

**The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**
June 18, 2017 **2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

10:30 am Worship



We're Proud of You!

Dads & Grads

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

Worship Service
Participants

Worship Leader
Anne Wingard

Ushers & Greeters
Gary & Paula Harrington,
Bev Berry, Joanne Cincotta

Nursery
Rachel Ditch, Jenelle Pedersen

Flowers
Ingrid Fox

Fellowship
Trustees (Dads & Grads)

Attendance
June 11: 75

Life in the Parish
Week of June 18

Sunday – June 18
10:30 am –Worship
Dads & Grads
11:30 am – Memorial Cmte
(after worship)

Monday – June 19
7:30 pm – Al-Anon

Tuesday – June 20
1:30 – Mahjong Players
2:00 pm – Bridge Group
6:30 pm – Trustees
7:00 pm – Homer Brass

Wednesday – June 21
Newsletter deadline
4:30 pm – VBS Decorations &
Crafts Cmte
6:00 pm – VBS Steering Cmte

Thursday – June 22
11:30 am – Bible Study Group

Friday – June 23
Office Closed

Sunday – June 25
10:30 am –Worship
60th Birthday of the UCC
12:00 pm – Stephen Ministry
(after worship)

Service of Worship
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 18, 2017 10:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

“Sometimes the fact that there is nothing about you that makes you the right person to do something is exactly what God is looking for.”

~ Nadia Bolz-Weber, *Accidental Saints:
Finding God in All the Wrong People*

**those who are able, please stand.*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude God Is My Strong Salvation Held

Chimes

Call to Worship

One: It is Father’s Day!

 Welcome to everyone who has a father, in heaven or on earth.

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

One: We actually call this day “Dads & Grads” because our graduates are among us this morning!

Many: We gather to worship our God and to celebrate the good gifts that God has given to each graduate.

One: So let us begin our worship as we give thanks for God’s grace, made known to us in Jesus the Christ.

*Hymn

Give Thanks

#528

Centering Prayer

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

A time of silence is kept.

One: For your Spirit which makes us one,

Many: We give you thanks, O God. Amen.

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

Scripture

Romans 5:1-5

Children's Moment

Anthem Sing to the Lord a Marvelous Song Butler

Scripture Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

Sermon Thank God for Mrs. Zyga!

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Silence is kept

*Hymn Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore
(v. 1 & 3) #342

Recognition of our Graduates

Anthem The First Song of Isaiah White

Prayers of the People

Our Lord's Prayer

Offering
Invitation
Offertory

Simple Gifts

Held

*Doxology #379

**Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and
of clay,
transform them into blessings on those we
serve today.**

**Rekindle deep within us all, a passion to fulfill
the ministry disciples have, empower'd to do
your will.**

*Prayer of Dedication

**Just like a good father cares for his children,
so you love and care for us, O God. We pray
that our gifts of time, talent and finance will
bring hope into the lives of people in need,
both near and far. Amen.**

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn

First Song of Isaiah

Surely it is God who saves me.

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure
defense,
and he will be my savior.**

*Benediction

*Chimes

*Postlude

How Firm A Foundation

Held

Today we celebrate our 2017 graduates:

Alexander Bell graduated from BOCES Welding Program and Homer High.

Marleah Dentes graduated from Homer High. She will be going to Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY, majoring in communication.

Olivia Harrington graduated from Homer High. She will be attending SUNY Oswego in the fall, studying Geochemistry. Her dream career is in the environmental sciences as a hydrologist.

Carly Shea Mazzone graduated cum laude from St. Vincent College with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry.

Alyse Masterson graduated from Binghamton University with a Masters in Special Education. She has accepted a position at the Beverly J Martin Elementary School in Ithaca for the fall.

Kelly McKenna graduated summa cum laude from SUNY Cortland with a BA in Art History and a minor in Archeology. She plans on going to graduate school to study Underwater Archeology.

Allison Osterhoudt graduated with honors from Homer High. She has been accepted to St. John Fisher College in Rochester, where she will major in Sports Management.

Rachael Osterhoudt graduated with honors from Homer High. She has been accepted to St. John Fisher College in Rochester, where she will major in Actuary Science.

Luke Pedersen graduated from Stony Brook University with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

Matthew Pelowski graduated from Homer High. He will be attending Binghamton University and majoring in Biology.

Richard Schmidt graduated with honors from Alfred University, with a BS in Mechanical Engineering.

Logan Schmidt graduated from Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, Georgia for the Army National Guard.

Alexis Settineri graduated from Penn State with degrees in Nutrition and Spanish.

Delaney J. Smith graduated from Homer High and OCM BOCES as a member of the National Technical Honor Society. She will be attending TC3 for Early Childhood Education.

Nikea Ulrich graduated with her BS in Microbiology. She is going to Cologne on a Fulbright Scholarship to study Astro-biology. The following year, she'll go to Montana for her Ph.D.

Maria Urban graduated from Paul Smith College with a degree in ecological forestry and forestry operations. She is moving to Oregon to work for Weyerhaeuser.

Marissa Urban graduated from Homer High. She is enlisted in the Army National Guard and will be going to Texas to complete AIT training to be a medic. Her plan is to pursue a degree in nursing.

NOTES AND NOTICES

COMING UP...

Sun., June 25 - **VBS at United Presbyterian Church** (25 Church St., Cortland)
Thurs., June 29 United Presbyterian's "Hero Central"
5:30 pm – 8 pm VBS will begin at 5:30 each evening with a free 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. All are welcome!

Sun. July 2 at 5 pm The **2017 Bell Festival** will be held at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse on Sunday, July 2 at 5:00 pm. This is your chance to hear the multiple bell choirs including the Whitechapel Ringers perform.

