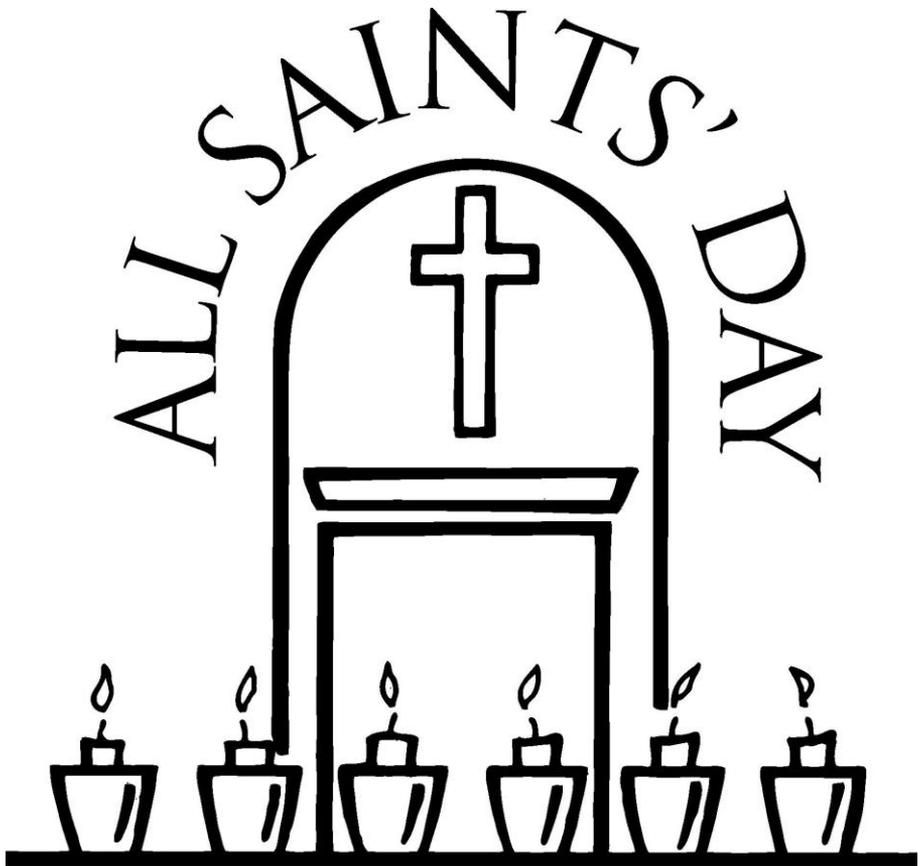


*The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ*

November 6, 2016

25th 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
Belinda & Vicki Burtson

Worship Leader
Gary Harrington

Liturgists
Andrea Herzog,
Heather O'Hara

Acolytes
Luke Bertram, Maddy Dermott

Flowers

Nursery Volunteer
Terry Pedersen

Fellowship
Edlund Family

Attendance
October 30: 79

Our giving 10/30/16:

Operations - \$1,842.50
Missions - \$224.00

Life in the Parish
Week of November 6

SUNDAY – November 6
10:30 am – Worship
Holy Communion
2:00 pm – Brewster House
7:00 pm – Youth Group

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

TUESDAY – November 8
Election Day!
2:00 pm – Bridge Group
6:30 pm – Deacons Meet
7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – November 9
9:30 am – Committee on
Authorized Ministry (CAM)
6:00 pm – Worship & Music Cmte
7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm – Cantata rehearsal

THURSDAY – November 10
11:30 am – Bible Study Group

FRIDAY – November 11
Office Closed

SATURDAY – November 12
Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Auction

SUNDAY – November 13
8:30 am – Prayer Service
9:15 am – The Well
9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship

Service of Worship

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 6, 2016

10:30 AM

On All Saints Sunday we celebrate not only historic figures of the faith, but also remember the “great cloud of witnesses” who have gone before us, those whom we have known and revered. In response we continue to acknowledge our responsibility to carry out Christ’s mission as the living saints of today.

*those who are able, please stand.

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

chimes

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather today with all the everyday saints who have shown God’s love.

All: We gather today with all the everyday saints who have followed the cross of Christ.

One: We gather today with all the everyday saints who have given of themselves for others.

All: We gather today with all the everyday saints who love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength, and their neighbors as themselves. We gather today to worship God, Alleluia!

