



CELEBRATE  
*Easter*



*I know that my redeemer liveth.* JOB 19:25

**Worship Service**  
**Participants**

**Worship Leader**  
Kathy McKenna

**Ushers & Greeters**  
Dorothy & Bill Hopkins,  
Jennifer & Don VanSlyke

**Coffee Hour**  
Deacons

**Attendance**  
April 9: 100

**Our giving 4/9/17:**

Operations - \$6,950.50  
Missions - \$339.00

**Life in the Parish**  
**Week of April 16**

**Sunday – April 16**  
10:30 am – Worship

**Monday – April 17**  
7:30 pm – Al-Anon

**Tuesday – April 18**  
1:30 pm – Mahjong Players  
2:00 pm – Bridge Group  
6:30 pm – Trustees  
7:00 pm – Homer Brass  
rehearsal

**Wednesday – April 19**  
*Newsletter deadline!*  
9:30 am – CAM meets,  
Susquehanna Assoc.  
1:30 am – General Ministry  
Team, Susquehanna Assoc.  
6:00 pm – Worship & Music  
Committee  
7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

**Thursday – April 20**  
11:30 am – Bible Study Group  
4:30 pm – Endowment  
Committee

**Friday – April 21**  
Office Closed

**Sunday – April 23**  
9:15 am – The Well  
9:30 am – Sunday School  
10:30 am – Worship  
12:00 pm – Memorial  
Committee



**butterflies, reflected by sands of gold and white. Thank you for this joy that fills our hearts. Stay here with us, today and always. Amen.**

**GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW**  
Children's Moment      Surprise!

Anthem      Christians, Celebrate and Sing      Larson

Scripture      Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Sermon      And THAT is Resurrection!

**GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND**  
Silence is kept

\*Hymn      Christ Is Risen! (vs. 1&2)      #222

Prayers of the People  
Our Lord's Prayer

**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      Allegro Spirits      Senallié  
*Ralph Dudgeon on trumpet, Jim Shultes on organ*

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**God of our deepest joys and Alleluias! We sing our Resurrection songs this morning, not because of a miraculous historical event, but because you continue to bring life out of death and hope out of despair! You rolled away the stone, light entered Christ's tomb, and we became carriers of inexhaustible hope. May the joy of this morning, and the triumph of Resurrection, empower us in our living, and in our generosity for others. Amen.**

**GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Hymn                      Christ Is Risen! (vs. 3)                      #222  
*If you are interested in singing the Hallelujah Chorus, please move to the choir loft as we sing the hymn!*

Benediction

Benediction Response    Hallelujah Chorus    Handel

\*Chimes

\*Postlude    Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain    Biery

*Welcome to our trumpet player, Ralph Dudgeon!  
Thank you for joining us. We are grateful that you are enhancing our worship experience by sharing your extraordinary musical talent.*

We need you! Here are some options to consider for fellowship, nurture and growth:

- *Join us for worship each Sunday.* We begin with kid-friendly words and songs so that our entire “family” can worship together. We believe this one of the ways that our wee ones learn about God’s love for each one of us.
- *Our choir* is always looking for new members. *Don’t have time to for the entire year?* Some folks make a short-term effort – joining for special projects like cantatas or the Hallelujah Chorus today. On May 14, there will be a MEN’S CHOIR for Mother’s Day, and on June 18, a special WOMEN’S CHOIR for Father’s Day.
- *Want to “pray” with your feet and hands?* Join in the service projects on April 30 – a fifth Sunday – as our Sunday School is “leaving the church” from 8:30 – 11:30.
- *How about a one-day commitment?* Holiday in Homer is Saturday, July 15; we can use your help! Plus there is that delicious barbecue to be eaten!
- *Two words...The Legends!* Our softball team is about to start practices.
- *And for the WHOLE family* - Mark your calendars for our Vacation Bible School from July 31 – August 4 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM.

All of these opportunities are made better when you are able to join us!

# NOTES AND NOTICES

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## COMING UP...

Sun., April 30  
at 8:30 am

### **Faith in Action! Sunday School is Leaving the Building!**

Youth in grades K-12 will gather at church before we journey into the community to help to our neighbors. We will gather back at church at 11:30 for a simple meal and a time of conversation about our experiences. If you would like to join our adventure, please see Rachel!

**We need projects!** If you have lawn work or other simple projects around your home that need to be done, please see Rachel to sign up. We are asking for a donation of \$10 for each hour of work. Funds will go to support the Back to School PREP program.

## **Announcements:**

- **Interested in joining HCC?** If you are not currently a member, why not begin to think and pray about this? If you are interested in officially joining our congregation, please let Pastor Vicki know. We will meet for a membership class (no tests!) and then we'll anticipate welcoming new members in June on Pentecost Sunday. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

### **Welcome friends!**

A warm welcome is extended to all, especially those who are worshipping at Homer Congregational Church for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together. Happy Easter!

You should also know that we believe children of all ages have a place here. One of our greeters can bring you a children's bulletin and a "busy bag".

### **We want you to know...**

Rev. Vicki Burtson, Pastor [607.624.9940](tel:607.624.9940) (cell/text)

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Rev. Rachel Ditch, Christian Nurture [christianed@homercc.org](mailto:christianed@homercc.org)

Joseph Ford, Director of Music

Bev Berry, Financial Secretary

Andrea Herzog, Treasurer

James Shultes, Organist

Jan Jeffers, Chapel Bells

Gary Harrington, Sexton

Sheila Shea, Office Administrator [office@homercc.org](mailto:office@homercc.org)

Our office is open Monday – Thursday from 9 am – noon

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Our digital calendar is at [homercc.com/calendar](http://homercc.com/calendar)

### **Service information**

- Individual listening headsets are available to provide hearing assistance to anyone in need. Ask our greeters for help.
- Prayer request sheets are at each entrance. Your prayers will be offered later in today's service.