

The Homer Congregational Church United Church of Christ

August 25, 2019

11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship



*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:

Anne Wingard ~ Deacon of the Month

Cindy Stout, Nancy Stockholm
Bev & Steve Berry ~ ushers/greeters

Ingrid Fox ~ nursery

Bry Meyka ~ coffee hour

Flowers today are given by
Janice & Wayne Bacon
In honor of our 54th Wedding Anniversary
and our daughter, Jennifer's birthday

Attendance August 18: 82

Service of Worship

For Quiet Meditation

“Freedom means the opportunity to be what we never thought we would be.” ~Daniel J. Boorstin

WE GATHER

**those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Scripture Jeremiah 1:4-10

Prelude Above All Michael W. Smith

Call to Worship

One: We may be thirsty and parched,
like an un-watered garden,
so we come into God's presence:

All: The Divine One is a spring of water!

One: We may be weary from worry and work
so we come into God's presence:

All: The Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!

One: We may be lost or confused
so we come into God's presence:

All: The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!

One: We may be bent over with struggle or pain
so we come into God's presence:

All: The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!

*Hymn Here I Am, Lord (vs. 1 & 2) #452

Prayer of Preparation

O God of goodness,

you welcome us, forgive us, and heal us.

You seek us out

from places where we have hidden from you.

You crown us with steadfast love and mercy.

Reveal yourself to us in this moment.

Let us know your presence

so that we may bless you:

Bless you, O God!

Bless your holy name! Amen.

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

Children's Time

Anthem

Clean

Natalie Grant

Scripture

Luke 13:10-17

Sermon

Who Will You Set Free?

OUR RESPONSE

Silence is kept

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

There is a Way

Newworldson

*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

With reverence and awe for your ways, we offer our gifts for the work of love and justice, the work of healing, restoring, and setting free in your holy name, O God of our hearts. Amen.

BLESSING

Announcements

*Hymn

Here I Am, Lord (vs. 3)

#452

*Benediction

based on a prayer for the world by Geoffrey Brown & John Pridmore

**All: Dear God, give us the inspiration and courage to create a world as your Love would make it:
a world where the weak are protected
and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the benefits of civilized life
are shared by all;
a world where different races,
nations and cultures
live in tolerance and mutual respect;**

**a world where peace is built with justice,
and justice is guided by love;
We ask this through Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

*Postlude



This Week:

Tuesday

5 p.m. Centering Prayer

Thursday

11 a.m. Homer Nursery School Open House

The Burtson's are on vacation at the St. Lawrence River until Friday.

Coming Up:

Sunday, September 1

9:30 a.m. Worship – Communion Sunday
Rev.s Barb Wright & Vicki Burtson will offer special music. Bring the kids' back-to-school backpacks for a special blessing!

September 2 Our office will be closed for Labor Day

September 4 Homer Nursery School begins

September 7

9:30 a.m. Stephen Ministers meet

10 Acolyte Training

Sunday, September 8 - RALLY DAY!

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation begins

10:30 Worship

Noon Faith Formation Committee meets

Mission Committee meets

Senior Fellowship begins again on Tuesday, September 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. We will (finally!) learn to ring bells with Jan Jeffers. Please join us because Pastor Gary is VERY excited about this and wants a good group to play with!

Disciple Bible Study I & II resume on Monday, September 23. Disciple I, focusing on the New Testament will start at 4:45. Disciple II, focusing on Luke/Acts, will start at 5:00. Both groups will conclude by 6.

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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