

The Homer Congregational Church United Church of Christ

May 26, 2019

6th Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. Worship

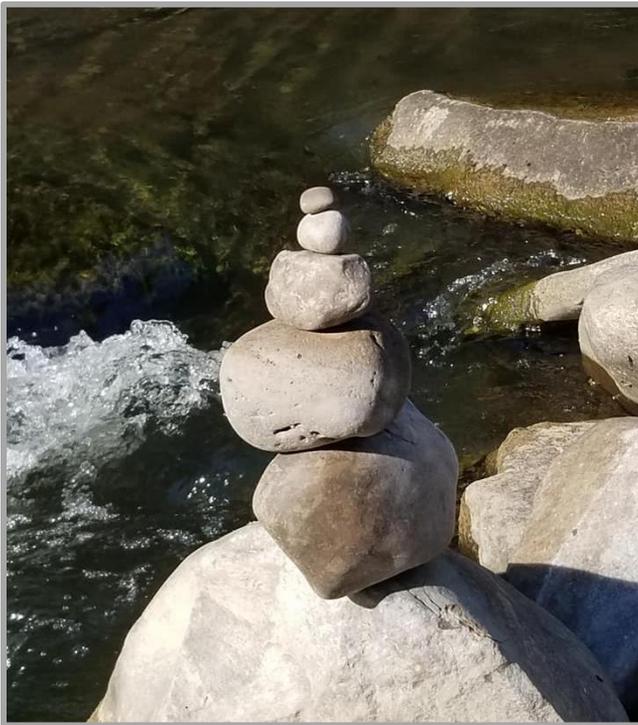


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*Gathered on the Green in 1801 -
Still being Transformed while Doing God's Mission*

Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Serving us in ministry today:

Lori Schmidt ~ Deacon of the Month

Bonnie & Elijah Smith,
Nancy Stockholm, Cindy Stout ~ ushers/greeters

Tracy and Mark Bertram ~ nursery

Pat Buchholz ~ coffee hour

The flowers are given by Anne Wingard
in loving memory of her mother,
Marjorie Frasier's birthday

TODAY

Noon Outreach Team meets

Attendance May 19: 88

Service of Worship

For Quiet Meditation

Bask for a moment in God's pleasure;
in the confidence that God loves you
and wants to use you for good.
And then turn and bless those around you
with that same gift, saying simply...
"the peace of Christ be with you."

~ David Lose

WE GATHER

**those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude
Chimes

Pastorale

Rowley

Call to Worship

One: God spoke through ancient storytellers, whose stories were finally committed to paper.

Many: And God is still speaking.

One: God spoke through Jesus, who himself told stories to those who would listen. Jesus lived God's message of love and grace.

Many: And God is still speaking.

One: Many of us believe that God's love and grace are revealed through the ministry of this church and through our everyday actions.

Many: Even today, God is still speaking.

*Hymn

Just a Closer Walk

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Centering Prayer

Spirit of the gentle breeze, breathe on me now; still my churning heart and troubled mind. Curl my hair softly with your finger until, calmed, I am able to recognize your undying love once more. Amen.

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

Children's Time

Anthem

Scripture John 14:22-29

Sermon Not as the World Gives

OUR RESPONSE

Silence is kept

Hymn You Are Mine David Haas

**I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
Be still and know I am here.**

**I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,
Come and rest in me.**

Chorus:

**Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.**

Peace is Shared

Preparing to Pray

Right here, right now. Right where I am, I pray.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Pavanne

Elmore

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

God of our blessings,

we do not only offer our gifts to you,

but our community to all who are lonely,

our hearts to all who are grieving,

our hope to all who have lost their way,

our lives to all who are tossed aside

by the world. Amen.

BLESSING

Announcements

*Hymn

You Are Mine

I am the Word that leads all to freedom,

I am the peace the world cannot give.

I will call your name, embracing all your pain,

Stand up, now walk, and live!

**Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.**

*Benediction

*Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Johnson



This week:

Monday Office Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday

5:00 Centering Prayer

Wednesday

5:00 Mystics Group at 3 Lil Birds **NOTE NEW TIME**

7:00 Choir

7:30 Women's Choir ~ Joe Ford will conduct a special choir for women who will sing on the day we celebrate Dads & Grads. All are welcome!

Saturday

4 – 11 Join in *Relay for Life* on our green!

Our church has a team that includes youth.

Pastor Vicki will lead the opening prayer.

Our children will sing at 5:00.

Joe Ford will provide some entertainment.

Some of us will join in the Survivors' Lap.

Luminaries are on sale.

See Anne Wingard for more information.

Coming up:

Sunday, June 9 Faith Formation Sunday!

Join us for a celebration of growing in faith. We have been asking "Who Is God Calling You to Be?" Hear some answers from children, youth and adults. Help us thank the people who have led us. Plan to stick around for our all-church picnic. Our Faith Formation Team will provide hot dogs, salads, and drinks. We hope the whole church will join us!

Welcome friends!

We are so glad you have joined us today. Our Greeters will be glad to answer any questions. Join us later for coffee and nibbles in the room behind the sanctuary. We look forward to chatting with you.

Your kids are welcome, too. After the Children's Time, youngsters grade 2 and below 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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