

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

**July 9, 2017**

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

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**9:30 am Worship**



God  
is still  
speaking,

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

**Worship Service**  
**Participants**

**Worship Leader**  
Belinda Burtson

**Ushers & Greeters**  
Bill & Sherri Masterson,  
Janice Bacon, Dora Jones

**Nursery**  
Tracy Bertram, Susan Urban

**Flowers**  
Jean Cadwallader,  
in memory of Bill.

**Fellowship**  
Bev Berry, Anne Wingard

**Attendance**  
July 2: 64

**Life in the Parish**  
**Week of July 9**

**Sunday – July 9**  
9:30 am – Worship  
11:00 am – CEM (after worship)

**Monday – July 10**  
7:30 pm – Al-Anon

**Tuesday – July 11**  
7:00 pm – Homer Brass

**Wednesday – July 12**  
4:00 pm – Afternoon Tea

**Thursday – July 13**  
11:30 am – Bible Study Group

**Friday – June 14**  
*Office Closed*

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

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

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For Quiet Meditation

The quieter you become the more you can hear.

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

## THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude                      Come Away To The Skies                      Callahan

Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Hear the good news: God is full of grace and compassion.

**Many: God is faithful and completely trustworthy.**

One: Hear the good news: No matter where we are on life's journey, God's faithfulness is steadfast.

**Many: Even when we are called in new directions, God remains faithful, preparing us for new dreams, new visions and new possibilities.**

One: Take courage, fellow travelers. Let us stand and sing the poetry of our faith.

\*Hymn #86

Great is Thy Faithfulness  
*requested by Dorothy Hopkins*

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

Scripture            Matthew 11:25-30

Sermon            Listen Up... God IS Still Speaking!

**GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND**

Silence is kept

\*Hymn #606 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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

Priere

Boellmann

\*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

**God of Grace, what lies in these offering plates  
represents the work that we do. Confident of  
your call upon ourselves, we accept your yoke.  
Plant us where we are most needed and use our  
voices, our intellect, our hearts as vehicles for  
your grace to enter the world. Amen.**

**GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Hymn #458                      Ours the Journey

\*Benediction

\*Chimes

\*Postlude

Toccata

Boellmann

# NOTES AND NOTICES

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## **THIS WEEK...**

Beg. Wed, Jul. 12

4:00 pm

### **Afternoon Tea in the Garden**

You are invited to enjoy Tea in the Memorial Garden this Wednesday at 4 pm. Join Dorothy Hopkins and Pastor Vicki for tea, some version of “crumpets” and conversation. We will be done by 5 pm.

## **COMING UP...**

Sat., July 15

10 am – 4 pm

### **Holiday in Homer**

We're less than one week away from our annual Holiday in Homer fundraiser. The entertainment is booked and there is a wonderful array of vendors set to fill the Village Green. 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!

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.

Sun., Jul. 21-23

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

The Center Players, along with the Homer Education Foundation and the Homer Central School District are presenting the family-friendly Broadway musical *Annie*. This true community theatre 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.

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 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! Come join us and say thank you to Pastor Vicki for all she has done and continues to do in our community. Registration forms are in the Russell Fellowship Room.

## **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](tel:607.624.9940) (cell/text)  
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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](mailto: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](http://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.