***HYMN # 637** (stanzas 1,2,3)

For All the Saints

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

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that you call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. Forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way and join with those from ages past who have served you with faith, hope and love in Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

A moment of silence . . .

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

One: Remember that our God is a gracious God, who has been present throughout the generations, loving us, guiding us, forgiving us.

All: Amen.

***MUSICAL RESPONSE**

We Are Forgiven

The musical score is written on three staves in G major and 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "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." The chords are: G, Am, D7, Gsus G, C, G, Am7, Dsus D, G, Am, D7, Gsus G, C, G, Am7, D, G.

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GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

OT pg. 580

MUSIC *Through All of It* by M. Reed and B. Glover

AFFIRMATION

One: What is a saint?

Two: Someone who puts others' needs before their own, like Mother Theresa . . . or mothers, fathers, grandparents, teachers, pastors, and good friends among us.

All: We are all saints!

One: What is a saint?

Two: Someone who loves God and loves others as themselves!

All: We are all saints!

One: We gather together to celebrate the saints who have gone before us and the saints among us.

REMEMBERING

The Light of God's Saints Surrounds Us

Tracie Hopkins, January 31, 2016

Donald Knickerbocker, April 19, 2016

Peter Jeffers, May 3, 2016

Grace Dewey, May 26, 2016

Barbara Purchas, October 23, 2016

***HYMN** (musical page) *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel

Luke 6:20-31

NT pg. 64

SERMON

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Gary Harrington

OFFERING

*The loose offerings will be passed along by the Board of Deacons to the **Grace and Holy Spirit Church** in Cortland to assist them in recovering from the fire that took place in the summer.*

Invitation

Offertory Anthem

How Beautiful
words & Music Twila Paris
arr. Benjamin Harlan

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

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

Thank you, O God, for the gifts of your people. Help us that we rely not on our own understanding in the use of these gifts, but to seek your wisdom. Knowing that as we do, your will be revealed and your people near and far will be blessed. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CHRIST'S TABLE

COMMUNION PRAYER

One: God be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: We thank you, O God, for all the saints, for those who have walked before us the path of faith, for those who have touched our hearts with the fire of your love. We praise you that in Jesus the Christ you knit us together as one body... And so we join together with voices from the beginning of time and with voices yet to be heard as we sing the greatness of your name:

SUNG RESPONSE

Santo, Santo, Santo

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you!
San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!
Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Lord's Prayer (*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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(You are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, eat and return to your seat. The elements can be brought to you if you wish. The cup contains unfermented juice and the bread is gluten free. All are welcome!)

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

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at this table. We thank you for your presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. Go with us now and may we be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice and pray. Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share a sign of peace with others.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN # 637** (stanzas 4,5)

For All the Saints

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

For the Life You Have Given

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

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. 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 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 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 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 concludes the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing."

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God



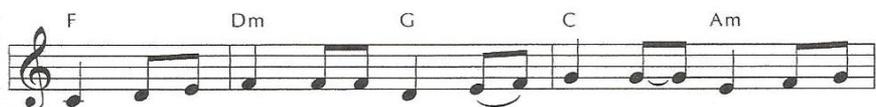
1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun - dreds of



brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and
 made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus'
 thou - sands still; the world is bright with the joy - ous



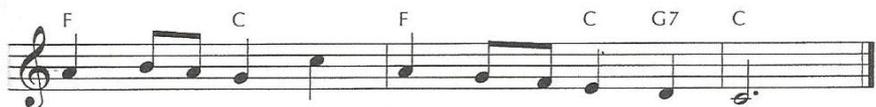
died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a
 sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a
 saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in



doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess
 sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a
 school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in



on the green: they were all of them saints of
 fierce wild beast: and there's not an - y rea - son,
 shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just



God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

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. **Sunday, November 13th** will be Stewardship Sunday.

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

FUND RAISERS

The **Spaghetti Dinner and Time & Talent Auction**, hosted by the Youth group and Sunday School children from grades 3 and up, will be on **November 12 at 5 PM**. Please sign up in the Russell Fellowship Room for needed donations. CEM will host the annual Time and Talent auction after the dinner. Please consider donating an item to be auctioned: handmade items, homemade dinners, or donations of time to clean, paint, teach a new skill! Contact Carol Costell Corbin with questions: carol.costellcorbin@gmail.com (607) 351-5757.

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 sign-up 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 on Sunday, **November 20**, beginning at 7:00 PM. The service will be held at the Interfaith Center, 7 Calvert Street, Cortland.

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.