

The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

October 2, 2016

20th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Worship



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

Worship Service

Participants

Ushers and Greeters

Peter & Barbara Wright,
Bev Berry, Anne Wingard

Worship Leader

Bill Masterson

Liturgists

Barbara Wright, Kathleen Waters

Acolytes

Maddy Dermott

Flowers

Nursery Volunteer

Jenelle Pedersen

Fellowship

Sue Urban

Attendance

September 25: 55

Life in the Parish

Week of October 2

SUNDAY – October 2

10:30 am – Worship
2:00 pm – Brewster House

MONDAY – October 3

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – October 4

2:00 pm – Bridge Group
6:30 pm – Deacons meet
7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – October 5

7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY – October 6

11:30 am – Bible Study Group

FRIDAY – October 7

Office Closed

SUNDAY – October 9

8:30 am – Prayer Service
9:15 am – The Well
9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship

Service of Worship

World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2016

10:30 AM

*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.*

*those who are able, please stand.

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *The Church's One Foundation* Ore
Chimes

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: All around the world, people rise to greet the morning
and sing praise to the Creator.

**All: All over the earth, people hold hands around a
table and offer thanks.**

One: All around the globe some cry for food, some are filled
with laughter, all search for truth.

**All: All around the world, hearts hear a sacred melody
and yearn for peace.**

One: Throughout this day, across many lands, sisters and
brothers touch the bread of life and drink the cup of joy.

**All: All around the world, people sing, and we join the
unending chorus of praise.**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*let us pray together . . .*)

Eternal God of all people, we confess to you our lack of oneness with our sisters and brothers as we begin this celebration of unity in Christ. We have closed our ears to voices of pain, and of wisdom, when they speak in accents other than our own. We have lacked the vision to see that people living in places we call foreign are as surely your children as we are. We cling to the pride of nation and denomination as if we had a special claim on truth and leadership. Gracious God, forgive us, and renew a spirit of compassion, understanding and humility. Fill us with the vision of unity in Christ. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: Children of God, hear the good news: by God's free gift of love our sins are forgiven. Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

***MUSICAL RESPONSE**

We Are Forgiven

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G.

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THE GOSPEL

Luke 22:14-23

NT pg. 86

***HYMN # 393**

One Bread, One Body

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children are invited to remain in the worship service through the time for the Passing of Peace.)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PRESENTATION

One: These breads are symbols of the many different people within the family of God.

Presenter 1: I offer this Spicy Tea Bread in honor of the men and women in Sudan.

All: **May we remember Africa's people, who struggle with poverty, drought, famine, locusts, and civil war.**

Presenter 2: I offer this Pita Bread in honor of the people of the Middle East.

All: **May we remember the people of Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Israel, and Iraq who are seeking peace in the midst of hatred and violence.**

Presenter 3: I offer this Banana Bread in honor of the island people.

All: **May we remember that beyond the tourism ads there are hundreds of thousands of sisters and brothers facing challenges with violence and poverty.**

Presenter 4: I offer this Corn Bread in honor of the Native Americans.

All: May we remember this people whose strength and perseverance has enabled them to survive through centuries of persecution.

Presenter 5: I offer this Honey Wheat Bread in honor of the people of Homer.

All: May we remember that as we live and work in this community, we are called to live responsibly within God's world and in harmony with God's people.

Presenter 6: I offer this "wonder" bread in honor of the children of Homer Congregational Church who gather with us around this table.

All: May God bless and strengthen our children so that they would grow strong in their faith.

(Children are invited to join their families at this time.)

COMMUNION PRAYER

One: God be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Give thanks to God.

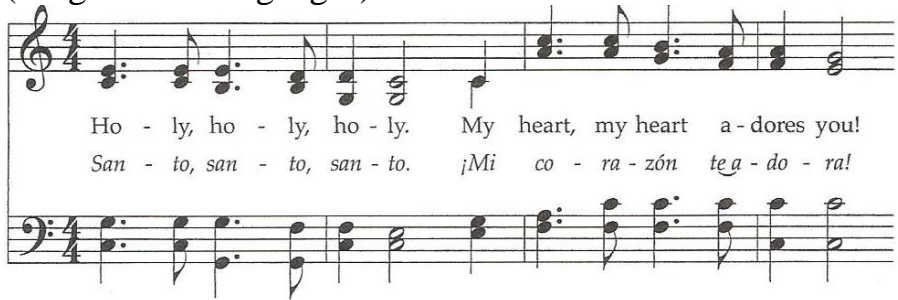
One: *(let us pray)* Loving and gracious God, who summons galaxies into being, we give thanks and blessings to you. The diversity of our planet amazes us: from the prairies and pampas of the Americas to the dusty deserts of Africa and Asia; from the majestic mountains of Europe to the vast outback of Australia.

