

**The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**
October 1, 2017 17th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Worship



**World
Communion
Sunday**

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

Worship Service
Participants

Worship Leader

Darci Gumaer/Tracy Bertram

Trustee Verifier

Eugene Wright

Ushers & Greeters

Gail Van Patten, Janice Bacon,
Terry Pedersen,
Jenelle Pedersen

Nursery

Cindy Stout

Fellowship

Sue Urban

Attendance

September 24: 64

Our giving on 9/24/17:

Operations - \$1,559.50

Missions - \$295.00

Life in the Parish
Week of September 24

Sunday – October 1

9:30 am – Sunday School

9:30 am – Book Discussion

Begins

10:30 am – Worship

Neighbors in Need Offering

After worship – Stewardship

Committee (after worship)

After worship – Outreach

Committee

2:00 pm – Brewster House

4:00 – Bible Study

Monday – October 2

7:30 pm – Al-Anon

Tuesday – October 3

2:00 – Bridge Group

7:00 pm – Homer Brass

Wednesday – October 4

6:00 pm – Worship & Music

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm – Z Club

Thursday – October 5

11:00 am – Bible Study

Friday – October 6

Office Closed

Friday – October 6

9:30 am – Stephen Ministry

Sunday – October 8

9:30 am – Sunday School

9:30 am – Book Discussion

10:30 am – Worship

4:00 – Bible Study

Service of Worship
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 2017 10:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

God's love is too great to be confined to any one side of a conflict or any one religion.

~ Bishop Desmond Tutu

**those who are able, please stand.*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude
Chimes

Prelude on "Now"

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Call to Worship

One: Welcome everyone!

Many: We have come at God's invitation.

One: Rest assured, there is a place for you at the table.

Many: God's grace is for me. God's grace is for you.

One: God's grace is offered for the people of Homer and the people of Puerto Rico.

Many: God's grace is offered for the people of North Korea and the people of Syria.

One: Today we remember that God's table has many, many seats.

*Hymn #687

In Christ There is No East or West
(v. 1 & 4)

Call to Honesty in Prayer

We could do what God hopes, but we get so distracted, we don't. We continue to fill ourselves with temptation's empty calories, and wonder why we are

still hungry. We put ourselves first, and so never notice those behind us who struggle in life. Together, let us seek God's sheer mercy and grace.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness:

Forgive us, mercy of our lives. May we complete your love by caring deeply for those who make life so difficult for us. May we complete your hope, by reaching out to those in need. May we complete your grace, by emptying ourselves for all around us, just as Jesus the Christ did for us.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

One: Plant this good news deep in your thoughts:

God loves you; God forgives you;
God strengthens you for service.

**Many: May God's compassion make us more passionate to serve;
may God's forgiveness make us more merciful;
may God's love make us more loving to everyone. Amen.**

I Choose You!

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW
Children's Moment Peace, Salaam, Shalom

Anthem

Scripture Philippians 2:1-13

Sermon A Table with 7,530,103,737 Seats

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Silence is kept

*Hymn#687

In Christ There is No East or West
(v. 2 & 3)

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

Song of Peace

Langlais

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, in three, whom we adore.**

*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.

Liturgy of Communion

Closing Prayer #682

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

Hymn

Peace, Salaam, Shalom

*Benediction

*Chimes

*Postlude

Poco Vivace

Schroeder

NOTES AND NOTICES

THIS WEEK...

Today

(during worship)

Neighbors in Need

On this World Communion Sunday, there will be a special offering for Neighbors in Need, a special UCC mission that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. For more information, please visit <http://ucc.org/nin>.

Today

4 pm

Bible Study

Our Sunday bible study with Pastor Vicki will have its first meeting today at 4 pm. Please bring your Bible!

COMING UP...

Sun. Oct. 14

time TBD

Youth... Bonfire! Save the Date!



Sun. Oct. 22

1:00 pm

Crop Walk

Join fellow Homer Congregational Church members as we raise money while we walk to provide food for the hungry both locally and globally. The funds raised by the walk are divided with 25% staying right here in Cortland County; the remaining 75% are sent to help in sustainable food efforts around the world. The CROP Walk will take place on October 22,

with registration at 1pm and the walk at 1:30 pm. Walkers will meet at Grace and Holy Spirit Church, 13 Court St. in Cortland. Walk, sponsor a walker or donate to the church team! We have an online team page, which makes all of this very easy: <http://bit.ly/hcc-cropwalk2017> Paper registration forms and donation envelopes are available today. For more information, please contact Jeanine Rose.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

October newsletters are available in the Russell Fellowship Room. If you've requested a printed newsletter, please help keep postage costs down by picking yours up today.

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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Joseph Ford, Director of Music

Bev Berry, Financial Secretary

Andrea Herzog, Treasurer

James Shultes, Organist

Jan Jeffers, Chapel Bells

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Sheila Shea, Office Administrator

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Our office is open Monday – Thursday from 9 am – noon

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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.