

The Homer Congregational Church United Church of Christ

May 21, 2017

6th Sunday of Easter

10:30 am Worship



"In God we live, move, and exist."

- Acts 17:28

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

Worship Service
Participants

Worship Leader
Darci Gumaer

Ushers & Greeters
Courtney Stafford,
Brianna Darling,
Carrie Gumaer, John Gumaer

Nursery Volunteer
Sue Urban

Flowers

Fellowship
Gwen Hayne

Attendance
May 14: 100

Our giving 5/7/17:

Operations - \$1,846.75
Missions - \$203.82

Our giving 5/14/17:

Operations - \$2,406.50
Missions - \$469

Life in the Parish
Week of May 21

Sunday – May 21
10:30 am – Worship
Rev. Rachel Ditch presiding
12:00 pm – Stephen Ministry
12:30 pm – Soles of Hope
(Youth)
2:30 pm – Rebecca West
Ordination at Preble UCC
5:30 pm – Hand bell choir

Monday – May 22
7:30 pm – Al-Anon

Tuesday – May 23
*Pastor Vicki returns from
vacation: no office hours*
2:00 pm – Bridge Group
7:00 pm – Homer Brass

Wednesday – May 24
Newsletter Deadline!
7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

Thursday – May 25
UCC NY Conference:
Pastor Vicki & Rev. Rachel out
9:30 am – Collating Committee
11:30 am – Bible Study Group

Friday – May 26
Office Closed

Sunday – May 28
9:15 am – The Well
9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship

Service of Worship
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2017 10:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

As unique as we all are, an awful lot of us want the same things. We want to shake up our current less-than-fulfilling lives. We want to be happier, more loving, forgiving and connected with the people around us.

~ Brene Brown

**those who are able, please stand.*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude
Chimes

Fanfare

Lang

Call to Worship

One: God lives in our world,

Many: We worship God among us!

One: We can find God in ourselves.

Many: Let us sing and rejoice!

*Hymn

Gather Us In (verses 1, 2, 4)

#284

Prayer of Invocation

Holy God, we come together to worship, as people who would like to think that we love you with all our hearts and souls and might. But there are so many other things in our lives that clamor for our attention that we often relegate you to Sundays and times when we want you to rescue us. So here we are, standing before you today, with our human faults and our short

attention spans, asking that you would make yourself known to us, that you would help us to recognize the presence of the Holy, that you would continue to challenge us, inspire us, and make us into the people you want us to be. Amen.

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

Anthem

Children's Moment

Scripture Acts 17:22-31

Sermon God's Form

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Silence is kept

*Hymn Lord, I Want to be a Christian #589

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

Cantilena

Dunhill

*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

**We come bearing ourselves and our gifts to
you in this day. As we offer our treasure and
hearts to you, O God, may they be used to
pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life,
of community to all in need of your gifts and
presence in their lives. Amen.**

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn They'll Know We are Christians #494

*Benediction

Chimes

*Postlude

Tuba Tune

Lang

NOTES AND NOTICES

THIS WEEK:

Began

Mon., May 15

The Burtsons are on vacation
in California **through May 22.**

Pastor Vicki will not have office hours on Tuesday, May 23. In case of emergency, please contact Rev. Rachel Ditch at (607) 221-0882.

TODAY

(after worship)

Mission Lunch—Lisa Clark

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

TODAY

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.

Thurs. & Fri.

May 25 & 26

Pastor Vicki, Rev. Rachel, and our two delegates, Peter Wright and Belinda Burtson will be attending the **New York Conference in Tarrytown, NY.**

COMING UP:

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:

- **Women – we need your voices!** 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!
- **Whitechapel flowers** will arrive Tues. May 23. Pick up times are from 11:00 am-1:00 pm and from 4:00-5:30 pm. Please do not arrive before 11:00 am, as we need time to put up orders. Thank you. -Jan Jeffers

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 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)
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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.