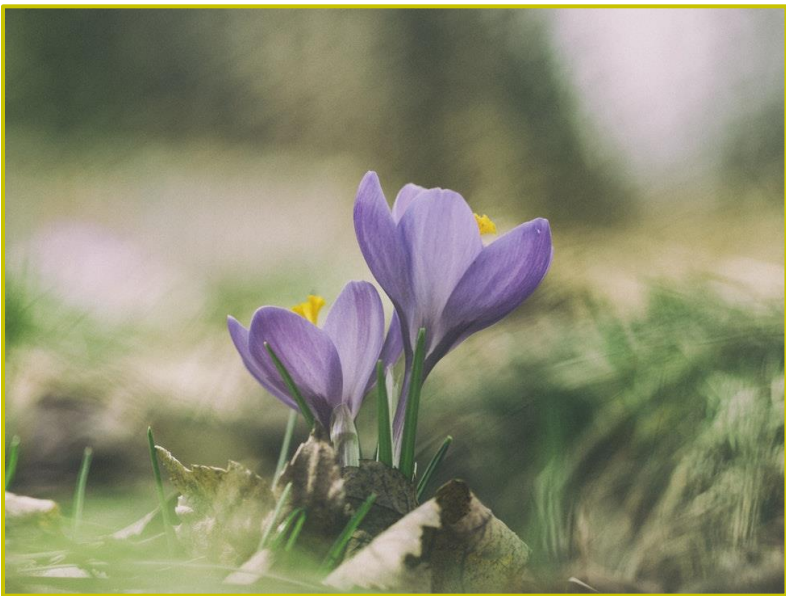


**The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**

May 5, 2019

3rd Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. Worship



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

Homer Congregational United Church of Christ

Serving us in ministry today:

Lori Schmidt ~ Deacon of the Month

Russ, Terry, and Jenelle Pedersen,
Joanne Cincotta ~ ushers/greeters

Sue Benedict ~ nursery

Carl & Connie Applegate ~ coffee hour

The flowers are given by

Jack Carr in tribute and thanksgiving
for his brother, Jerry

TODAY

Noon Faith Formation Committee

Attendance April 28: 105

Service of Worship

For Quiet Meditation

The Christian life is not about pleasing God the finger-shaker and judge. It is not about believing now or being good now for the sake of heaven later. It is about entering a relationship in the present that begins to change everything now. Spirituality is about this process: the opening of the heart to the God who is already here.

~ Marcus J. Borg, *The God We Never Knew*

WE GATHER

**those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude
Chimes

This Joyful Eastertide

Boumann

Call to Worship

One: Drawn by God's presence. . .

Many: we gather.

One: Inspired by God's spirit. . .

Many: we worship.

One: Fed by God's grace. . .

Many: we are made whole.

*Hymn Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore #342

Centering Prayer

God of seaside breakfasts, once again you set a table before us. As we gather here today, let your loving Spirit rest upon us and work within us. Amen.

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

Children's Time

Anthem

Scripture John 21:9-19

Sermon PS PPS PPSS

OUR RESPONSE

Silence is kept

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory At the Lamb's High Feast Bender

*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.

*Prayer of Dedication

**May the gifts we offer this day, Kind God,
bring joy to those whose mornings are hopeless;
feed those whose noontimes are filled with hunger;
and bring peace to those whose nights
are surrounded by worries. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace

Liturgy of Communion

Prayers of the People

The Table is prepared

Grace is served

Prayer after Communion

You have fed us, Kind God, and now it is time to follow you into the world. We will go, bringing the hope and grace we have just received. We will go to feed your sheep. We will go in your name, Gracious Host. Amen.

BLESSING

Announcements

*Hymn Jesu, Jesu (vs. 1 – 3) #600

*Benediction

*Postlude This Joyful Eastertide Boumann

This week:

Monday

9:30 Staff Meeting

Tuesday

5:00 Centering Prayer

Wednesday

5:30 Mystics Group at 3 Lil Birds
Nadia Bolz-Weber's *Accidental Saints*

7:00 Choir Practice

7:30 Men's Choir practice
Give a gift to our women next week!
Join in singing the Men's Choir

COMING UP:

Sunday, May 12

9:30 Faith Formation for children & adults

10:30 Worship

Tuesday, May 14

2:00 Senior Fellowship
Mary Lee Martens sharing about Africa

5:00 Centering Prayer

6:30 Deacons meet

Wednesday, May 15

5:30 Mystics Group at 3 Lil Birds

7:00 Choir

Friday, May 17 & Saturday, May 18

NY Conference Annual Meeting, Poughkeepsie

Monday, May 20

6:30 Church Council

NOTES:

The Memorial Garden is in need of a spring spruce up and light maintenance throughout the summer. The Memorial Committee is looking for people who would be willing to keep the Memorial Garden beautiful. If you are interested in giving to the church in this way please see Terry Pedersen or Gary Harrington.

The Cortland County Relay for Life is June 1 on the Church Green. If you are interested in joining our team please contact Anne in the church office for information.

Saturday, July 20 **Holiday in Homer**

8:00 a.m. Our **Fun Run** is the kick-off event for Holiday in Homer. Will you walk or run? For more information, see Carol Costell Corbin or Jeff & Sam Penoyer.

This year, Homer Congregational Church will host **Church Camp: A Sport for Everyone!** from **5:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 14 to Friday August 16.** Then on Sunday, August 18, during worship, we will celebrate what the children have experienced through their week! All children from kindergarten to 6th grade are invited to participate. Although Church Camp is for our younger children, our teen youth will be asked to serve as assistant coaches for our various sports; working with an adult coach; which means they won't miss out on the fun!

Welcome friends!

If you have any questions before the service, please see one of our 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, children in grade 1 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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