

**The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**

May 14, 2017

5th Sunday of Easter

10:30 am Worship



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

Worship Service
Participants

Worship Leader

Darci Gumaer, Tracy Bertram

Ushers & Greeters

Gail VanPatten, Terre Dennis,
Shirley Osterhoudt,
Janet Bertram

Nursery Volunteer

Carol Costell Corbin

Fellowship

Deacons

Attendance

May 7: 73

Life in the Parish
Week of May 14

Sunday – May 14

10:30 am – Worship

5:30 pm – Hand bell choir

Monday – May 15

Pastor Vicki on vacation
(through May 22)

7:30 pm – Al-Anon

Tuesday – May 16

1:30 pm – Mahjong Players

2:00 pm – Bridge Group

6:30 pm – Trustees

7:00 pm – Homer Brass
rehearsal

Wednesday – May 17

Newsletter Deadline!

7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

Thursday – May 18

11:30 am – Bible Study Group

4:30 pm – Endowment Cmte

Friday – May 19

Office Closed

Saturday – May 20

9:00 am – Jones Hall Cleanup
(Youth)

Sunday – May 21

9:15 am – The Well

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Rev. Rachel Ditch presiding

11:45 am – Mission Lunch

2:30 pm – Rebecca West

Ordination at Preble UCC

5:30 pm – Hand bell choir

Service of Worship
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2017 10:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

You want to give me chocolate and flowers? That would be great. I love them both. I just don't want them... if you're not going to give them to all the people who helped mother our children. But if you are going to include everyone, then make mine something like M&M's, and maybe flowers you picked yourself, even from my own garden, the cut stems wrapped in wet paper towels, then tin foil and a waxed-paper bag from my kitchen drawers. I don't want something special. I want something beautifully plain. Like everything else, it can fill me only if it is ordinary and available to all.

~ Ann Lamott, author and mother, on Mother's Day

**those who are able, please stand.*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude With Verdure Clad Haydn
Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Easter continues! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

One: Welcome to everyone who has a mother, in heaven or on earth.

Many: We gather to worship our God who gave birth to all of creation.

*Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

#25

Prayer of Invocation

Gracious God, everything we say about you is our human attempt to capture something incomprehensible. Today, we move from pondering sheep and shepherds, to thinking about hens and eagles who care for their young. Our ancient ancestors used what they could see to describe your great love and care for the creation. Stay with us today, as we, too, seek to understand your many dimensions. Amen.

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

Scripture

Psalm 91

(insert)

Children's Moment

Anthem

How Can I Keep from Singing

Scripture

Luke 15:8-10

Sermon

From Sheep to Eagles & Hens

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Silence is kept

*Hymn

On Eagle's Wings

#77

Litany about Mothers

(insert)

Prayers of the People

Our Lord's Prayer

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

Pastoral

Rowley

*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. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

**For health and strength and daily food we give
you thanks, Gracious God. May our gifts bring
these same blessings to our siblings around
the globe. Amen.**

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

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

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

An Irish Blessing

*Chimes

*Postlude

Allegro

Zipoli

NOTES AND NOTICES

THIS WEEK:

Beginning
Mon., May 15

The Burtsons will be on vacation in California beginning tomorrow, **May 15 through May 22**. In case of emergency, please contact Rev. Rachel Ditch at (607) 221-0882. Rev. Ditch will also lead worship on May 21.

COMING UP...

Sun., May 21
(after worship)

Mission Lunch—Lisa Clark
Join us for a mission lunch after worship service. Lisa Clark will discuss Homer Nursery School.

Sun. May 21
at 2:30 pm

Ordination for Rebecca West
You are invited to celebrate the ordination of Rebecca West, hosted by Preble Congregational UCC, 1953 Preble Rd, Preble, NY. There will be a reception with snacks and desserts following the ceremony.

Sun., June 4
(after worship)

Mission Lunch—Pete Wright
Join us for a mission lunch after worship service. Pete Wright will share his recent experiences with Christianity in China.

Announcements:

- **Special thanks to the Men's Choir** and their gift of music today. **Women – it is your turn!** We will have a Women's Choir for Sunday, June 18 – Father's Day. Rehearsals will be Wednesday June 7 & June 14 from 7:30 – 8. Pastor Vicki is conducting and Andrea Herzog is accompanying. Come and join us!
 - **Calling 2017 Graduates:** If you or someone you know is graduating from high school, trade school, or college, please let us know. We would love to hear about their plans and share them in next month's newsletter. The Deacons will honor graduates in worship on **Sunday, June 18.** Please contact the office **by this Wednesday, May 17:** (607) 749-2604 or office@homercc.org
 - **Supplies Needed!** Next Sunday, May 21, the youth group will be making shoes for Sole Hope, a project that benefits children in Uganda who are impacted by chiggers (sand fleas). They need the following supplies:
 - Old blue jeans
 - Large safety pins
 - Plastic (plastic folders, laundry detergent bottles, 2-liter soda bottles, etc.)
- Please see Rev. Rachel for further details.
- **Homer Nursery School** still has openings for the 2017-18 school year. Please contact Lisa Clark at (607) 749-6753, if interested.

Welcome friends!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. If you would like more information about our church, please let Pastor Vicki, the worship leader, or one of the greeters know. We hope you will choose to stay for refreshments and conversation following our service.

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". After the Children's Time, small children may want to head to our nursery, where we provide trained caregivers and a fruit snack for the wee ones.

Here's how to reach out to us...

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

Rev. Rachel Ditch, Christian Nurture 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

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

phone: [607.749.2604](tel:607.749.2604) web site: homercc.com

Our digital calendar is at 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.