

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

**July 23, 2017**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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**9:30 am Worship**



**“Surely the  
LORD is in  
this place.”**

**Genesis 28:16**

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

**Worship Service**  
**Participants**

**Worship Leader**  
Belinda Burtson

**Ushers & Greeters**  
Jan Jeffers, Jean Cadwallader,  
Carol & Anelia Costell Corbin

**Flowers**  
Donated in celebration of the  
68th wedding anniversary of  
Julie Carr's parents,  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph I.  
(Catherine Constable) Along

**Fellowship**  
Sylvia Hammond,  
Dorothy Kelley

**Attendance**  
July 16: 51

**Our giving 7/16/17:**

Operations - \$485.50  
Missions - \$284.00

**Life in the Parish**  
**Week of July 23**

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

**Monday – July 24**  
7:00 – WWIC  
7:30 pm – Al-Anon

**Tuesday – July 25**  
*Route 90 Sale*  
*Registration Forms Due!*  
6:30 pm – Trustees  
7:00 pm – Homer Brass

**Wednesday – July 26**  
8:30 am – Cortland Council of  
Churches Golf Tournament  
4:00 pm – Tea in the Garden

**Thursday – July 27**  
9:30 am – Collating Committee  
11:30 am – Bible Study Group  
4:30 pm – Outreach Team  
7:00 pm – Chautauqua Choir

**Friday – June 28**  
*Office Closed*

**Saturday – June 29**  
Route 90 Sale

**Sunday – July 30**  
9:30 am – Worship  
*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
*outside with Homer Brass*

Service of Worship  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 23, 2017 9:30 am

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For Quiet Meditation

...even for a dyed-in-the-wool, double-barreled con artist like Jacob, there are a few things in this world you can't get but can only be given, and one of these things is love in general, and another is the love of God in particular.

*~ Frederick Buechner on "Jacob"*

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

## THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: From the moment we open our eyes each morning, until we close them at night, God is with us.

**Many: There is no one like you, O God!**

One: In times when we are surrounded with struggles, in all the surprising places we find hope, Jesus is with us.

**Many: There is no one like you, O God!**

One: When we feel orphaned by the world, when we feel welcomed by faith's family, the Holy Spirit is with us.

**Many: There is no one like you, O God!**

\*Hymn #545

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought  
*requested by Cindy Stout*

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            Steve Jones & Joe Ford

Scripture            Genesis 28:10-22

Sermon            Stairway to Heaven, Unplugged

**GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND**

Silence is kept

\*Hymn#22            All Creatures of Our God and King  
                              (v. 1 & 2)  
                              *requested by Jim Ulrich*

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

\*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

**O God of Grace, like Jacob, we are awed by  
your presence among us. We bring a portion of  
all that you gave us so that our neighbors will  
find hope in the midst of their life  
circumstances. Amen.**

**GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Hymn #22      All Creatures of Our God and King  
(v. 3 & 4)

\*Benediction

\*Chimes

\*Postlude

# NOTES AND NOTICES

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Who is singing in the Chautauqua Choir? Our own Joe Ford is the director, and the next rehearsal will be here at our church on Thursday, July 27 at 7 PM.

## **THIS WEEK...**

Sun., July 23  
2 pm

### ***Annie at Homer High School***

The Center Players, Homer Education Foundation, and Homer Central School District present the family-friendly Broadway musical *Annie*. Performances will be in the newly-renovated, air conditioned Homer HS Auditorium. There is still one matinee left, today! Tickets are available at [center4art.org](http://center4art.org) or at the Center's box office at 72 S. Main St. in Homer.

Mon., July 24  
6:30 pm

### ***The Legends***

Our softball team, The Legends, have a game this Monday evening at 6:30 pm in Cortlandville. Come support our friends on the team! Please see Darci Gumaer for more information.

Wed., July 26  
8:30 am

### ***Golf Tournament***

The 16th Annual Cortland County Council of Churches Golf Tournament will be at Willowbrook Golf Course, with our own Pastor Vicki as honoree. You may come to the chicken BBQ lunch for only \$20.

Wed., Jul. 26  
4:00 pm

**Afternoon Tea in the Garden**  
You are invited to enjoy Tea in the Memorial Garden this Wednesday at 4 pm. Join Lori Schmidt and Pastor Vicki for tea, some version of “crumpets” and conversation. We will be done by 5 pm. Future teas will be held on August 2 and August 16.

Sat., July 29

**Route 90 Sale**  
We have spots on the green for the Route 90 sale! Spaces are 10’ x 10’ and are available for a \$35 donation. For more information, contact the office at [office@homercc.org](mailto:office@homercc.org) or (607) 749-2604. *Registration is due by this Tuesday, July 25.*

**COMING UP...**  
Sun., Jul. 30

**Fifth Sunday**  
NEXT SUNDAY we will worship outside as we enjoy the music of Homer Brass. Bring a lawn chair (or we’ll provide one) and join us for this very special chance to be outside on the green. If it rains, we will be inside.

Fri., Aug. 11 & 25  
5:00 pm

**Family-Friendly Happy Hour**  
You are invited to join Pastor Vicki and her co-hosts for beverages and grilled finger foods, along with good conversation. Bring the whole family, including the kids.

## **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

phone: 607.749.2604

web site: homercc.com

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.