

The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

November 13, 2016

26th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Worship



**STEWARDSHIP
SUNDAY**

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

Worship Service
Participants

Ushers and Greeters
McKenna Family &
Dudgeon Family

Worship Leader
Gary Harrington

Liturgist
Carl Applegate

Acolytes
Emma Dermott, Jack Bertram

Flowers

Nursery Volunteer
Karen Dudgeon

Fellowship
Ford Family

Attendance
November 6: 76

Our giving 11/6/16:

Operations - \$2,118.50
Missions - \$267.00

Life in the Parish
Week of November 6

SUNDAY – November 13
10:30 am – Worship
NO YOUTH GROUP

MONDAY – November 14
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – November 15
2:00 pm – Bridge Group
6:30 pm – Trustees Meet
7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – November 16
7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm – Cantata rehearsal

THURSDAY – November 17
11:30 am – Bible Study Group

FRIDAY – November 18
Office Closed

SUNDAY – November 20
8:30 am – Prayer Service
9:15 am – The Well
9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship
12:00 pm – CEM meeting
7:00 pm – Interfaith Center
Thanksgiving Service

Service of Worship

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Sunday

November 13, 2016

10:30 am

*All of us from time to time
have dug our hiding places
and buried our songs
or our silver.
Thinking our voices too weak
and our offering too meager,
out of fear
we have buried our talents.
What bothers us, of course,
is the reaction to the third servant,
for Jesus is talking
directly to us,
the ones who have been entrusted with God's Word.
Jesus reminds us
that it is God's gifts we bury.
Let us, in this new Church resolve
to unearth our talents
and offer unto God all that we have and are!*

From Searching for Shalom by Ann Weems

*those who are able, please stand.

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE
CHIMES

Ye Servants of God

Haan

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come with your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service.

All: We bring the gift of prayer to this house. We raise to God our hopes and our fears, our wounds and our triumphs.

One: We bring the gift of our presence, being together in worship and fellowship, work and witness.

All: We bring the gift of our tokens, given freely from our hearts to be used in service to God.

One: We bring the gift of service, commitment of our time and talents to serve God by working in God's world.

All: We come to worship God whose giving knows no ending.

***HYMN # 606** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

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

God of all creation, you give us so much and rather than using these gifts wisely, we bury them to keep them safe, or squander them on things we don't really need. We let the pitches and claims of marketers determine what is important, putting our wants ahead of our true needs, and our desires ahead of what you desire for us and others. Forgive us and help us stand firm in your ways. Amen.

***WORDS OF GOD'S ENDURING LOVE**

One: In Jesus Christ we are enriched, we are loved, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

*MUSICAL RESPONSE

We Are Forgiven

Musical score for the song "We Are Forgiven". The score is written in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes.

Chord symbols: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G.

Lyrics:
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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GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament

Psalm 98

OT pg. 550

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

NT pg. 28

ANTHEM

by Mark Patterson

We will Rejoice and Be Glad

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

(and prayers for our nation)

OUR COMMITMENTS AND PLEDGES

HYMN (see musical page)

What Gift Can We Bring

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation to the Offering

(During the Offertory please come forward and place your offering and your pledge card in the plate on the communion table then gather around the side of the sanctuary for our Musical Response, Prayer of Dedication, Hymn and Benediction. Bring your written bulletin with you as we will sing the closing hymn standing in a circle.)

Offertory

***RESPONSE** (musical page) *For the Life You Have Given*

***DEDICATION OF PLEDGES** (Let us pray together. . .)

God, we lift up these offerings as a sign of our gratitude for your love and care. We lift up these pledges and offer ourselves, with our time, talents and treasure, not for the sake of their appearance, but in gratitude for all you have given to us. We pray and dedicate our lives to you and your work. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN** (see musical page)

You Are the Seed

***BENEDICTION**

CHIMES

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D Major

Willan

For the Life You Have Given

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

The first system of music is written in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "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

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "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;

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;".

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

The fourth system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to".

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

The fifth system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing."

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What Gift Can We Bring

Unison

1 What gift can we bring, what pres - ent, what to - ken?
2 Give thanks for the past, for those who had vi - sion,
3 Give thanks for to - mor - row, full of sur - pris - es,
4 This gift we now bring, this pres - ent, this to - ken,

What words can con - vey it, the joy of this day?
who plant - ed and wa - tered so dreams could come true.
for know - ing what - ev - er to - mor - row may bring,
these words can con - vey it, the joy of this day!

