

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

June 4, 2017

Pentecost Sunday

10:30 am Worship



Pentecost

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

Worship Service
Participants

Worship Leader
Anne Wingard

Ushers & Greeters
Bill & Sherri Masterson,
Jim & Kathy McKenna

Nursery
Sherri Masterson, Lori Schmidt

Fellowship
Phyllis Adams

Attendance
May 28: 72

Our giving 5/21/17:

Operations - \$877.50
Missions - \$209.00

Our giving 5/28/17:

Operations - \$1,329.50
Missions - \$524.00

Life in the Parish
Week of June 4

Sunday – June 4
10:30 am – Pentecost Worship
Holy Communion
Strengthen the Church
11:30 am – CEM Meets
11:30 am – Memorial Cmte
12:00 pm – Mission Lunch
2:00 pm – Brewster House
5:30 pm – Hand Bell Choir

Monday – June 5
7:30 pm – Al-Anon

Tuesday – June 6
2:00 pm – Bridge Group
7:00 pm – Homer Brass

Wednesday – June 7
7:00 pm – Women's Choir

Thursday – June 8
11:30 am – Bible Study Group

Friday – June 9
Office Closed

Sunday – June 11
9:15 am – The Well
9:30 am – Sunday school
10:30 am – Worship
Children's Day
12:00 pm – All Church Picnic
(after worship)
5:30 pm – Hand Bell Choir

Service of Worship
Pentecost Sunday
June 4, 2017 10:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

Singing in the midst of evil is what it means to be disciples. Like Mary Magdalene, the reason we stand and weep and listen for Jesus is because we, like Mary, are bearers of resurrection... On the third day, Jesus rose again, and we do not need to be afraid. To sing to God amidst sorrow is to defiantly proclaim, like Mary Magdalene did to the apostles...that death is not the final word. To defiantly say, once again, that a light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot, will not, shall not overcome it. And so, evil be darned, because even as we go to the grave, we still make our song alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

~ Nadia Bolz-Weber

Patrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint

**those who are able, please stand.*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God Buxtehude
Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Welcome Church!

**Many: Bonjour! Hello! Gütentag! ¡Hola!
Shalom!**

One: I hear French and English and German and Spanish and Hebrew. What is going on?

Many: Today is Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is here, and just as in ancient days, we are able to speak different languages.

One: Welcome Holy Spirit! Welcome every person in our pews today.

*Hymn Welcome! Mark Miller
Our choir will provide the verses.

Refrain: **All are welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome, the love of God to share,
'cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.**

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.

Our Deacon says: For your Spirit which makes us one,
We give you thanks, O God. Amen.

Reception of New Members

Today we welcome Brianna Darling, Jeanine Rose, John Rose and Courtney Stafford

Pastor to the congregation:

Will you welcome Brianna, Jeanine, John and Courtney into this family of Homer Congregational UCC...

...and assist them in their ministries?

Congregation:

In the name of God, we welcome you. We covenant with you to fulfill our church's mission, written on our walls:

to welcome everyone, no matter who they are or where they are on life's journey, and to share God's love for all people through ministries of fellowship, worship, nurture, service and mission.

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

Anthem O Sifuni Mungu

Children's Moment

Scripture I Corinthians 12:3b-13

Sermon All for One!

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Silence is kept

Anthem With a Voice of Singing Shaw

Liturgy of Communion

Pentecost Prayer #240

As you come forward for communion, you are invited to leave your offering in the plates near the front.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

United by your love, O God, we have gathered at this table. By your grace we have been fed. Together with Brianna, Courtney, John and Jeanine we commit ourselves to this community of faith -- to give generously, to participate fully and to live boldly beyond these walls. May your Spirit rain down upon us. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

#259

*Benediction

*Chimes

*Postlude Come, God The Creator, Holy Ghost Bach

NOTES AND NOTICES

THIS WEEK:

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. STC largely supports youth ministries and leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard.

Sun., June 4

(after worship)

Mission Lunch

Please stay for our Mission Lunch! Our Deacons have provided soup and breads so that we can hear from Peter Wright about Christianity in China.

Wed., June 7
& Wed., June 14
7 – 7:30 pm

Women's Choir

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!

COMING UP...

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!

Announcements:

- **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!

