

**The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**
September 3, 2017 13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship



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

Worship Service
Participants

Worship Leader
Joanne Cincotta

Ushers & Greeters
Clay Benedict, Becky Jones,
Dora Jones, Brianna Darling

Nursery
Terry Pedersen

Flowers

Fellowship
The Edlunds, Betty MacNeil

Attendance
August 27: 56

Our giving 8/27/17:

Operations - \$1,069.50
Missions - \$266.00

Life in the Parish
Week of September 3

Sunday – September 3
9:30 am – Worship

Monday – September 4
Labor Day – office closed
7:30 pm – Al-Anon

Tuesday – September 5
Pastor Vicki Back in Office
2:00 – Bridge Group
7:00 pm – Homer Brass

Wednesday – September 6
7 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday – September 7
11:30 am – Bible Study Group

Friday – September 8
Office Closed

Saturday – September 9
3:00 pm – All Church Picnic!
Little York Park, Pavilion #3

Sunday – September 10
Rally Day!

9:30 am – Sunday School
Opening for *All Ages*

10:30 am – Worship
Back to Our Regular
Worship Time!
Blessing of the Backpacks

Service of Worship
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2017 9:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, "Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?" Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. ...As we let our own light shine, we subconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

*~ Marianne Williamson: A Return to Love
those who are able, please stand.

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude
Chimes

Call to Worship

One: We worship today in the presence of the God
beyond knowing;

All: Yet whom we know.

One: We worship God who is beyond
understanding;

All: Yet who understands us.

One: We worship God whose thoughts are not
our thoughts;

All: Whose ways are not our ways;

One: In the presence of the Unknowing and the
Knowing, the Incomprehensible and the
Comprehending,

**All: We worship with heart, soul, mind and
strength.**

*Hymn #3 The Sun Is on the Sea and Shore

Centering Prayer

As we gather in this sacred space, O God, we turn to you. Awaken us to hear your call for our lives. Help us listen with our hearts as well as our minds, and instill in us a desire to follow you with determination and purpose, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Holy God, we confess that our love for you and for others has not always been genuine. We have not held fast to what is good, and we have lagged in affection for our brothers and sisters. We have not been patient in suffering and we do not pray as we should. We have repaid evil for evil and have failed to live peaceably with all. Forgive us our sin, free us from fear and the power of evil, and help us trust in your everlasting goodness; through Jesus Christ.

(Time for Silent Confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Jesus said to the one who had sinned much,
“Your sins are forgiven.”

The cross of Christ stands as the sign that the love of God lives in us through God’s grace.

In the power of Christ’s Spirit, I say to you, your sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn# 431

Go, My Children, with My Blessing
(vs. 1 & 3)

*Benediction

*Chimes

*Postlude

NOTES AND NOTICES

THIS WEEK...

Thank you to Barbara Wright for preaching and leading worship today.

COMING UP...

Sun., Sept. 17
(after worship)

Mission Lunch

Please join us for a Mission Lunch on Sunday, September 17th after worship. Soup and bread will be available and our Stephen Ministry team will provide an informative and entertaining program with: role playing, audience participation, and so much more!

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 from are infant 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...

Rev. Vicki Burtson, Pastor

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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.