When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,
Give thanks for the now, for stud - y, for wor - ship,
The Word is our prom - ise al - ways, for - ev - er;
When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,

what song can we of - fer in hon - or and praise?
for mis - sion that bids us turn prayer in - to deed.
we rest in God's keep - ing and live in God's love.
this song we now of - fer in hon - or and praise!

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You Are the Seed



1. You are the seed that will grow a newsprout; you're a star that will shine in the
2. You are the flame that will light - en the dark, send - ing spar - kles of hope, faith, and
3. You are the life that will nur - ture the plant, you're the waves in a tur - bu - lent



night; You are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a
love; You are the shep - herds to lead the whole world through
sea; Yes - ter - day's yeast is be - gin - ning to rise, a



bea - con to glow in the dark. Go, my friends, go to the world, pro -
val - leys and pas - tures of peace.
new loaf of bread it will yeild.



claim - ing love to - all. Mes - sen - gers of my for - giv - ing peace, e - ter - nal love.



Be, my friends, a loy - al wit - ness, from the dead I a - rose; "Lo, I'll be with you for -



ev - er, till the end of the world."

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My Thoughts - November 9, 2016

Written by Rev. Ryan W. Henderson, Associate Conference Minister for Youth, Young Adults, and Emerging Ministries

Each of us are given defining moments in life. Defining moments are different because they have a Before and an After. The profound component of a defining moment is that things will never be the same. When a child is welcomed into a family, when someone affirms their faith by baptism or confirmation, when someone is joined in holy union, or someone dies and we say well done good and faithful servant. These are all defining moments we experience as people of faith. The presidential election of 2016 will go down in my life as a defining moment.

Unlike any defining moment in life, no matter what side of the political aisle, this election season has been one that has been full of heavy emotions, hurt-filled words, and divisive actions that are beyond imagination and have sought to divide. This leads us up to now, the day after, and we wonder "What should we do now?" "How do we build Unity?"

I don't have any profound answers, Yet. However, my heart tells me that this defining moment in life is a call to prayer. To pray for unity and to an end of hurtful words. To pray for justice and God's will being done on earth. To pray for vision and spirit-filled signs about where we are being led. To pray that we can be united in compassion and connected in holy love. But it all starts with the end of silence and those small words to God "not my will, but thy will be done"

In the days after today, may we take time to Love God with our whole being, Love ourselves, and Love our neighbors. May we be boldly united in the Holy Spirit and challenged to be tireless prophets for justice, for a world that continues to need to hear the Good News.

In the Greatest of Hope~ Ryan

NOTES AND NOTICES

STEWARDSHIP

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..

Contribution Statements from 1/1/16 - 9/25/16 are available in the Russell Fellowship Room.

FUND RAISER

Homer Nursery School will be having a **fund raiser through Coffee Mania**. It will run from **Nov. 1- 29**. Order forms are on the bulletin board in the nursery school room. Checks can be made out to Homer Congregational Church and left with order forms in the envelope next to the signup forms. When ready for pickup, your order will be placed on the tables in the nursery school, labeled with your name, to be picked up after Sunday worship. For more information, please contact Lisa Clark at (607) 749-6753.

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

The First United Methodist Church in Homer, will be having a blood drive on **November 19 from 8 AM - 1 PM**. To make an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org. As always, folks with appointments are given first priority, but walk-ins are always welcome!

The **Cortland County council of Churches** invites the faith community of Cortland County to gather for a **Community Thanksgiving Service** on **Sunday, November 20, at 7:00 PM**. Service will be held at the Interfaith Center, 7 Calvert St, Cortland.

The **Memory Cafe: Third Tuesday** of every month, **10:30 AM until noon**. The Memory Cafe is located in the old Railroad Station on Central Avenue in Cortland. If you have a family member, or know someone who is caring for a loved one with memory loss, this is a place where you can go to enjoy social activities, get support, and just relax. Snacks and coffee are available. For more information, contact Bill Hopkins at william.hopkins@cortland.edu.

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) 380-0744

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.