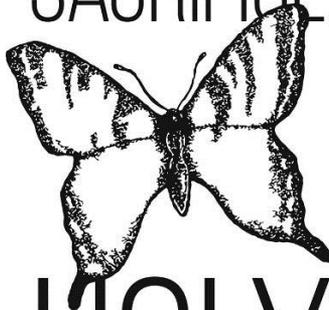


**The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**
August 27, 2017 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship

PRESENT YOUR
BODIES AS A
LIVING
SACRIFICE,



HOLY
—AND—
ACCEPTABLE
TO GOD.

ROMANS 12:1, ESV

Worship Service
Participants

Worship Leader
Jim Ulrich

Nursery
Ingrid Fox, Jenelle Pedersen

Fellowship
Shirley Osterhoudt,
Dottie Kelley

Attendance
August 20: 54

Our giving 8/20/17:

Operations - \$1,231.00
Missions - \$479.00

Life in the Parish
Week of August 27

Sunday – August 27
9:30 am – Worship

Monday – August 28
Pastor Vicki on vacation,
returning September 5
7:30 pm – Al-Anon

Tuesday – August 29
2:00 – Bridge Group
7:00 pm – Homer Brass

Wednesday – August 30

Thursday – August 31
9:30 am – Collating Committee
11:00 – HNS Open House
11:30 am – Bible Study Group

Friday – September 1
Office Closed

Sunday – September 3
9:30 am – Worship
We welcome Barbara Wright
as guest preacher

Service of Worship
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 27, 2017 9:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

You can't change what's going on around you,
until you change what's going on within you.

~ Hilary Hinton "Zig" Zigler

Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your minds.

~ Paul's Letter to the Romans

**those who are able, please stand.*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude
Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Welcome to worship! By your very presence here,
you have said,

**Many: As for me and my house, we will serve
the Lord!**

One: Welcome to worship! Your presence affirms what
Jesus said:

**Many: Where two or three are gathered in my
name, I am there among them.**

One: Welcome to worship! Speaking through the
apostle Paul, the Holy Spirit assures us:

**Many: Fix your attention on God. You'll be
changed from the inside out.**

One: And so we sing about our God, who gives us all
things bright and beautiful. Let us gift our sister,
Anne, by standing and singing one of her favorites!

*Hymn #61

All Things Bright and Beautiful
requested by Anne Barnes

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

Con Alma

D. Gillespie

Sheila Shea, voice; Joe Ford, piano

Scripture

Romans 12:1-8

Sermon

Changed from the Inside Out

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Silence is kept

*Hymn

Change My Heart, O God

insert

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 Let it Be Lennon/McCartney
Sheila Shea, voice; Joe Ford, piano

*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

**Lord, we can't do everything. We can't feed the
entire world's hungry. We can't clothe all the
naked. We can't teach all the illiterate. We can't
help all who are displaced. However, we can do
something, and that's why we give. Bless this
offering, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn#342 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore
(vs. 1 & 2)
requested by Kathy Alvord & Barb Wright

*Benediction His Eye is on the Sparrow Gabriel
Sheila Shea, voice; Joe Ford, piano

*Chimes

*Postlude

Con Alma
Lyrics by Judy Rafat

With my soul
I greet every dawning day
With faith and hope
That we will survive I pray

So all we need
Is trust in the great I am
Then search our hearts
For love of our fellow man

We have only just so long
To solve our problems, right the wrongs
That we do... do to ourselves

So love each other
Love every given day
With soul I know
That we will survive I pray

We have only just so long
To solve our problems, right the wrongs
That we do... do to ourselves

NOTES AND NOTICES

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

◇ **Rally Weekend:**

All Church Picnic

Saturday, September 9 from 3 – 7 pm

Little York Park, Pavilion #3

Here is a chance to gather the entire Church family for an afternoon picnic:

- Get to know old and new church members better.
- Join in intergenerational relay games.
- Paint a stone with an inviting message from HCC. Your stone will be hidden somewhere in Homer for someone else to discover.
- Most food provided by CEM. Bring a dessert to share if you wish.
- Bring a lawn chair.
- Sing an old song... or a new one.
- Thank God for Homer Congregational Church.
- Come when you can. Leave when you must.

Rally Sunday

Sunday, Sept. 10 from 9:30 – 11:30

- 9:30 am – EVERYONE will gather in the Russell Fellowship Room for the opening of Sunday School. (Parents will complete Sunday School and Nursery Care registration forms)
- 10:30 am – Rally day Worship with Blessing of the Backpacks.

◇ **While Pastor Vicki is on vacation,** Rev. Gary Smith will cover. Gary's contact is 607-423-6456. You may also call Bill Masterson at 607-745-8933 or Jim McKenna at 607-345-9863.

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

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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.