

**The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**
October 22, 2017 20th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Worship



Joshua & the Battle of Jericho

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

Worship Service
Participants

Worship Leader

Tracy Bertram

Trustee Verifier

Eugene Wright

Ushers & Greeters

Carol Costell Corbin,
Dale Halstead

Nursery

Anne Wingard

Flowers

Sylvia Hammond,
Dale Halstead

Fellowship

Ingrid Fox, Tracy Bertram

Attendance

October 15: 79

Life in the Parish
Week of October 22

Sunday – October 22

10:30 am – Worship

12:00 pm – Lunch for

Crop Walkers

1:30 – Crop Walk

(1 pm registration at

Grace & Holy Spirit, Cortland)

4:00 pm – Disciple Bible Study

5:00 pm – Bell Choir

Monday – October 23

9 am – CAM Boundary

Awareness Training

7:30 pm – Al-Anon

Tuesday – October 24

1:30 pm – Mahjong Players

2:00 – Bridge Group

7:00 pm – Homer Brass

Wednesday – October 25

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday – October 26

11:30 – Bible Study

1:00 pm – Disciple Bible Study

4:30 pm Endowment

Committee

Friday – October 27

Office Closed

Sunday – October 29

9:30 am – Sunday School

9:30 am – TED Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

4:00 pm – Disciple Bible Study

5:00 pm – Bell Choir

Service of Worship
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 2017 10:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

CROP Walk
ending hunger one step at a time

**those who are able, please stand.*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude A Mighty Fortress Buxtehude
Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Good morning! Once upon a time (as the story is told), Joshua saw a person with sword drawn, standing in front of him.

Many: Joshua asked, “Are you on our side or that of our enemies?”

One: The answer came. “Neither! I am the commander of God’s host.”

Many: Joshua asked, “What is my master saying to this servant?”

One: He told Joshua to remove his shoes because he was standing on holy ground.

*Hymn #112 Holy Ground

Prayer #468 Prayer of St Francis

I Choose You!

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

Hebrew Scripture Joshua 6:15-20a

Anthem Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho

Sermon Some Things I Know for Sure

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Silence is kept

*Hymn #485 Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race
(vs. 1-3)

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 A Mighty Fortress Hanff

*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.

Blessing of our CROP Walkers

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn Step Up – Step Out for CROP Walk
sung to the tune of "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (#613)

Step up, step out for CROP Walk,
God bless you as you go
God keep you all in safety
and guide the walk you know!
Be mindful of each other;
and people whom you meet;
Walk forth with praise and purpose
till justice is complete!

*Benediction

*Chimes

*Postlude

Little Prelude and Fugue

Bach

NOTES AND NOTICES

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CROP Walkers

If you are walking in the CROP Walk today, CEM has food for you! We'll eat at noon and head over to Grace & Holy Spirit by 1 PM so we can register before the walk begins at 1:30. We are very proud of each of you. Please be sure to wear your HCC t-shirts. Thank you for walking!

HFUMC Food Pantry Needs

The Homer First United Methodist Food Pantry is in need of goods for their Thanksgiving boxes for Nov. 14. They are currently in need of the following items, with a special Thanksgiving need marked by * below:

gift cards	*stuffing	jello
fresh potatoes	*chicken broth	mac & cheese
squash	*fruit cocktail	bread
*canned corn	baked beans	margarine
*can green beans	crm of mushroom	cheese
apples	*evaporated milk	canned tuna
*cranberries	*pumpkin pie fill.	

THIS WEEK...

Today

4:00 pm

Disciple Bible Study

Disciple Bible Study begins studying Genesis. There is still time to participate. Just let Pastor Vicki know and then come today at 4.

Today

Crop Walk

It's not too late to join or donate! Walk, sponsor a walker or donate to the Homer Congregational team. Lunch for walkers is here at HCC at noon and registration at Grace and Holy Spirit in Cortland is at 1 pm. There is an online team page, which makes all of this very easy: <http://bit.ly/hcc-cropwalk2017>

For more information, please see Jeanine Rose.

COMING UP...

Sun. Oct. 29

10:30 am

Fifth Sunday

Preble Congregational will join us for our 5th Sunday worship. The service will include jazz music, with contributions from Steve Wilson, Sheila Shea, and Joe Ford. Pastor Vicki and Pastor Becky are going to preach – together!

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

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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.