

# The Homer Congregational Church United Church of Christ

July 7, 2019

Communion Sunday

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9:30 a.m. Worship

## *God on Film*

Classic: *The Bishop's Wife*



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

**Homer Congregational United Church of Christ**  
*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**Serving us in ministry today:**

Terre Dennis ~ Deacon of the Month  
Bill & Dorothy Hopkins,  
Tracy & Janet Bertram ~ ushers/greeters  
Bonnie Haaland & Belinda Burtson ~ coffee hour

Flowers are given today by Joanne Cincotta  
in celebration of her daughter, Delaney's birthday

Flowers are also given by  
Bonnie Haaland & Belinda Burtson  
in honor of their mother, Betty Burtner's birthday.

**A bit about The Bishop's Wife:**

An Episcopal Bishop, Henry Brougham, has been working for months on the plans for an elaborate new cathedral which he hopes will be paid for primarily by a wealthy, stubborn widow. He is losing sight of his family and of why he became a clergyman in the first place. Enter Dudley, an angel sent to help him. Dudley does help everyone he meets, but not necessarily in the way they would have preferred. With the exception of Henry, everyone loves him, but Henry begins to believe that Dudley is there to replace him, both at work and in his family's affections, as Christmas approaches. Dudley's work is complete when the Bishop and others rethink their priorities.

# Service of Worship

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## For Quiet Meditation

We all come from our own little planets. That's why we're all different. That's what makes life interesting.

~ Dudley in *The Bishop's Wife*

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### **WE GATHER**

*\*those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude

Cantate Domino

arr. Solomons

Call to Worship

One: Welcome friends. Our God provides a love that never ceases.

**Many: Our God provides a hope that cannot be quenched.**

One: Our God pursues reconciliation no matter the cost.

**Many: Our God speaks to us through every means available.**

One: Let us listen...

**Many: ...for even today, God is still speaking.**

\*Hymn

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

#150

Prayer

**Speak to us once more, Holy One. Give us ears to hear the angels among us. Give us eyes to really see the people with whom we share our lives. Amen.**

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

Children's Time

Good News:

Miracles!  
Unending Grace!  
Transformation!

## **OUR RESPONSE**

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

Sicilienne

arr. Hirano

\*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

**We ask ourselves what you would wish for most...  
and then we put in our share. May our gifts bring  
loving kindness, warm care and peace to the world.  
Amen.**

Peace is Shared

Liturgy of Communion  
Preparing the Table

Grace is Received

Prayer after Communion

**We give you thanks for unending grace, O God. We return loving kindness, warm hearts and the stretched out hand of tolerance...all the shining gifts that make peace on earth. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Announcements

\*Hymn      Angels We Have Heard... (vs. 1 & 2)      #155

\*Benediction

\*Postlude                      Skating                      arr. Gibson



## **This Week:**

Pastor Gary is on vacation July 7 – 12.

### Tuesday

5 p.m. Centering Prayer  
6:30 Deacons meeting

### Wednesday

9:30 Committee on Authorized Ministry  
2:00 Movie Showing – *Hidden Figures*

### Thursday

6:30 Movie Showing – *Hidden Figures*

### Saturday

9:30 Stephen Ministers meet

## **Coming up:**

### Sunday, July 14

9:30 Worship  
God on Film: *Hidden Figures*  
Anne Farrell provides our music  
11:30 Faith Formation meeting

### Tuesday, July 16

5:00 Centering Prayer

### Wednesday, July 17

2:00 Movie Showing – *The Lion King*

### Thursday, July 18

10:00 Holiday in Homer on Bridge Street!  
6:30 Movie Showing – *The Lion King*

# **Saturday is Holiday in Homer!**

8:30 ~ Fun Walk/Run at 8:30.

9:00 ~ Quilt display in our sanctuary.

Artisans on our Green.

Entertainment in the band stand.

Watch for who is in the Dunk Tank!

10:00 All New **Children's Carnival!**

11:30 The best pulled pork you have

EVER eaten, served from our kitchen.

We serve until it is gone, so eat early!

We are grateful for our major sponsors:

Complete Construction Concepts

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Yaman Real Estate

**Saturday, July 27 Route 90 Sale**

Cost of a booth on our Green: \$50.

Find the form on our web site.

*After Holiday in Homer is over, we will receive lightly used furniture and larger items for donation/sale.*

PLEASE – no small items or clothing.

**Thanks to Brian Cornwell** for creating our new technology and sound booth at the back of the sanctuary. It looks great, and we appreciate all that you have been doing to help us live-stream on Face Book!

## **Welcome friends!**

We are so glad you have joined us today. Our Greeters will be glad to answer any questions. We hope you will stay afterward for coffee hour.

Your kids are welcome, too. The nursery is available for children ages 7 and younger. Trained caregivers are provided. "Busy Bags" are available for older siblings.

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

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