

The Homer Congregational Church United Church of Christ

September 1, 2019

12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship



*Gathered on the Green in 1801 -
Still Being Transformed as We Do God's Mission*

Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Serving us in ministry today:

Gary Harrington ~ Deacon of the Month

Paula Harrington & Friends ~ ushers/greeters

Ingrid Fox ~ nursery

Jack Carr ~ coffee hour

Note that next week is **Rally Day**
and we will return to our fall schedule:
9:30 a.m. – Faith Formation
10:30 a.m. – Rally Day Worship Celebration

Attendance August 25: 60



Service of Worship

For Quiet Meditation

From the time you were very little,
you've had people who have
smiled you into smiling,
talked you into talking,
sung you into singing,
loved you into loving.

Wherever they are, if they've loved you, and
encouraged you, and wanted what was best
in life for you, they're right inside yourself.

~ Mr. Rogers

WE GATHER

**those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude
Chimes

The Rejoicing

Handel

Call to Worship

One: On this day beginning September – Grace!

Many: Grace and peace be with us.

One: On this Sunday beginning a new week – Welcome!

**Many: Extravagant welcome to all who have
gathered.**

**ALL: No matter who we are, or where we are on life's
journey, we are welcome here!**

*Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

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Prayer of Preparation

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW Children's Time of Blessing

Scripture Psalm 139, selected

Anthem By My Side
Rev. Vicki Burtson & Rev. Barb Wright

Scripture Isaiah 43:1-3a

Sermon By My Side

OUR RESPONSE

Silence is kept

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory Air Handel

*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

**In sharing our gifts, Holy One, we express our
covenant with you and with your creation. May this
offering bring grace, peace, hope and justice to our
world. Amen.**

*Peace is shared

Liturgy of Communion

Prayers

Preparing the Table

Grace is served

Prayer after Communion

O God of Presence, your table of grace confirms the ancient promises. There is nowhere we can go from your spirit. Even in the midst of natural or life crisis, you are with us. Send us forth and use any one of us to bring hope or grace to someone in need. Amen.

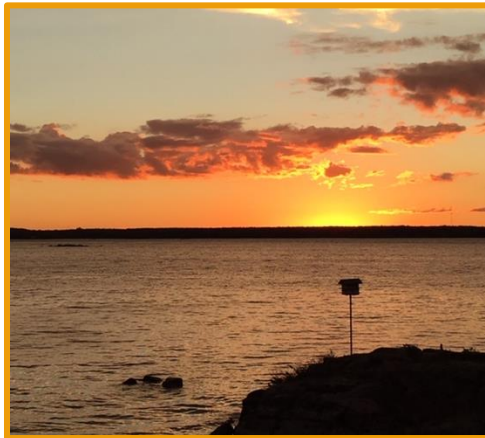
BLESSING

Announcements

*Hymn I was There to Hear Your Borning Cry #75

*Benediction Hornpipe Handel

*Postlude



Where can I go from your spirit?

This Week:

Monday Our Office is closed for Labor Day

Tuesday

5 p.m. Centering Prayer

Wednesday Homer Nursery School begins

Thursday

3 p.m. NY State mandated Sexual Harassment
Prevention training – all paid staff.

Saturday

9:30 a.m. Stephen Ministers meeting

10:00 Acolyte Training, craft & pizza

The Burtsons travel to the Pacific Northwest this week. Pastor Vicki is officiating a wedding in Portland, OR on September 7 and then they will visit family in California.

Coming Up:

Sunday, September 8 ***We return to Autumn hours***

9:30 a.m. **Rally Day** - Faith Formation starts!

Note: Adult Faith Formation will begin later this fall.

10:30 **Rally Day Celebration**

Carol Costell Corbin, Rev. Barb Wright,
Peter Wright & Pastor Gary will share the
importance of their faith formation
background. Our choir returns.

Noon Faith Formation Committee meeting
Mission Committee meeting

Tuesday, September 10

2 p.m. Senior Fellowship – Jan Jeffers will teach us how to play hand bells.

5:00 Centering Prayer

6:30 Deacons meeting

Sunday, September 15

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation

10:30 Worship – Pastor Gary preaching

The Burtsons return from the West Coast on Sept. 17.

Sunday, September 22

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation

10:30 Worship

Rev. Quinn Caldwell preaching

Monday, September 23

4:45 **Disciple I Bible Study** – we begin the New Testament

5:00 **Disciple II** – studying Luke/Acts.

Monday, September 30

6:30 Church Council meets

By My Side from *Godspell*
by Peggy Gordon

Where are you going? Can you take me with you?
For my hand is cold and needs warmth.
Where are you going?

*Far beyond where the horizon lies,
and the land sinks into mellow blueness.*

Oh please, take me with you.

Let me skip the road with you...I can dare myself.

I'll put a pebble in my shoe, and watch me walk

I can walk and walk!

I shall call the pebble Dare.

We will walk; we will talk together about walking.

Dare shall be carried,

and when we both have had enough,

I will take him from my shoe, singing

"Meet your new road!"

Then I'll take your hand,

finally glad that you are here by my side.