

**The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**
August 20, 2017 11th 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
Shirley Osterhoudt,
Janice Bacon, Bonnie Haaland,
Sharon Wainman

Nursery
Sherri Masterson

Fellowship
Kathy McKenna

Attendance
August 13: 53

Our giving 8/6/17:

Operations - \$855.00
Missions - \$80.00

Life in the Parish
Week of August 20

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

Monday – August 21
7:00 – WWIC
7:30 pm – Al-Anon

Tuesday – August 22
2:00 – Bridge Group
7:00 pm – Homer Brass

Wednesday – August 23
Newsletter deadline!

Thursday – August 24
11:30 am – Bible Study Group

Friday – August 25
Office Closed
4:00 pm – Family-Friendly
Happy Hour

Saturday – August 26
1:00 pm – PREP Event

Sunday – August 27
9:30 am – Worship

Service of Worship
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 20, 2017 9:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

In first-century Mediterranean cultures, true faith and true love are both matters of affiliation backed up with consistent action, of treating people with respect and *enacting*, rather than merely professing, compassion.

~ Sarah Dylan Breuer

**those who are able, please stand.*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude
Chimes

Call to Worship

*Hymn God is Here!

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 Celebrating Undies Sunday!

Anthem

Scripture

Selected

Sermon

You Really Should Meet This Person!

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Silence is kept

*Hymn#113

Jesus Loves Me!

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

We are called to love you, O God. We are called to love our neighbors, as well. In love, we offer these gifts as signs of our commitment to you and our neighbors around the globe. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn#722 This Is My Song
requested by Belinda Burtson

*Benediction#268 God Be in Me

*Chimes

*Postlude

NOTES AND NOTICES

THIS WEEK...

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 eventually, we will eat. 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 am, 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!

◇ Do you have a power washer?

If so, we would love to be able to borrow it for a day! Please see Gary Harrington or Pastor Vicki, if you're able to help.

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

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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.