

# The Homer Congregational Church United Church of Christ

February 17, 2019

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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10:30 a.m. Worship



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

# *Homer Congregational United Church of Christ*

## Serving us in ministry today:

Evan Faulkenbury ~ Deacon of the Month

Joanne Cincotta and Jenelle Pedersen  
Bev Berry & Anne Wingard ~ ushers/greeters

Sue Benedict ~ nursery

The flowers today are given in celebration of  
Christine Watkins's birthday  
by Andrew & Bonnie Haaland

## TODAY

Noon    Mission Lunch: **NY Help Honduras**  
Stick around for soup, breads and a special  
presentation sponsored by our Global Connectors  
Team. Folks for the New York Conference of the  
United Church are here to share information about  
the ongoing work in Honduras.

*Attendance February 10: 82*

# Service of Worship

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## For Quiet Meditation

Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today.

~ Thich Nhat Hanh,  
*Peace Is Every Step: The Path of Mindfulness in Everyday Life*

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### **WE GATHER**

*\*those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude

Chimes

*following the prelude, we allow some silence*

Call to Worship

One: Welcome friends! There is good news today.

**All: Jesus promises us wholehearted living.**

One: If you are tired or feeling stress or deeply sad, there is good news today.

**All: Jesus promises us wholehearted living.**

One: If you are feeling blessed, but waiting for the other shoe to drop, there is good news today.

**All: Jesus promises us wholehearted living.**

One: If you feel overwhelmed and unworthy, there is good news today.

**All: Jesus promises us wholehearted living.**

\*Hymn    Open My Eyes, That I May See (vs. 1 & 2) #586

Invocation

**Bend your ear this way, Holy One. Hear us as we sing.  
Listen as we pray. Inspire the ones who lead.  
Transform our lives, for we await your Presence.  
Amen.**

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

Children's Moment

Anthem

Blest Are They

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you. Holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

Scripture

Luke 6:17-26

Jack Bertram

Sermon

Ah-HA!

## **OUR RESPONSE**

*Silence is kept*

\*Hymn

We Shall Overcome

#630

**We shall overcome...**

**The Lord will see us through...**

**We are not afraid (today)...**

Moment for Mission

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debt/debtors)

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory

\*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**We pray, Holy One, that you will awaken us to hear the cries of the poor, the homeless, the broken-hearted. Use these resources to clothe the naked and feed the hungry. Mold us, O God, and open our hearts and minds to be willing vessels of your spirit. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Announcements

\*Hymn      Open My Eyes, That I May See (vs. 3)      #586

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

### **THIS WEEK:**

Monday      President's Day – our Office will be closed  
No Disciple Bible Study today

Tuesday

5:00      Centering Prayer in the Upper Room  
6:30      Deacons & Trustees Meetings

**COMING UP:**

Sunday, Feb. 24

9:30 Children's & Adult Faith Formation  
Brené Brown's book:  
*The Gifts of Imperfection*

10:30 Worship

Noon Outreach Team meets

4:00 Prayer Service in Binghamton

**Building Unity: A Service of Prayer to End Racism**

Location: First Congregational UCC in Binghamton.

Coordinated by Rev. Gary Smith & M.I.C.A.H.

(Moving in Congregations Acting in Hope)

Preaching: Dr. Aloja Airewele

Special Music:

The Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers

The Fairview United Methodist Church Bell Choir

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

Tuesday, March 5 at 5:30

### **Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Spud Fest**

Sometimes called “Fat Tuesday”, this day-before-Ash-Wednesday is a day of celebration. As we gather, supper will be a baked potato bar, salad and beverages. Bring the kids and the grandparents and the neighbors as we play some games, get Mardi Gras beads and prepare for the season of Lent.

Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

Together with Jesus, we begin our journey through Lent. During the service, we will consider the ways that we can delve deeper into our spiritual lives. You will have the chance to offer God your hopes for transformation. Last year’s palms become this year’s ashes.

### **+ Communion at the Manse +**

Join Pastor Vicki & Belinda every **Wednesday morning at 7 a.m.** for early communion. There will be light breakfast followed by a liturgy for communion. We begin on **March 13** at 7 a.m. Each Wednesday, we will finish by 7:30 giving you plenty of time to get to work. While many people give things up, this Lent you are invited to **ADD** communion.

## **Welcome friends!**

If you have any questions before the service, please see one of the greeters. After the service, join us for refreshments in the room behind the sanctuary that we call the Russell Fellowship Room.

We celebrate children of all ages. After the Children's Time, pre-school children may head to our nursery, where we provide trained caregivers. A "busy bag" is available for the older siblings.

Individual listening headsets are available to provide hearing assistance to anyone in need. Ask our greeters for help.

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

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