

The Homer Congregational Church United Church of Christ

June 2, 2019

7th 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
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Serving us in ministry today:

Bill Masterson ~ Deacon of the Month

The Harrington Family ~ ushers/greeters

Sue Benedict ~ nursery

Gwen Hayne ~ coffee hour

The flowers are given by Pastor Vicki and Belinda
in honor of Sarah S. Miller

TODAY

Noon Faith Formation Committee

3:00 A Celebration of the Life of
Terry "Berto" Bertram

Attendance May 26: 96

Service of Worship

For Quiet Meditation

So if you are here thinking this is crazy:

Bread that is the body

and wine that is the blood of Christ?

Forgiveness of sins?

Loving enemies?

Turning cheeks?

Resurrection?

You are right. It's all pretty nuts. AND totally the most true thing I've ever heard or experienced. And best of all, it's for you. All of it. The oil and ashes and the bread and wine...all revealing the glory of God...all revealing heavenly things among earthly things.

~ *Nadia Bolz Weber*

WE GATHER

**those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude

Jesus Shall Reign

Held

Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Welcome to the 7th Sunday of Easter.

Many: Easter has come and gone; the lilies have faded; real life has crept into our lives.

One: We believe that Jesus suffered and died and lives.

Many: Sometimes we wonder if it really matters?

Does our faith affect our real-world lives?

One: While it may seem foolish, we believe in God's transformative love.

Many: We believe that suffering and even death are not the final word. We believe that the worst is not the last. God will triumph.

ALL: Amen and Hallelujah!

*Hymn

Christ Be With Us

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

sung to "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

**Christ be with us, Christ behind us,
Christ before us — all around!
Christ in busy, noisy cities,
Christ where hardly rings a sound.
Jesus, you're our Lord and Savior;
On your love we can depend.
Help us see your presence clearly
In each stranger and each friend.**

**Christ with all who keep on struggling,
Helping others to be free;
Christ with churches working, searching
For a greater unity;
Christ, in bread and wine, be with us,
Giving strength for each new day
In this world of daily crosses,
Be our joyful, living Way.**

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

Acts 16:16-34

Sermon

Utter Foolishness

OUR RESPONSE

Silence is kept

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Festival Intrada

Martinson

*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 & Our Lord's Prayer

*Peace is Shared

Liturgy of Communion

Preparing

Serving

Praying after Communion

The bread and cup were ours today,

inclusive Love still shows the way,

and we become Christ's body given to ya.

This resurrection meal recalls

God's foolish love; God welcomes all;

and we give thanks as we sing Hallelujah!

Hallelujah...

BLESSING

Announcements

*Hymn	Shalom to You Now	#436
*Benediction		
*Postlude	Lead On, O King Eternal	Jordan

This week:

Tuesday

- 4:45 Homer Nursery School Committee
- 5:00 Centering Prayer ~ Rev. Becky West leads

Wednesday

- 5:00 Mystics Group at 3 Lil Birds
- 6:00 Worship & Music
- No Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

- 10:00 Homer Nursery School Graduation
- 7:30 **NOTE DIFFERENT DAY:**
Women's Choir Rehearsal
Joe Ford will conduct a special choir for women who will sing on June 16, the day we celebrate Dads & Grads.

Coming up:

Next Sunday is **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!

Holiday in Homer ~ Saturday, July 20

We will need your help!

Listen Up!

Isn't that what a coach would say?

Due to Magic on Main on August 16, we are adjusting our previously published dates:

2019 CHURCH CAMP



Tuesday, August 13 - Thursday, August 15
from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Learn skills for Whiffle Ball, Soccer & Pickle Ball

Join in the songs, the crafts, the Bible lessons

Have your supper at our Concession Stand

(FREE, of course!)

Register today for a *GREAT* time in August!

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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