

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

May 28, 2017

7th Sunday of Easter

10:30 am Worship



**“...so that
they may be
one...”**

John 17:11

Worship Service
Participants

Worship Leader

Darci Gumaer, Tracy Bertram

Ushers & Greeters

Gary & Paula Harrington,
Don & Jennifer VanSlyke

Nursery Volunteer

Cindy Stout

Flowers

Fellowship

Pat Buchholz

Attendance

May 21: 48

Life in the Parish
Week of May 28

Sunday – May 28

10:30 am – Worship
5:30 pm – Hand Bell Choir

Monday – May 29

Memorial Day – office closed
7:30 pm – Al-Anon

Tuesday – May 30

2:00 pm – Bridge Group
7:00 pm – Homer Brass

Wednesday – May 31

7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

Thursday – June 1

11:30 am – Bible Study Group

Friday – June 2

Office Closed

Sunday – June 4

9:15 am – The Well
9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Pentecost Worship
Holy Communion
Strengthen the Church
11:30 am – CEM Meets
12:00 pm – Mission Lunch
2:00 pm – Brewster House
5:30 pm – Hand Bell Choir

Service of Worship
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 28, 2017 10:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

Ask not what your country can do for you —
ask what you can do for your country.

~ John F. Kennedy

**those who are able, please stand.*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude
Chimes

Jesus Shall Reign

Jordan

Call to Worship

One: This is it! The last Sunday of Easter!

Many: Once again we say, Alleluia!

One: Christ is risen!

Many: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

*Hymn

Weave

#495

Centering Prayer

God of Grace, we gather today seeking your presence during this hour. Hear us, as together, we lift our voices in silence to you.

A time of silence is kept.

Our Deacon says: Weave us together, Gracious God.
**Weave us in unity and love, today and always.
Amen.**

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW
Children's Moment

Anthem Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Temple

Scripture John 17:1-11

Sermon That They All May be One

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Silence is kept

*Hymn Help Us Accept Each Other (vs. 1 & 2) #487

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 Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies Peeters

*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

With these gifts, we honor you, O God. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn Help Us Accept Each Other (vs. 3 & 4) #487

*Benediction

One: The hour has come to go into the world,

**Many: where our worship of God will continue
in every moment of our lives.**

One: The hour has come to serve those around us,

**Many: to shoulder the burdens of our sisters,
to ease the pain of our brothers.**

One: The hour has come to glorify God,

Many: with songs as well as acts of service.

*Chimes Crown Him With Many Crowns Callahan

*Postlude

NOTES AND NOTICES

COMING UP:

- Sun., June 4
(during worship) **Strengthen the Church Offering**
Strengthen the Church (STC) is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard.
- Sun., June 4
(during 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.
- Sun., June 11
(during & after worship) **Children's Day & Church Picnic**
Join us for a special worship service with the children and youth of the church! They will lead our readings, share their musical talents, and share what they learned in Sunday school. It is also the time when we thank our Sunday school teachers and nursery volunteers and present Bibles to our youth entering third grade. Stay after worship for a picnic hosted by CEM – hot dogs, sides and dessert!

Sun., June 25 - **VBS at United Presbyterian**
Thurs., June 29 **Church** (25 Church St., Cortland)
5:30 pm – 8 pm United Presbyterian's "Hero Central"
VBS will begin at 5:30 each evening
with supper in their Fellowship Hall
and concludes at 8 pm. They will
have special Bible lessons,
storytellers, guest local "heroes,"
music, crafts, and lots of fun! There
will be classes for adults at 6:30 pm
in the Archives Room.

Announcements:

- Don't forget to **wear RED for next week** as we celebrate **Pentecost!**
- **June newsletters are ready for pickup!** If you have requested a printed copy of the newsletter, please pick it up from the box in the Russell Fellowship Room, just outside the entrance to the sanctuary. Thank you for helping keep the cost of postage down!
- **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– 7:30 pm (*please note time change from previous notices!*). Pastor Vicki is conducting and Andrea Herzog is accompanying. Come and join us!

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...

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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

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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.