

**The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**

April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. Worship



Easter continues

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

Homer Congregational United Church of Christ

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Serving us in ministry today:

Tracy Bertram ~ Deacon of the Month

Dorothy & Bill Hopkins ~ greeters

Cindy Stout ~ Nursery

Doris & Pete Hoffmann ~ Coffee Hour

Jan Bertram & Terre Dennis ~ Flowers

Today:

11:30 Spud Fest

Noon Outreach Committee

1:00 Confirmation Class

4:00 Disciple Bible Study

7:00 Hand Bells – all are welcome!

Attendance April 15: 79

Service of Worship
4th Sunday of Easter

For Quiet Meditation

WE GATHER

**those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Easter continues! Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: On this Earth Day, we gather for something a little bit different.

Many: We gather to worship God.

One: We gather to worship God in word and in deed.

Many: Today, our faith takes action.

*Hymn

Prayer of Presence

Amen.

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

Children's Moment

Anthem

Scripture

Sermon

OUR RESPONSE

Silence is kept

*Hymn

Prayers of the People

Our Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

Offering

An Invitation to Give

Offertory

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Amen.

BLESSING

Announcements

*Hymn

Shalom to You Now

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*Benediction

*Postlude

Sons and Daughters of the King

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Calendar for this Week:

Tues. at 10:00 UCC Clergy Book Club
2:00 Bridge Group

Wed. at 5:30 Community Meal sponsored by
Outreach
6:00 Pastoral Relations Committee
7:00 Choir
7:30 Men's Choir Rehearsal

Friday 5:30 Just for Fun!
Bob's BBQ opens today! Get your
own BBQ & come to the church for
an indoor picnic. After we eat, let's
play some board games.

Next Week:

Sunday, April 29 Peter Wright, guest preacher
Vicki & Gary need to attend the
Susquehanna Association meeting.
Peter Wright will lead worship.
Thank you, Peter!

Monday, April 30 **Church Council meeting at 6:30.**

COMING UP:

We will celebrate the sacrament of baptism in the near future (date to be determined). If you are interested, please see Pastor Vicki.

Do you know of a young person in our congregation that will be graduating this year? If so, please contact Anne Wingard in the church office so we can be certain to honor them on Dads and Grads Sunday.

Reaching Out:

We are collecting diapers for CAPCO to distribute to their mothers during their Baby Shower in May. Diapers may be left in the Pack n Play located in the Russell Fellowship Room. How many times can we fill it?

Small Group Opportunities:

SOFTBALL – do you play? We have a team, and we need players! It is mixed gender and open to many ages. Check with Head Coach Darci Gumaer or Pastor Vicki if you are interested.

HANDBELLS – even if you don't play...Jan Jeffers will teach you! Rehearsals are Sunday evening at 7. Seriously, Jan will teach you to play. Don't be shy!

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.

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Bev Berry, Financial Secretary

Jan Jeffers, Chapel Bells

Andrea Herzog, Treasurer

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

web site: homercc.com

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.