

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

September 25, 2016

19th Sunday after Pentecost

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**10:30 am Worship**



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

**Worship Service**

**Participants**

***Ushers and Greeters***

Terry, Russ, & Jenelle Pederson  
and Bill Masterson

***Worship Leader***

Joanne Cincotta

***Liturgist***

Rachel Ditch

***Acolytes***

Anelia Corbin, Justin Dermott

***Flowers***

***Nursery Volunteer***

Mark Bertram

***Fellowship***

Sherri Masterson

***Attendance***

September 18: 74

**Our giving 9/18/16:**

Operations - \$1,763.80

Missions - \$145.00

**Life in the Parish**

**Week of September 25**

**SUNDAY – September 25**

10:30 am – Worship

12:00 pm – CEM meets (after  
worship)

**MONDAY – September 26**

9:30 am – Newsletter Collating

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

**TUESDAY – September 27**

2:00 pm – Bridge Group

6:30 pm – CEM Meets

7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY – September 28**

**THURSDAY – September 29**

11:30 am – Bible Study Group

7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

**FRIDAY – September 30**

Office Closed

**SUNDAY – October 2**

8:30 am – Prayer Service

*Holy Communion*

9:15 am – The Well

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

*Holy Communion*

# Service of Worship

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*Kahlil Gibran, The Prophet, 20th century*

"You pray in your distress and in your need; would that you might pray also in the fullness of your joy and in your days of abundance."

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\*those who are able, please stand.

## GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Update from the Pastor Search Committee*

**PRELUDE**

*Rondeau Medievale*

Martinson

Chimes

## THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Wherever we are, we are in the presence of God.

Two: Whatever is happening to us, we can turn to God, who loves us and cares for us.

One: And yet, in this place, in this time, we come to feel especially close to God.

Two: We come to be reminded that God hears our cries,

One: that God knows our needs,

Two: that God wants to calm our fears and protect us from all harm.

One: Always and everywhere, God wants what is best for us.

Both: Come, let us gather under the shelter of God's wings,

**All: And let us worship God!**

\*HYMN # 530

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

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

**We need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all which has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us.**

**Forgive us, God of Reversals. You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to listen to in order to have life. Help us to remember how you have redeemed us, and in remembering, may we make that good confession that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever.**

A moment of silence . . .

\*WORDS OF GOD'S ENDURING LOVE

One: This is the good news that comes from God: I will hear your prayers, I will answer with hope and peace, I will deliver you from your sins.

**All: God has covered us with grace; under God's hope we will find shelter. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## \*MUSICAL RESPONSE

## *We Are Forgiven*

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: 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.

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## LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE

Old Testament	Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16	OT pg.548
New Testament	1 Timothy 6:6-19	NT pg.210
Gospel	Luke 16:19-31	NT pg. 79

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

### \*HYMN # 595

*Be Thou My Vision*

### SERMON

### PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

**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.**

**GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND**

**OFFERING**

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

*On Eagle's Wings*  
arranged by M. Hayes

**\*Musical Response**  
(*see musical insert*)

*For the Life You Have Given*

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

**May our gifts this day go to serve those who need healing,  
those who are hungry, those who need a friend or  
community, and those who are on the other side of that  
chasm we call indifference. We may not always notice  
them, but you do, may they might be touched by your  
grace and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN # 431**

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Jubilate*

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# NOTES AND NOTICES

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## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

### **Additional Weekly Worship opportunity offered**

Beginning next Sunday, **October 2**, a short Sunday morning **Prayer Service** will be offered in the sanctuary from 8:30 - 9:00 AM. It will be led by Pastor Kathleen and the first Sunday of the month will provide the celebration of Holy Communion. All are welcome. Our worship service at 10:30 will focus on our connection with Christians throughout the world. The Reverend Barbara Wright will join Pastor Kathleen and be our guest preacher. The *Neighbor in Need* offering will be received.

### **Sunday School Update**

Our Sunday School classes have begun with classes for all ages. Two children and one youth class are offered in Jones Hall, as well as a nursery for our younger children. Our Adult Class (The Well) is held in the Board Room. If you would like more information, volunteer to help, or to complete a registration form, please contact Rachel Ditch. A big **thanks** to our Sunday School teachers: K-2nd Grade - Carol Corbin Costell; 3rd - 6th Grade - Tracy Bertram; 7th - 12th - Rachel Ditch; Adult Class - Pastor Kathleen and Barbara Wright.

**Walk to End Alzheimer's:** Please consider either walking on **October 1st**, at Long Branch Park in Syracuse, making an individual donation, or giving to one of our teams, Little York Walkers (Dora and Becky Jones), or Team Brave Dave (Bonnie Smith and her family) towards this worthy goal of working to end Alzheimer's. You can access the web site at <http://www.alz.org> and then search for **Walk to End Alzheimer's**. Any participation or donation is very much appreciated.

**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!

## 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.

# \*Musical Response

# *For the Life You Have Given*

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in

Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these

gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;

heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to

love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

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