

**The Homer Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ**  
**July 16, 2017**                      **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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**9:30 am Worship**

**Lift  
Your  
Voices**



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

**Worship Service**  
**Participants**

**Worship Leader**  
Belinda Burtson

**Ushers & Greeters**  
Jeanine & John Rose,  
Susan Benedict,  
Sharon Wainman

**Nursery**  
Carol Costell Corbin,  
Kathy McKenna

**Flowers**  
Carl Applegate,  
in memory of  
Georgeanne S. Applegate,  
Clarence E. Applegate, and  
Lillian N. Applegate

**Fellowship**  
Ingrid Fox, Janice Bacon

**Attendance**  
July 9: 53

**Our giving 7/9/17:**

Operations - \$1,544.50  
Missions - \$150.00

**Life in the Parish**  
**Week of July 16**

**Sunday – July 16**  
9:30 am – Worship

**Monday – July 17**  
7:30 pm – Al-Anon

**Tuesday – July 18**  
6:30 pm – Trustees  
7:00 pm – Homer Brass

**Wednesday – July 19**  
*Newsletter Deadline*

**Thursday – July 20**  
11:30 am – Bible Study Group  
4:30 pm – Endowment  
Committee

**Friday – June 21**  
*Office Closed*

**Sunday – July 23**  
9:30 am – Worship

Service of Worship  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 16, 2017 9:30 am

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For Quiet Meditation

Music expresses that which cannot be put into words  
and that which cannot remain silent

~ Victor Hugo

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*\*those who are able, please stand.*

## **THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER**

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

As the Deer

Nystrom

Call to Worship

One: I danced in the morning when the world was  
begun,

And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the  
earth,

At Bethlehem I had my birth.

**Many: Dance, then, wherever you may be,**

**I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,**

**And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,**

**And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he**

One: I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;

The holy people said it was a shame.

They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on  
high,

And they left me there on a Cross to die.

**Many: Dance, then, wherever you may be,**

**I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,**

**And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,**

**And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he**

One: They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me –  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

**Many: Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he**

\*Hymn #546                      Amazing Grace  
*requested by Jean Cadwalleder, Dale Halstead &  
Rachel Rood*

Hymn #548                      The Old Rugged Cross  
*requested by Dave Barnes, Lloyd Gmoser, Jenelle  
Pedersen, Terry Pedersen*

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                      Psalm 148

Children's Moment

Anthem      I Come to the Cross      Batstone/Somma

Scripture                      Psalm 150

Sermon                      Chopsticks

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Silence is kept

\*Hymn#4                      Holy, Holy, Holy  
*requested by Elaine Olson, Pastor Vicki &  
Jennifer VanSlyke*

Prayers of the People  
Our Lord's Prayer

Offering  
Invitation

Offertory      You Are My All in All                      Jennigan

\*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

**For the blessings of our lives, we give you  
thanks, Holy One. We pray that these gifts will  
bring your blessings to someone in need.  
Amen.**

## GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

\*Hymn #33                      How Great Thou Art  
*requested by Dorothy Hopkins & Jennifer VanSlyke*

\*Hymn #452                      Here I Am, Lord  
*requested by Becky Jones*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude                      Grace Alone                      Brown/Nelson

**We welcome our special guest, Dorothy Thomas.** Dorothy is an accomplished pianist who has offered her gift of music throughout this region. On most Sunday mornings, Dorothy plays piano and worships at Christ Community Church. She is a well-known presence at SUNY Cortland where, for many years, she participated with the SUNY Cortland Gospel Choir. Dorothy has recorded CDs and, if you are interested, you may sign up for one during coffee hour.

## NOTES AND NOTICES

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### **THIS WEEK...**

Beg. Fri., Jul. 21  
5:00 pm

### **Family-Friendly Happy Hour**

You are invited to join Pastor Vicki and Gary Harrington for beverages and grilled finger foods, along with good conversation. Bring the whole family, including the kids.

Sat., July 22  
8 am – 1 pm

### **Blood Drive at FUMC**

The Homer United Methodist Church is hosting a blood drive in their dining room at 16 Cayuga St. For more information, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-REDCROSS. Appointments are suggested, but not required.

Sun., Jul. 21-23 **Annie at Homer High School**  
The Center Players, Homer Education Foundation, and Homer Central School District present the family-friendly Broadway musical *Annie*. This true community production features 33 performers from ages 6-60+, a live orchestra, and a large production staff. Performances will be in the newly-renovated, air conditioned Homer HS Auditorium Fri., 7/21 and Sat., 7/22 at 7 pm, with a 2 pm matinee Sun., 7/23. Tickets are available at [center4art.org](http://center4art.org) or at the Center's box office at 72 S. Main St. in Homer.

**COMING UP...**

Wed., July 26  
8:30 am

**Golf Tournament**

The 16th Annual Cortland County Council of Churches Golf Tournament will be held Wed., July 26th, 2017 at Willowbrook Golf Course at 8:30 am. The Captain and Crew tournament costs \$300 per foursome, and benefits the ministries of the Cortland County council of Churches. The Honoree for this year's tournament is the Rev. Vicki Johnson Burtson! Registration forms are in the Russell Fellowship Room.

Wed, Jul. 26  
4:00 pm

**Afternoon Tea in the Garden**

You are invited to join Pastor Vicki and Lori Schmidt for tea (hot or iced), finger food, and conversation.

## **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 (cell/text)  
pastor@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

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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.