours and the world's--
come solely by turning trustingly to you.
So take these gifts.
We entrust them to you and your purposes.
Do with them what we can only dream of. Amen**

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN # 337**

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in D Flat Major

Johnson

NOTES AND NOTICES

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Many schools and organizations already collect school supplies. There are other essential needs of children, however, such as clothing, healthy snacks, and hygiene items, that play a role in keeping students healthy and ready to learn. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, August 27**, from 2-4pm. 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.

The **donation wish list for the P.R.E.P. event** includes: new sneakers, underpants, and socks, for both boys and girls, of all sizes; personal hygiene items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues, shampoo), children's vitamins, and individual snack items.

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, please contact Rachel Ditch. We look forward to providing a valuable service to our community and supporting some of our youngest people.

We welcome our guest preacher, the Reverend Craig French while Pastor Kathleen is on vacation. Craig is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church where he served congregations in Buffalo and Syracuse, focusing on urban ministry. Craig retired in 2015 after serving the University United Methodist Church in Syracuse. While in serving in CNY Pastor Kathleen has worked alongside Craig in a community organizing effort, Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse (ACTS) as well as the CNY Pride Interfaith Coalition.

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.