

# The Homer Congregational Church United Church of Christ

August 19, 2018

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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**9:30 a.m. Worship**



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

**Homer Congregational United Church of Christ**

Sunday, August 19, 2018

Serving us in ministry today:

Bill Masterson ~ Deacon of the Month

Paula & Gary Harrington, Terry & Russ Pedersen ~  
Usher/ Greeters

Jenelle Pedersen ~ Nursery

Carol Costell-Corbin ~ Coffee Hour

**\*\* THIS SATURDAY! \*\***

**Back to School P.R.E.P. Event**

August 25th on our Green from 1-3 pm.

This Saturday, families from our community will receive what you have been donating:

sneakers

socks

underwear

2-in-1 shampoo

soap

tooth brushes

tooth paste

In addition, they will receive information about the resources available from our community – our Library, CAPCO, and other support organizations.

Families in our community  
will feel a bit of God's care and hope  
because of your generosity.

*Thank you!*

*Attendance July 29: 50*

# Service of Worship

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## For Quiet Meditation

I need to develop some patience – immediately.

~ *Demetri Martin*

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### **WE GATHER**

*\*those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude                      Voluntary in C Major                      Heron  
Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Welcome friends! Without love, we are just like clanging cymbals.

**Many: All we need is love!**

One: We can speak like prophets, but we still need love.

**Many: All we need is love!**

One: We can preach and pray and thank God every day, but we still need to love.

**Many: All we need is love!**

One: And so we have faith, hope and love.

**Many: But the greatest of these is love.**

\*Hymn                      In the Garden (vs. 1 & 2)                      #227  
*requested by Jan Jeffers*

Invocation

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the**



\*Prayer of Dedication

**Good and gracious God, you have taught us that anything we do without love is worth nothing. We bring this offering today – a love offering for your children around the planet. With grateful hearts we pray. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Announcements

Hymn            Go, My Children, with My Blessing            #431  
*requested by Dora Jones*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude                            Bell Symphony                            Purcell

*Congratulations and Blessings to  
Alyse and Kory Nauseef.  
Their wedding was here, last evening.*

THIS WEEK:

Wed., August 22      Youth Group Bon Fire at the Smiths  
*Watch for an email for details*

Sat. August 25      PREP

**ALL CHURCH PICNIC**

Saturday, September 8 from 3 – 7 at Durkee Park

**Sign-up sheets** are now available for this fall. If you are interested (no commitment yet...just interest), please leave your name and email address. Indicate your interest in:

Disciple I – 12 weeks Old Testament; 12 on New  
Disciple II – studying Genesis/Exodus & Luke/Acts  
*What The Mystics Know* with Pastor Gary

The new schedule for our **Nursery** is on the Resource Table. Take a look, and then help us by marking any conflicts, so it can be updated throughout the month. The new schedule begins on September 2.

## **Global Mission & Ministry**

The Deacons have formed a team that has begun meeting to discuss and re-imagine ways that we can best support missions through the gifts provided by the *Dorothy Jane Andrews Fund*. We are considering various mission opportunities that will

- help us to involve our youth,
- provide support for a self-sustaining projects in our country or abroad, and/or
- offer food and disaster relief to those in crisis.

We are interested in mission work that allows us to have direct connections and personal interactions with others, and that may offer the possibility of a long term mission effort. We recognize that in serving others, not only do we live out the call to love our neighbors but that in doing so, our own faith and spiritual development is enhanced. Please let us know if you have a mission project that you feel would be a good opportunity for our church and a creative, honorable way to contribute to Dorothy Jane Andrews' vision for mission. If you have an idea to offer, you can contact:

Peter Wright ~ [pew2@cornell.edu](mailto:pew2@cornell.edu) or

Bonnie Smith ~ [bsmith1968@icloud.com](mailto:bsmith1968@icloud.com)

## **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.

We believe children of all ages have a place here. After the Children's Time, small children may head to our nursery, where we provide trained caregivers. One of our greeters can bring you a children's bulletin and a "busy bag" for the older siblings.

### **Ministry Team with contacts:**

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Bev Berry, Financial Secretary	Jan Jeffers, Chapel Bells	
Andrea Herzog, Treasurer	Gary Harrington, Sexton	

Our office is open Monday – Thursday from 9 am – noon  
web site: [homercc.com](http://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.