

The Homer Congregational Church United Church of Christ

October 6, 2019

World Communion Sunday

10:30 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:

Bonnie Smith ~ Deacon of the Month

Alex & Luke Bertram ~ Acolytes

Cindy Stout ~ nursery

Carol Agate & Shirley Osterhoudt ~ coffee hour

The flowers today are given by Dora Jones
in loving memory of Bob and our parents.

TODAY

Special UCC offering called *Neighbors in Need*:

One third of the *NIN* fund provides financial resources to the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministry. The rest of the fund is used to support churches throughout our denomination who are involved in justice ministries. (We may seek a grant from *NIN* for our PREP program in 2020.) Envelopes may be filled today, next Sunday or dropped by the church this week during our office hours. This is one of our denomination's five special offerings.

6:00 Jr. High Youth Group (7th & 8th grade)
at Preble Congregational Church

Attendance September 29: 97



Service of Worship

For Quiet Meditation

And the table will be wide.
And the welcome will be wide.
And the arms will open wide to gather us in.
And our hearts will open wide to receive.

And we will come as children who trust there is enough.
And we will come unhindered and free.
And our aching will be met with bread.
And our sorrow will be met with wine.

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.
And we will turn toward each other without fear.
And we will give up our appetite for despair.
And we will taste and know of delight.

And we will become bread for a hungry world.
And we will become drink for those who thirst.
And the blessed will become the blessing.
And everywhere will be the feast.

~ Jan Richardson

WE GATHER

**those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude
Chimes

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

Jordan

Call to Worship

One: From north and south, from east and west,
we come:

**Many: God's people called to the Table where grace
nourishes us.**

One: From down the street in Homer to Cortland or
Truxton or Cincinnati:

**Many: God's people are called to community, where
we live and serve one another and the world.**

One: Some of us are rooted in the Iroquois nation – the
first to inhabit this countryside;
more of us are rooted in Europe, Asia, Africa or
South America:

**Many: God's people are gathered from ancestral
grounds around the globe, called to be vessels
of God's hope and peace throughout the world.**

*Hymn

Christ be with Us

Lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Sung to the tune: Hyfrydol

**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 in lines of people fleeing,
Praying that a war will cease;
Christ in battered women's shelters,
Looking for a place of peace.
Christ with people sick or dying,
Loved ones trying hard to cope**

**In this world of so much suffering,
Christ, you give your people hope.**

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

Children's Time A Moment Around the World

Anthem Halleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona

Scripture Acts 2:1-18a

Sermon A Moment Around the World

OUR RESPONSE

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory O Jesus, I Have Promised Goode

*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 pray special blessing upon all whom you will
touch through this offering, Holy One. Amen.**

*Peace is shared

Liturgy of Communion

Prayers

Preparing the Table

Grace is served

Prayer after Communion

BLESSING

Announcements

*Hymn

Christ be with Us

**Christ with children who must struggle,
Working hard for daily food;
Christ in classrooms, learning, growing,
Asking questions, seeking good;
Christ in diners, waiting tables;
Christ in homes where children play
In this world of people working,
Christ, you work through us today.**

**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.**

*Benediction

You Shall Go Out With Joy

Wagner

*Postlude

*Thanks to Linda Homer for providing
the homemade bread for communion.*

This Week:

Monday

9:30 Staff Meeting

4:45 Disciple I – an intro to the New Testament

5:15 Disciple II

Tuesday

2:00 Senior Fellowship –

Halloween Crafts with Kathy McKenna

5:00 Centering Prayer

6:30 Deacons

Wednesday

9:30 Committee on Authorized Ministry

Thursday

6:30 Sacred Conversation on Race

Friday

5 - 8 Roast Pork Dinner & Harvest Festival

7:30 Ross Starr – Architecture of Homer

It's a little bit of tradition mixed with some new ideas. Beginning at 4:30 p.m. we'll have games for the family. At 5:00, our dinner buffet is served! There will be plenty of roast pork, mashed potatoes and green beans. This year you may choose either plain sauerkraut or stick with Don's traditional recipe. The Homer & Cornwell families are making homemade applesauce for our feast. In keeping with the historical flavor of the weekend, for dessert try a David Hannum sundae (served by Mr. Hannum, himself!) Cost is only \$15 for adults; \$8 for kids (age 12 & under); 4 & under eat free. Takeout is available. ***Sign up today*** and to be a part of the fun!

Coming Up:

Next Sunday

Faith Formation at 9:30 followed by Worship at 10:30

PLUS - **Mission Lunch at Noon**

Join us for a simple lunch of soups and bread. Jeanette Mulford will be here to discuss Days for Girls - a global movement that prepares and distributes sustainable menstrual health solutions for girls. These solutions help women to continue school or work and to maintain their dignity. We gave a \$300.00 contribution to DFG in 2018 (from the Dorothy Jane Andrews Mission Fund).

Monday, October 14 - Our office will be closed

Tuesday, October 15

5:00 Centering Prayer

6:30 Trustees meeting

Thursday, October 17

6:30 Sacred Conversation about Race

Saturday, October 19

9:30-2 Faith in Action = **making mittens!**

Help us cut the fabric or bring your machine and help us stitch. Gail Brennan will show us how to make mittens from the wool we donated last Spring. Whatever we make will be shared with folks from this region who could use a warm pair of mittens this winter.

Sunday, October 20

10:30 Worship – **Member Recognition**

If you are interested in joining the Homer Congregational UCC family, please see Pastor Vicki today or email her at pastor@homercc.org.