

The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

October 9, 2016

21st Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Worship

Behold,
I am
doing a
new
thing!



Gathered and Evolving on the Green Since 1801

Worship Service
Participants

Ushers and Greeters

Karen & Miles Dudgeon,
Kathy & Jim McKenna

Worship Leader & Liturgist

Bill Masterson

Acolytes

Olivia Harrington, Elijah Smith

Flowers

The Haaland Family

Nursery Volunteer

Lori Schmidt

Fellowship

*Special Fellowship in celebration
of Vicki and Belinda*

Attendance

October 2: 90

Join **Senior Fellowship** this
Tuesday, October 11 at 2:00 pm.
James Hopkins from Edward Jones
will be presenting information for
avoiding phone and email scams.
All are welcome.

Next Sunday at our 10:30 am
service, our longtime members
will be honored during and after
the service.

Life in the Parish
Week of October 2

SUNDAY – October 9

10:30 am – Worship

MONDAY – October 10

Columbus Day – Office closed
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – October 11

2:00 pm – Senior Fellowship
Club

6:30 – Deacons Meet

7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – October 12

9:30 am – Committee on
Authorized Ministry (CAM)

6:00 pm – Music & Worship
Committee meets

7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY – October 13

11:30 am – Bible Study Group

FRIDAY – October 14

Office Closed

SUNDAY – October 16

8:30 am – Prayer Service

9:15 am – The Well

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Member Recognition

11:30 am – Youth Group

Corn MAiZE trip

Service of Worship

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*Behold! I am about to do a new thing!
Now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it?
Isaiah 43:19*

*those who are able, please stand.

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* Bach
Chimes

INTROIT *Come, Holy Spirit* Mark Foreman
sung by Kim Jackson & Rev. Corey Turnpenny

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome to this very special service.

If you are single or if you are married, you belong here.

All: We gather in joy and in love.

One: If you are separated from loved ones in heaven or on earth, you belong here.

All: We gather in joy and in love.

One: If you are long-time friends of our church, or guests from far away, you belong here.

All: We gather in joy and in love.

One: If you are conservative or progressive in politics or theology, you belong here.

All: We gather in joy and in love.

One: If you believe in God, if you are questioning or if you are a skeptic, you belong here. What we believe, we write on our wall:

All: No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are WELCOME here. All thanks to God!

*HYMN # 75 *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-19a OT pg. 672

ANTHEM *Alleluia* Randall Thompson

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Kathleen
(Children through grade two may go to nursery following the Children's Moment.)

SCRIPTURE John 2:1-12 NT pg. 93

SERMON Rev. Sarah S. Miller

*HYMN # 499 *When Love is Found*

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Liturgy of Commitment Rev. Dr. Kathleen Waters
 We Have Come to be Joined Rachel Ditch
 Marriage Vows & Rings

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Rhosymedre

Vaughan Williams

Doxology #50

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

In the midst of our celebration, we pause to bring an

offering, O God. You have blessed us with life and love.

Now we pray that our gifts might be used to feed a hungry child, to clothe a person in need, to provide clean water for one who is thirsty, to bring a word of hope to a person in despair, and thus, to transform ordinary lives around this planet. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN # 446**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Wherever You Go

Sung by the Interfaith Crew

POSTLUDE

Prelude in Classic Style

Young

We encourage everyone to remain seated for the postlude.

The Rev. Sarah Shellhorse Miller retired from active ministry in the United Methodist Church in 2005. A gifted writer and painter, she and her husband, Hugh, are treasured friends of Vicki and Belinda.

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Grace Allen said, “Never put a period where God puts a comma.” Thus, the comma is one of the UCC’s symbols expressing that “God Is Still Speaking.” Our rainbow commas remind us that as God’s children in this place, we offer extravagant welcome to all who join us today and every day.

Following the service today, we hope everyone will stay to enjoy a special coffee hour.

Vicki & Belinda want to express thanks to this church family. We are grateful for the set-up work of Gary Harrington, for special musical gifts from Jim Schultes, to Joe Ford and everyone who joined their voices to sing “Alleluia”, to Shirley Osterhoudt and Kathy McKenna for coordinating coffee hour, to two Bonnie’s who provided flowers, Sheila Shea for her work on the bulletin, and for Pastor Kathleen’s guidance and care. We thank God for our brothers and sisters of Homer Congregational United Church of Christ!

NOTES AND NOTICES

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

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
the entrance off the rear parking lot.

\$12 Adult • \$5 Children 6-10 • Children 5 and under, free.

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

The **Spaghetti Dinner and Time & Talent Auction**, hosted by the Youth group and Sunday School children from grades three and up, will be on **November 12 at 5 PM**.

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 1pm**. 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. Come hear Dr. Spitzer give an authoritative and unbiased analysis of our election landscape. This is one event you won't want to miss!

The United Church of Christ's theme for **Stewardship in 2016** is "Go And Do The Same" (Luke 10:37). This theme is "a powerful reminder of our commitment to be genuine followers of the gospel" (UCC website). As the Stewardship Committee coordinates providing monthly Stewardship Moments during our worship service, please prayerfully consider how you can "go and do the same" for our church. Remember the date, **November 13th**. This will be our church's dedicated Stewardship Sunday. Yours in Christ, The Stewardship Committee

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.