

The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

October 16, 2016

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Worship



**HONORING
OUR
LONGTIME
MEMBERS**

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

Worship Service
Participants

Ushers and Greeters
Pete & Doris Hoffman,
Kurt & Lori Schmidt

Worship Leader
Bill Masterson

Liturgist
Kathy McKenna

Acolytes
Luke Bertram, Grace Wright

Flowers
Dora Jones,
in honor of her family

Nursery Volunteer
Susan Urban

Fellowship
Deacons,
for Member Recognition

Attendance
October 9: 223

Our giving 10/2/16:

Operations - \$3,200.00
Missions - \$403.50

Our giving 10/9/16:

Operations - \$1,845.68
Missions - \$1,062.37

Life in the Parish
Week of October 16

SUNDAY – October 16
10:30 am – Worship
Membership Recognition
11:30 am – Youth Group
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MONDAY – October 17
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – October 18
2:00 pm – Bridge Group
6:30 pm – Trustees meet
7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – October 19
Newsletter Deadline!
7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY – October 20
11:30 am – Bible Study Group

FRIDAY – October 21
Office Closed

SUNDAY – October 23
8:30 am – Prayer Service
9:15 am – The Well
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 am – Worship
11:30 am – Nursery School
Open House
1:00 pm – Crop Walk

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, bring your hearts and minds to God.

Two: Come, give voice to longings for justice and healing.

One: Come, trust in the goodness of a just God.

Two: Come, expect Jesus to open for us a new vision for life.

One: Come, rejoice in the movement of the Spirit that knows no boundaries.

Two: Come, let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER (*Let us pray together . . .*)

All: Open us, God!

Open our hearts to your unexpected, saving Word.

Open our minds to encounter your sure Wisdom.

Renew our spirit to follow your Call.

Open us, God, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** (*see musical insert*)

Christ is Alive

INTRODUCTION OF OUR HONORED MEMBERS

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

One: Loving God, we thank you for our heritage of faith:

For the vision of all our ancestors in faith,
who treasured and proclaimed your promises,

All: gracious God, we give you thanks and praise.

One: For teachers, grandparents and mentors,
who shared their faith journeys with us,

All: we give you thanks and praise.

One: For the devotion of staff and officers and leaders
whose work secured our inheritance,

All: we give you thanks and praise.

One: For families and congregation who nourished the good
news in us until we proclaimed your promise in Christ
for our own.

All: we give you thanks and praise.

One: For ministry that is not yet accomplished,
for gifts and a purpose for their use,
for an unfolding future in your service
and for a Spirit that calls us toward a new day,

All: we give you thanks and praise.

**Loving God, give us the faithfulness of those who came
before, that through us untold generations may know
your glory, and demonstrate Christ's compassion
until all your purposes are fulfilled. Amen.**

LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

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| Old Testament | Psalms 119:97-104 | OT pg. 568 |
| New Testament | 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 | NT pg. 213 |
| Gospel | Luke 18:1-8 | NT pg. 81 |

***HYMN # 579**

Standing in the Need of Prayer

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

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

Anthem *Heritage of Faith* Angerman and Paige

***Musical Response** *For the Life You Have Given*
(*see musical insert*)

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

**Holy Spirit of God, we symbolically dedicate our lives
through the dedication of our gifts. We ask for your to
magnify and multiply our tangible gifts to further your
work of liberation, justice, and charity here and around
the world. Strengthen the Church we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN # 475** (vs. 1-3) *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *The Rejoicing* Callahan

NOTES AND NOTICES

Nearly \$900 was received last Sunday for hurricane relief. Thanks to all who contributed. Donations can still be received by notating "**Hurricane Relief**" on a check or envelope.

The staff of **Homer Nursery School** will have an open house for the congregation after worship **next Sunday, October 23**. Please plan to stop in and greet the staff and see the lovely improvements to the space.

Join in the **CROP Walk** and help us feed those in our local and global communities who need assistance. The Walk is **October 23rd at 1 pm**. 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>.

Coat and Winter Gear Drive: The Outreach Team is collecting new and gently used coats and winter gear items to support Cortland County Community Action Program's (CAPCO) drive. Coats, hats, scarves, gloves/mittens, boots, and snow pants accepted. If it has been your tradition to donate to Homer Congregational Church's Mitten Tree at Christmas time, we ask that you shift your donation to this drive. Items can be dropped off in the box in the Russell Fellowship Room until **Sunday, Oct. 23**. CAPCO will distribute items on Oct. 29, ensuring items get to those in need before winter.

Roast Pork Dinner with all "the fixin's" Saturday, **October 29, 5-7 pm**. Continuous serving – No reservations needed. Take-out orders available. \$12 Adult • \$5 Children 6-10 • 5 and under Free.

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 or via her cell phone: (315) 380-0774

HCC website - homercc.com

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Monthly newsletters can be found at each entrance to the sanctuary and online at homercc.com/resources.

Our digital calendar can be viewed at homercc.com/calendar.

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.