

**The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
September 17, 2017 15th Sunday after Pentecost**

10:30 am Worship

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BLESS
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PSALM 103

Worship Service
Participants

Worship Leader
Joanne Cincotta

Ushers & Greeters
Rachel Rood & Stanley Nilsson,
Bonnie Smith & Elijah Smith

Nursery
Sherri Masterson

Fellowship
Barbara & Peter Wright

Attendance
September 10: 62

Our giving 9/10/17:

Operations - \$1,305.50
Missions - \$154.00

Life in the Parish
Week of September 17

Sunday – September 17
9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship
12:00 pm – Mission Lunch
(after worship)

Monday – September 18
6:30 pm – Church Council
7:30 pm – Al-Anon

Tuesday – September 19
1:30 – Mahjong Players
2:00 – Bridge Group
6:30 pm - Trustees
7:00 pm – Homer Brass

Wednesday – September 20
Newsletter Deadline
7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday – September 21
11:30 am – Bible Study Group
4:30 pm – Endowment
Committee

Friday – September 22
Office Closed

Saturday – September 23
8:00 am – HUMC Blood Drive

Sunday – September 24
9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship

Service of Worship
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2017 10:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

What's the difference between you and God?
God never thinks he's you.

~Anne Lamott
Help, Thanks, Wow: Three Essential Prayers

**those who are able, please stand.*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Intrada on "Lancashire Hildebrand
Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Good morning! God is good...

Many: ..all the time!

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Many: ...God is good!

One: When we grasp the love of God, all we can do is
sing! So let us join the whole creation as we sing
hymn #21 "Let the Whole Creation Cry".

*Hymn #21 Let the Whole Creation Cry

Opening Prayer

**In the quiet of these moments, Holy One, we
turn to you. In honesty we recognize that, daily,
we live in the best ways possible. We try to be
kind, but there are people who just drive us
nuts. We try to be hopeful, yet there are storms
in nature and storms in our politics. We try to
mirror your love, however, sometimes we fall
short. An ancient writer reminded us that you**

are like a parent. You may not always like our behavior, but we are assured that your love is endless. And so, with sincerity, we thank you, God of Grace. You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Whew! Amen.

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW
Children's Moment

Psalter #752 Psalm 130
women begin; men read bold print

Anthem

Scripture Psalm 103:1-13

Sermon Sheer Mercy and Grace

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Silence is kept

*Hymn Bless the Lord My Soul insert

Sharing our Joy

Sharing our Burdens

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

Aria

Manz

*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.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn#86 Great Is Thy Faithfulness (v. 2)

*Benediction

*Chimes

*Postlude

Fugue on "Lancashire"

Hildebrandt

NOTES AND NOTICES

THIS WEEK...

Today

(after worship)

Mission Lunch

Please join us for a Mission Lunch today 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!

Sat., Sept. 23

8 am – 1 pm

Blood Drive

The Homer Community First United Methodist Church will hold a blood drive on Saturday, beginning at 8 am, at 16 Cayuga St. For appointments, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org. Appointments are advised, but not required.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

◇ Sunday Morning Book Group

There is a new Sunday Morning Book Group forming, led by the Rev. Barbara Wright. You are invited to join a conversation based on Lamott's, "Help, Thanks, Wow" during the Sunday School hour beginning October 1. It will take three or four weeks to examine the wit and wisdom in this little book and, hopefully, to deepen our own prayer lives as a result. If interested, please use the sign-up sheet in the Russell Fellowship Room. Books are \$10, with scholarships available.

◇ **Let's Ring Our Bells**

Bell Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, October 1st at 5:00 p.m. in the Bell Room. Everyone interested is encouraged to join. A multi-aged group would be great fun. Please see Jan Jeffers if you have questions or might be interested.

◇ **HCC *Be the Church* T-Shirts**

Did you miss out on ordering a church t-shirt the first time around? We are putting in another order! There is a sign-up sheet in the Russell Fellowship Room and the order will be placed in October. Youth and adult sizes are available. FREE!

◇ **Confirmation Class**

There will be a confirmation class for those in grades 9 and up. You will receive a letter with organizing details soon. The schedule will be planned collaboratively with an eye toward a *Celebration of Confirmation* on Sunday, May 20—Pentecost Sunday.

◇ **HUMC Food Pantry** is in need of the foods on the list below. Bins for donation can be found in the Russell Fellowship Room:

pudding

Manwich

chunky soups

chicken noodle soup

cream of mushroom

soup

spaghetti

spaghetti sauce

rice sides

green beans

corn

peas

carrots

peanut butter

jelly

kidney beans

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

web site: homercc.com

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.