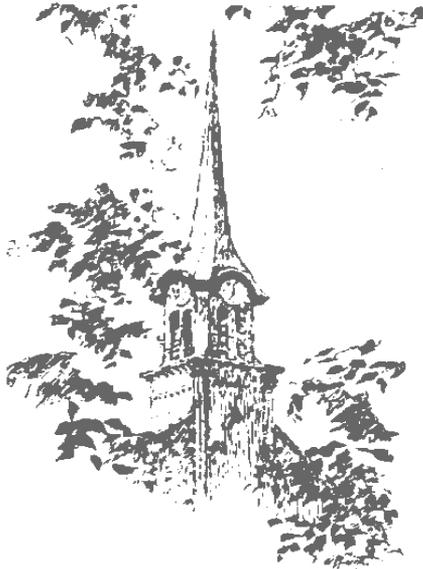


The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

August 28, 2016

15th 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

Worship Leader
Anne Wingard

Liturgist
Bill Masterson

Special Music
Steve Jones, Joe Ford

Acolytes
Grace Wright, Abbey Elkins

Flowers
Bonnie Haaland,
Belinda Burtner
*In loving memory of
Bill and Betty Burtner*

Nursery Volunteers
Ingrid Fox, Molly Ulrich

Attendance
August 21: 45

Our giving 8/21/16:

Operations - \$1,469.00
Missions - \$201.50

Life in the Parish
Week of August 28

SUNDAY – August 28
9:30 am – Worship

MONDAY – August 29
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – August 30
2:00 pm – Bridge group
7:00 pm – Homer Brass
rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – August 31

THURSDAY – September 1
12:00 pm – Bible Study Group

FRIDAY – September 2
Office Closed

SUNDAY – September 4
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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August 28, 2017

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William Sloane Coffin Jr., Credo, 20th century
"I love the recklessness of faith.
First you leap, and then you grow wings."

*those who are able, please stand.

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue

Handel

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

(by Thom Shuman, adapted)

One: We may be inclined to look for God
among the powerful and the rich,
the superstars and the celebrities.

**All: But we will find God seated with the children,
knees squeezed painfully under the table,
entertaining them with simple favorite stories.**

One: While we scramble for seats of honor,

**All: God is in the kitchen, cooking dinner for
prisoners;
making up the guest room for refugees;
singing nighttime lullabies to lost and abused
children.**

One: As we worship this day,

**All: May our eyes and ears be open
to seeing God in new ways, new places and
new faces,
and our hearts be open
to learning, loving and living the Jesus-way.**

***HYMN # 284**

Gather Us In

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(by Bruce Prewer)*

One: Love and mercy always await those who turn to
God. Let us pray.

God of the weak-willed and God of the strong,
of the clever and the foolish,
the humble and the powerful,
please continue to have mercy on your people.

Left: Forgive the weak for giving in too easily
when the pressures of work, family or community
wear them down until they become irritable.

Right: Forgive the strong for pushing ahead
with scant regard for those in their way,
and for despising those who can't push back.

Left: Forgive the foolish for rushing into poor decisions,
and then berating others when things go drastically
wrong.

Right: Forgive the clever for using their skills and
knowledge
to overwhelm lesser intellects, in order to get their
own way.

Left: Forgive the humble for using their lowly status as an excuse for the evasion of responsibility when challenged by your Holy Spirit.

Right: Forgive the powerful for becoming arrogant, and insensitive to the needs and troubles of those who are affected by their decisions.

Left: Lord have mercy.

Right: Lord have mercy.

Left: Christ have mercy.

Right: Christ have mercy.

Left: Lord have mercy.

Right: Lord have mercy.

**All: Most loving God, bring to bear on our lives
the saving grace of Christ Jesus.
Give us the desire and the courage to repent,
and help us not to be too proud to accept a mercy
which asks nothing but our acceptance of it.
Enable us to put right whatever we can,
and to let go of the remainder, leaving it in your
hands.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm	Psalm 81	OT pg. 541
The Epistle	Hebrews 13:1-16	NT pg. 227
The Gospel	Luke 14:1, 7-14	NT pg. 77

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Same Power

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tell Your Heart to Beat Again

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

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

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

OFFERING

Invitation

OFFERTORY

Allegretto

W.F. Bach

***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 . . .*)

If money talks and power makes the world go round, O God, then may the gifts we bring this day speak your language of loving self-denial, and may they have the power to re-make the world in the image of Christ the crucified. Amen

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN # 543**

Blessed Assurance

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe

Handel

NOTES AND NOTICES

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Rally Day - Join us for a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast at 9:30 am on Sunday, September 11, to kick-off the Sunday School year, followed by worship back at 10:30 am. There will be a free will offering for breakfast. Registration for Sunday School will take place. We will also be registering children for nursery care, which is a new process this year. This will ensure that our volunteers and staff know more about your children, such as allergies, preferences, and emergency contact information.

Sunday School classes will begin the following week, Sunday Sept. 18 at 9:30 am.

The **Pastor Search Committee** has completed the Local Church Profile. A copy is available in the Church office for members of the congregation to read. Please stop by during office hours if you would like to take a look.

Change in worship time: Mark your calendars! Beginning September 11, we will return to our regular worship time of 10:30 am.

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.

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

The Homer Avenue Methodist Church, located at 30 Homer Avenue in Cortland, is hosting the **Master's Touch Chorale** at 6:00 pm on September 11. This chorale is comprised of singers from various Christian denominations. There is no cost for the event, but a free will offering will be taken to help the group with expenses.

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
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.