

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

July 2, 2017

4th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship



*Come
to the
Table*



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

Worship Service
Participants

Worship Leader
Belinda Burtson

Ushers & Greeters
Bill and Dorothy Hopkins,
Chuck Feiszli, Bonnie Haaland

Nursery
Phil Zollweg, Susan Benedict

Flowers
Dora Jones, in honor of
Kathy Jones' CHS graduation

Fellowship
Clay Benedict, Elaine Olson

Attendance
June 25: 64

Life in the Parish
Week of June 25

Sunday – July 2
9:30 am –Worship
5:00 pm – Bell Festival at
Onondaga Community College

Monday – July 3
Office closed
7:30 pm – Al-Anon

Tuesday – July 4
Happy Independence Day!
Office closed
2:00 pm – Bridge Group
7:00 pm – Homer Brass

Wednesday – July 5

Thursday – July 6
11:30 am – Bible Study Group

Friday – June 30
Office Closed

Sunday – July 9
9:30 am –Worship

Service of Worship
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 2, 2017 9:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

"Be great in little things."

~ Francis Xavier, 16th century Jesuit missionary

**those who are able, please stand.*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Preamble

Vierne

Chimes

Call to Worship *based on a prayer by Katherine Hawker*

One: Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."

Many: We say, "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

One: Let us welcome members and guests.

Many: Let us welcome God.

*Hymn #53 Morning Has Broken
requested by Shirley & Sylvia

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
Children's Moment

Anthem Traumerei Schumann

Scripture Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon Ordinary Time

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Silence is kept

*Hymn#722 This is My Song (vs. 3)

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

Communion

Vierne

*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

**Accept these gifts, we pray. May they be like a
cup of cool water to one in need. Amen.**

Musical Liturgy of Communion

(insert)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Meal is shared

Prayer of Thanksgiving after the Meal

Gracious Host of this holy meal, you have nourished us with the cup of the new covenant. You have called us to welcome the stranger, and to show compassion to those who are in need. We thank you for the grace we have received here. Bless us now, so that we may go forth to quench our neighbors' thirst for love and hope. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn #720 America the Beautiful

*Benediction

*Chimes

*Postlude

Minuet Gothique

Boellmann

Thank you to Joe Ford for providing special music today.

NOTES AND NOTICES

THIS WEEK...

Today
at 5:00 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.

COMING UP...

Sat., July 8
7:30 pm

The Barnstormers in Concert
The Barnstormers male chorus will be performing at Groton Community Church, 204 E. Cortland St, Groton. For more information, please visit <http://barnstormersmc.webs.com> or call (570) 828-2288

Beg. Wed, Jul. 12
4:00 pm

Afternoon Tea in the Garden
You are invited to join Pastor Vicki and Dorothy Hopkins on July 12 for tea (hot or iced), finger food and conversation. On July 26, Lori Schmidt will co-host.

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 15
10 am – 4 pm

Holiday in Homer

We're only two weeks away from our annual Holiday in Homer fundraiser. The entertainment is booked and there is a wonderful array of vendors set to fill the church's green. As the show gets closer, there will sign up sheets to help. This is our chance to open our hearts and doors to the community and show them what a wonderful church family we have. Let's all wear our *HCC Be the Church* t-shirts!

Wed., July 26
8:30 am

Golf Tournament

The 16th Annual Cortland County Council of Churches Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, July 26th, 2017 at Willowbrook Golf Course, with a shotgun start at 8:30 am. The Captain and Crew tournament costs \$300 per foursome, and the tournament benefits the ministries of the Cortland County council of Churches. The Honoree for this year's tournament is none other than our pastor, the Rev. Vicki Johnson Burtson!

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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Jan Jeffers, Chapel Bells

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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.