

**The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**
August 13, 2017 10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship



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

Worship Service
Participants

Worship Leader
Jim Ulrich

Ushers & Greeters
The Ulrich Family

Nursery
Anne Wingard

Fellowship
Carol Costell Corbin

Attendance
July 30: 62

Our giving 7/23/17:

Operations - \$1,585.50
Missions - \$230.00

Our giving 7/30/17:

Operations - \$1,555.00
Missions - \$114.00

Life in the Parish
Week of August 13

Sunday – August 13
9:30 am – Worship
11:00 am – Outreach
Committee

Monday – August 14
7:30 pm – Al-Anon

Tuesday – August 15
1:30 pm – Mahjong Players
2:00 – Bridge Group
6:30 pm – Trustees
7:00 pm – Homer Brass

Wednesday – August 16
4:00 pm – Tea in the
Memorial Garden

Thursday – August 17
11:30 am – Bible Study Group
4:30 pm – Endowment
Committee

Friday – August 18
Office Closed

Sunday – August 20
9:30 am – Worship
11:00 am – Stephen Ministry
(after worship)

Service of Worship
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 2017 9:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

The pessimist complains about the wind;
the optimist expects it to change;
the realist adjusts the sails."

~ William Arthur Ward

To my crew:

Please be reasonable and do it my way. -The Captain

~ Rusty Mills

**those who are able, please stand.*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Chimes

Call to Worship

One: We gather to worship our God,

**Many: who speaks the words of peace we need
in chaotic times.**

One: We gather to follow Jesus,

**Many: who encourages to never fear, for he is
near.**

One: We gather to be filled with the Spirit,

**Many: who anoints us so we can go to serve our
world.**

*Hymn #227

In the Garden (vs. 1 & 3)

requested by Anne Barnes, Bill Hopkins & Terry Pedersen

*Hymn #85 Eternal Father, Strong to Save (vs. 1 & 2)

requested by Lloyd Gmoser

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

Special Music: Belinda & Vicki Burtson,
Bonnie Haaland, Andrea Herzog

Scripture Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon Ahoy, Mate!

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Silence is kept

*Hymn#75 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry
requested by Becky Jones, Jenelle Pedersen, Anne Wingard & Barb Wright

Prayers of the People
Our Lord's Prayer

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

**Gracious God, day after day you sit beside us in
our life-boats. With these gifts, we offer a bit of
our “catch” – the blessings of our lives. May
this collection help your children to negotiate
rough seas of hunger or hopelessness. We
make these offerings in Christ’s name. Amen.**

GOD’S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn#628 Precious Lord
requested by Dale Halstead & Bill Hopkins

*Benediction

*Chimes

*Postlude

**Thank you to Pastor Vicki, Belinda Burtson,
Bonnie Haaland, and Andrea Herzog for
providing special music for us today.**

NOTES AND NOTICES

THIS WEEK...

Wed., Aug., 16
4:00 pm

Afternoon Tea in the Garden

You are invited to enjoy Tea in the Memorial Garden. Join Jack Carr and Pastor Vicki for tea, some version of “crumpets,” and conversation.

Fri., Aug., 18
6:00 pm

Magic on Main

Celebrate local cuisine in this bistro-style event from 6 – 9 pm on Main Street in Homer. HCC will have pulled pork sandwiches available for purchase at the event.

COMING UP...

Sun., Aug. 20

Undy Sunday

We will be focusing on underwear donations for the PREP event. All sizes for school-aged children are needed.

Fri., Aug. 25
5:00 pm

Family-Friendly Happy Hour

You are invited to join Pastor Vicki and co-host Dean Corbin for beverages and grilled finger foods, along with good conversation. Bring the whole family, including the kids.

Sat., Aug. 26
1:00 pm

PREP Event

Homer Congregational Church is coordinating and hosting the Back to School P.R.E.P. Event (Providing Resources and Essentials in

Preparation for school) on August 26 from 1 – 3 pm, on the Green. The PREP event is designed to help families as they prepare their children for school. Free haircuts, sneakers, underwear and socks, toothbrushes, and other hygiene items will be available. To ensure fair distribution of items, school-age children must be present with an adult. Free ice cream and children's games will also be available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

◇ Rally Weekend is coming!

Join us on Saturday, September 9 for a special Church Family Picnic at Little York. Beginning at 3 PM we'll gather for some games, conversation and fun. For dinner, bring a dish to share. CEM will provide meat and beverages (bring a cup along). Bring your lawn chair, and we'll gather around a campfire for singing and s'mores and vespers before we're done at about 7 PM.

Join us again on Sunday, September 10. At 9:30, young and old will join in the kick-off of our many options for faith formation. We'll be in the Russell Fellowship Hall for an opening, followed by our age-appropriate options for kids who are infants to ninety-nine. There will be something for everyone!

Stay on for the return to our 10:30 AM worship service. Be sure to bring the kids' backpacks for a special blessing. God is with us! Come on and celebrate!

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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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.