

The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

November 20, 2016

27th 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
The Bertram Family

Worship Leader
Gary Harrington

Liturgist
Rachel Ditch

Acolytes
Heather O'Hara, Ruairi Dudgeon

Flowers

Nursery Volunteer
Darci Gumaer

Fellowship
Harrington Family

Attendance
November 13: 84

Life in the Parish
Week of November 20

SUNDAY – November 20
10:30 am – Worship
12:00 pm – CEM meeting
7:00 pm – Interfaith Center
Thanksgiving Service

MONDAY – November 21
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – November 22
2:00 pm – Bridge Group
7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – November 23
7:00 pm – NO CHOIR TONIGHT

THURSDAY – November 24
Happy Thanksgiving!
Office Closed

FRIDAY – November 25
Office Closed

SUNDAY – November 27
8:30 am – Prayer Service
9:15 am – The Well
9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship
11:30 am – Hanging of the Greens
and CEM Soup Lunch

Service of Worship

Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

November 20, 2010

10:30 am

“Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good.” *Maya Angelou*

*those who are able, please stand.

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Dialogue for Thanksgiving* Jordan

CHIMES

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*taken from Psalm 100:1-3*)

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing.

One: Know that the Lord is God.

All: It is God that made us, and we are God’s; we are God’s people, and the sheep of God’s pasture.

One: Come, thankful people, come, let us worship God!

*HYMN # 276

We Gather Together

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

Our baskets are full, gracious God, with the bounty you have provided. Our hearts are full of thanksgiving as we think of all you have done for us. We are eager to meet you here, to learn from you, to be changed by you, to become more fully the people you intend us to be. Show us how to be your faithful followers. Amen.

***RESPONSE**

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of five staves of music. Above the notes are chord symbols: G, D, G, D, G, D, G, D, G, D, G, Em, D, Em, A, Em, Am, Em, D, G, D, G, D, G, D, G. The lyrics are: Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - ery-one what God has done. Let ev - ery-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Deuteronomy 26:1-11

OT p. 180

MUSICAL RESPONSE

TALLIS' CANON

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all creatures here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
one God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

New Testament

Philippians 4:4-9

NT pg. 198

Gospel

John 6:25-35

NT pg. 98

*HYMN # 61

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain: All Things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all thing wise and wonderful,
in love God made them all.

Verse 1: Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
and made their tiny winds.

Refrain

Verse 2: The purple headed mountain,
the river running by,
God made their glowing colors,
and made their tiny wings.

Refrain

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children through second grade may go to the nursery following The Parade of Gifts.)

A Parade of Gifts

One: Like the Hebrew people in ancient times, we too have come to worship this day to offer our thanksgiving to God for the many gifts that God has given us. We too present symbols of our lives, acknowledging the blessings that are ours to share.

Gifts of Land and Sea

One: First we give thanks for the blessings of this beautiful area, with its wealth of fruit/dairy/grain and produced of all kinds. (*containers of items representative of local produce are brought forward.*)

All: O wondrous Creator, your greatness is seen in all the world.

One: We place these gifts at the altar as a token of our thanksgiving and as a symbol of the high trust God has placed in us to care for the earth.

Gifts of Home

One: We also give thanks for the gifts of home. We offer now these symbols of our homes and the special relationships that we share. (*Gifts of home such as a quilt, a board game, favorite toy, or photo album are brought forward.*)

All: Loving Parent, we are at home in your presence.

One: We are also aware of many without homes and adequate shelter. As we present these symbols we are reminded that the gift of human kindness is to be shared with all God's children.

Gifts of Study, Art, and Music

One: God said, "Let us make humankind in our own image" and gave us minds to choose and create. Today we give thanks for the gifts of learning and creativity, for music and art, and the many opportunities that are ours to learn and grow no matter what our age. (*Books, musical instruments, an art supplies are brought forward.*)

All: Wise and patient Teacher, you have the words of eternal life.

One: We present these symbols as a token of our thanksgiving for the wonders of the mind, and of our calling to fill our minds and world with things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honorable.

Gifts of Industry and Technology

One: We are partners working together with God for the good of all. We give thanks for the gifts of modern technology that contribute to medicine, learning, communication, entertainment, leisure. (*Symbols such as laptop computer, food processors, and smart phone are brought forward.*)

All: Artist and Technician of the universe, you care for the largest mountain and the tiniest atom.

One: We present to God these symbols of our modern world, as a token of our thanksgiving for the richly varied world in which we live, and as symbol of our concern that they be used to build a more humane society for all people.

Gift of Faith

One: We give thanks for the gift of faith, in a world where many are lost and afraid. We are especially thankful for the life of Jesus who came to show us God's love in a real and tangible way that we could understand. And we give thanks for this church, this community of love and support, of healing and shared tears.
(Gifts of faith such as a Bible, chalice, and loaf of bread are brought forward.)

All: God of love, you are with us always even to the end of time.

One: We offer these symbols to God, remembering that we have been called to be the hands and feet of Christ in our world. We come seeking to be nourished so that we may go out to serve the world in joy with thanksgiving.

(The liturgy of "A Parade of Gift" is taken from Seasons of the Spirit, Congregational Life.)

***HYMN # 61**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain: All Things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all thing wise and wonderful,
in love God made them all.

Verse 3: The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one.

Refrain

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 Anthem

The God of Harvest Praise

music: Lloyd Larsen, text: J. Paul Williams

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

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

**Weaver of all life, in this joyous season we offer our
heartfelt thanks for the abundance that surrounds us
and ask that you remind us to extend the season of
thanksgiving as we share these your gifts with your
people that they may know a better harvest. Amen.**

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN # 56**

For the Beauty of the Earth

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on the Doxology

Purcell

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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "For the Life You Have Given". It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

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NOTES AND NOTICES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP

The annual **Hanging of the Greens** will be held next **Sunday, November 27**, during and following the service. Please plan to be with us for worship and decorate the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons. After the service, CEM will be hosting their annual soup and bread lunch.

STEWARDSHIP

Pledge cards are still being accepted. Please stop by the Church Office if you need a new one. **Contribution Statements** from 1/1/16 - 9/25/16 are available in the Russell Fellowship Room. Please collect them.

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

The **Hospice Foundation of Cortland County's** annual **Light of my Life** event will be held on **Friday Dec. 2, 2016 at 6:30** on the Homer Green. Symbolic lights may be purchased for \$5, with the name(s) of your loved one(s) posted on the Hospice boards, near the tree. Forms may be obtained in the Russell Fellowship room, from Gail Van Patten, Bill Hopkins, or at the Hospice office on Kennedy Pky. in Cortland. The night will include live holiday music and refreshments, along with the arrival of Santa. For more details, please see the post on the bulletin board in the Russell Fellowship Room.

Church Staff and Music Ministry

Rev. Dr. Kathleen Waters, Interim Minister
Lisa Clark, Homer Nursery School Director
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.

Contact the office to receive our mid-week email, *Weekday Words*.

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.