One: We give you thanks for all of humanity with our complexity of color and culture, yet called into oneness-of-being through Christ. With many tongues, yet with one voice, we honor you singing:

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

(sung in both languages)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dore you!
San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra!



My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!
Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!

One: Loving and gracious God who surrounds creation with abundant love, we give thanks and blessings to you. We thank you for your love, made known to us through Jesus, which reassures and reconciles us to you, to ourselves and to one another. As Christ is our light, may we be lights to others, illuminating the path toward communion with you.

One: Remember now those for whom we pray . . .

One: Hear us now as we pray together in the way that Jesus taught his followers:

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

One: We recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ:
how as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed
and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said,
“Take, eat: This is my body.”

One: After the meal Jesus took a cup, and after giving
thanks, gave it to the disciples and said, “Drink of it,
all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of
sins. Do this, as often as you eat this bread and drink
this cup, do it in remembrance of me.”

One: By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we
proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's
resurrection, and await Christ's return. Christ has
died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: God, may this *bread* connect us more closely with you
and with our neighbors near and far. May this *fruit of
the vine* remind us of the inter-connectedness of people
around the world.

One: May this simple *meal* bring us into union with you,
your people and your world united in the One Body of
Christ.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*Let us pray together.*)

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to eat at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

(*Children 2nd grade and younger may go to the nursery.*)

***HYMN** # 687 (vs. 1) *In Christ There Is No East or West*

SCRIPTURE

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| Hebrew Scripture | Psalm 19 | OT pg. 498 |
| New Testament | Philippians 3:4b-12 | NT pg. 198 |

SERMON

Church with a Capital "C"

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Neighbors in Need

OFFERING

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

Anthem

Come and Share our Bread
words and Music by Tom Council

***Musical Response**
(*see musical page*)

For the Life You Have Given

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

God, with many voices we praise you and in different ways we serve you. Take our diversity and mold it into a common theme of thanksgiving. Transform our lives that we may dedicate our service wholeheartedly to you. Take our gifts and us for use in renewing your world. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN # 687** (vss. 2-4) *In Christ There Is No East or West*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Jubilation

Young

WELCOME - We welcome today the Rev. Barbara Wright as our guest preacher. Barbara is a graduate of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School and is an ordained UCC minister. She and her husband Peter were married in our sanctuary 38 years ago and have been members of Homer UCC for many years. Barb has been very active in the wider church and currently serves as our moderator, and also as the secretary of the New York Conference of the UCC.

NEXT SUNDAY

Our gathering next Sunday will focus on the many ways in which God's love takes the ordinary and transforms to something very extraordinary. In witness to the ways God's love transforms, following the sermon Belinda Burtner and Vicki Johnson will be exchanging their vows of marriage. There is always a time in our worship experience when "GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND." Our response on this Sunday will be in affirmation of the expression of God's love through Belinda and Vicki. If you have a rainbow comma, wear it!

NOTES AND NOTICES

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Join Senior Fellowship on Tuesday, **October 11th** at 2:00 pm. James Hopkins from Edward Jones will be presenting information for avoiding phone and email scams we can all fall prey to. Help to secure your resources and your safety, come and hear what James has to offer.

HOMER NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The staff of Homer Nursery School will have an open house for the congregation after worship on **October 23**. Plan to stop in and greet the staff and see the lovely improvements to that space.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP

Join fellow Homer Congregational Church members as we raise money and walk in the name of food for everyone. 25% of the funds raised stays right here in Cortland County; 75% is sent to help in sustainable food efforts around the world! So, register for the **CROP Walk** and help us feed those in our local and global communities who need assistance. The Walk is **October 23rd at 1:00 PM**. Due to the fire and rebuilding at Grace and Holy Spirit Church, we are gathering at Cortland United Presbyterian Church, 25 Church St. Cortland. An online account for the church has been set up, and people can register and join the team here: <http://bit.ly/hcccropwalk2016>. You can find a CROP Walk packet from the Sunday School teachers. Online donations can be made at <http://bit.ly/hcccropwalkdonate>.

HCC Forum - Plan now to stay after the worship service on **October 30th** as **Dr. Robert (Bob) Spitzer**, Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Political Science Department at SUNY Cortland, will come to speak about the factors at stake in the upcoming November election. Dr. Spitzer has written four books on the United States Presidency, and has been cited or offered commentary on multiple news media sources. Come hear Dr. Spitzer give an authoritative and unbiased analysis of our election landscape. This is one event you won't want to miss!

Save the Date! Roast Pork Dinner with all “the fixin’s” Saturday, **October 29, 5:00-7:00 pm** Continuous Serving – No Reservations Needed. Take-out Orders Available. Please use entrance off the rear parking lot. \$12 Adult • \$5 Children 6-10 • 5 and under Free.

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.