

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

**October 7, 2018**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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**10:30 a.m. Worship**



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

# Service of Worship

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## For Quiet Meditation

“What is the quality of life on this planet? It is nothing more than the sum total of our daily interactions. Each kindness enhances the quality of life. Each cruelty diminished it.”

— *Made for Goodness* by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu

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### **WE GATHER**

*\*those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude                      They'll Know We Are Christians                      Held  
Chimes

Call to Worship

One:     Around the world people gather to break bread.

**Many:   We gather with them in heart and mind.**

One:     Around the world the broken body is made whole.

**Many:   As part of that body we join in its unity.**

One:     Around the world the Banquet of God makes us one.

**Many:   We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly  
to be fed. Let us worship together, let us  
share God's bounty.**

\*Hymn

Gather Us In

#284

Prayer

**Holy God, we thank you for the ways in which we  
know and understand you. We thank you for the  
metaphors that have opened our eyes to more of who**

**you are. We thank you for the language that has brought your transcendent, timeless, mystery within our grasp. We are hungry for more. We ask you to reveal more of yourself to us. Take us beyond the confines of familiar habits. Free us from everything that restricts our understanding of you so that we can love you whole heartedly, and reflect your Love to the world. Amen.**

## **GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW**

**Children's Moment**

*If you are visiting, we welcome parents to come forward with your children & stay with them so that they can participate comfortably.*

**Our Story of Communion & Connection**

*(based on Genesis 2:18-23)*

**Sermon**

**Becoming One**

## **OUR RESPONSE**

*Silence is kept*

**Anthem**

**Prayer of St. Francis**

**Offering**

**An Invitation to Give**

**Offertory**

**Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether**

**Callahan**

\*Doxology      hymn tune: *O Waly, Waly*

**Praise God who hears our heart-felt songs,  
Praise Christ when grace wins over wrong.  
Praise Spirit's fire that makes us wise,  
To God-in-Three our thanks arise.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**God of all creation, breathe your life-giving breath upon  
these gifts that they might be a blessing to all flesh.  
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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

\*Hymn      I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table      #424

Liturgy of Communion

*To receive Communion, we invite you to come forward to the table  
and share in the bread and the cup. Take one or more pieces of bread  
from God's abundant table, then move to the cup where you can dip  
the bread into the cup of salvation.*

## **BLESSING**

Announcements

\*Hymn      God Dismiss Us with Your Blessing      #439

Benediction

Postlude

Jubilate

Young

Serving us in ministry today:

Doris Hoffman ~ Deacon of the Day  
Jim & Kathy McKenna,  
Carl & Connie Applegate ~ Usher/ Greeters  
Jan Bertram ~ Nursery  
Carol Agate ~ Coffee Hour

The flowers are given today by Dora Jones  
*in honor of her family.*

*Attendance September 30: 95*

THIS WEEK:

The Burtsons are on vacation Oct. 1-10, 15 & 16. Pastor Gary is available in case of any emergencies.

Mon., Oct. 8 Columbus Day observed – Office Closed

Tues., Oct. 9 Senior Fellowship viewing of  
*Stand by Me*

Wednesday 5:30 *What Mystics Know* – 3 Lil' Birds

## COMING UP:

Are you interested in becoming a member of Homer Congregational UCC? We will be receiving **new members** on Sunday, October 21. Please let Pastor Vicki know if you are interested in joining our church family.



Are you interested in making some fine music during Advent and Christmas seasons? This Wednesday, October 10, we will have a cantata listening party at

7:30 p.m. All are welcome to come enjoy some refreshments and listen to the music we'll be singing for our Advent cantata on December 16 and also for the Christmas Eve service. Starting on October 17, we will be practicing music for the cantata beginning at 7:30 each Wednesday. If you are interested in joining the choir for the Advent season, please join us this Wednesday, October 10, in the Russell Fellowship Room. This is a great opportunity to be part of the choir for some of our best music of the year.

**SAVE THE DATE:**



Saturday, November 3 for  
something old/something new...  
**Harvest Festival & Roast Pork  
Dinner!**

**Hearing Aids Available**

If you are having trouble hearing Sunday services hearing aids are available and can be assigned to you for your personal use. Due to hearing aid maintenance and keeping them sanitary please use only hearing aids assigned to you. Contact Russ Pedersen if you would like a hearing aid assigned to you or if you have any questions.

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

Peanut butter, jelly, cereal, diced tomatoes, mac and cheese, pasta sides, rice sides, canned fruit, kidney beans, baked beans, chicken noodle soup, canned meats and snacks for kids.

## **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.