

**The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**
July 23, 2017 **7th Sunday after Pentecost**

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
5th Sunday
outside with Homer Brass

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

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"

**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

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 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 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.