

**The Homer Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ**

**September 29, 2019**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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**10:30 a.m. Worship**

**A Service of Concern about Climate Change  
Led by our Youth**



*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:

Maddie Dermott, Abby Elkins, Daniel Ford, Tyler Hilts,  
Elijah Smith, Matthew Stapleton ~ worship leaders

Gary Harrington ~ Deacon of the Day

Anelia Corbin & Isabella Sisting ~ Acolytes

Jack Bertram, Emma Dermott, Kyle Wright  
and Nicholas Yacavone ~ Usher/ Greeters

Terre Dennis ~ Nursery

Kathleen Dentes & Lori Schmidt ~ Coffee Hour

*Flowers today are given by Jan Jeffers  
in celebration of her birthday.*

We will be receiving **new members** on Sunday, October 20. Please let Pastor Vicki know if you are interested in joining our church family.

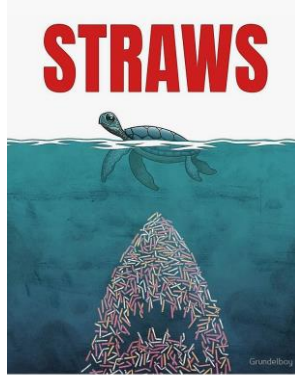
*Attendance September 22: 93*



# Service of Worship

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For Quiet Meditation



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## WE GATHER

*\*those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: This is the day that our God has made.

**All: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

One: This is the world that our God has made.

**All: We will rejoice and take care of it!**

One: We are the youth whom God has made! We join with our adults as we express concern about climate change.

**All: Let us worship God this morning, then go and make a difference together in the name of Mother Earth!**

A Prayer by Big Thunder

19<sup>th</sup> Century Algonquin

(see insert and pray with our youth)

Song

Wake Up America

Miley Cyrus

# GOD'S WORD STILL SPEAKING

Children's Moment

*If you are visiting, we welcome parents to come forward with your children & stay with them so that they can participate comfortably.*

A Message of Wisdom from Our Canadian Faith Friends

A Message of Wisdom from Our Youth

## OUR RESPONSE

*Silence is kept*

Song

Imagine

John Lennon

\*Prayer for Creation

Alydia Smith

**All: Creating God, you have called us to be  
in loving relationship with all the Earth,  
living with respect for creation,  
choosing love, and seeking justice at all times.  
Instead, humankind has acted in hateful ways,  
exploiting natural resources,  
choosing power and wealth over our Earth.  
We need your help to fight for a better future!  
Help reawaken our love for Creation,  
Help deepen our relationships with each other:  
Affirm the wisdom of our youth,  
so that we can create a sustainable and faithful  
response to the imminent climate crisis;  
for the sake of your majestic Creation,  
for the love of all our relationships,  
and for the chance for a better future.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

Offering

An Invitation to Give

Offertory

\*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

**Holy God, Creator of all, we thank you for all the gifts that you have given us. With thankful hearts we offer our gifts for the care of your creation and the healing of your world. Use our gifts and bless all that they may touch. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Announcements

Song            Waiting on the World to Change    John Mayer

Benediction

## **THIS WEEK:**

### Monday

- 4:45 Disciple I
- 5:00 Disciple II
- 6:30 Church Council

### Tuesday

- 5:00 Centering Prayer

### Wednesday

- 6:00 Worship and Music Meeting

### Thursday

- 6:30 "Let's Talk Race"- A Sacred Conversation

## **COMING UP:**

Friday, October 11 - **Roast Pork Dinner/Harvest Festival**

Sign up TODAY to donate and/or to be a part of the fun!

- Beginning at 4:30 we have games for the family.
- 5-8 – dinner is served!
- Succulent roast pork plus some new items!
- Only \$15 for adults; \$8 for kids, and 4 & under are free! Takeout available!

Sunday, October 20 – **Membership Recognition &** receiving new members. Pot luck luncheon following worship.

Sunday, October 27 – **CROP Walk** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Walk! We hope to have 50 people raising \$50 for the 50<sup>th</sup> Walk!

# FACTS ABOUT OUR PRECIOUS EARTH

## Did You Know?

- The U.S. is the #1 trash-producing country in the world at 1,609 pounds per person per year.
- Recycling plastic saves *twice* as much energy as it takes to burn it.
- It takes about 400 years for aluminum to break down naturally. That Coke can you just drank from, will probably still look about the same in another century or two.
- It takes 500 years for an average sized plastic water bottle to fully decompose.
- Glass bottles take 4,000 years to decompose.
- Plastic is the most common element that is found in the ocean.
- There is an island of **garbage twice the size of Texas** inside the Pacific Ocean.
- Over 100,000 marine animals die every year from plastic entanglement and ingestion.
- The amount of wood and paper we throw away each year is enough to heat 50,000,000 (that's 50 MILLION) homes for 20 years.

# **Song for the Turtles in the Gulf**

by Linda Hogan

We had been together so very long,  
you willing to swim with me  
just last month, myself merely small  
in the ocean of splendor and light,  
the reflections and distortions of us,  
and now when I see the man from British Petroleum  
lift you up dead from the plastic  
bin of death,  
he with a smile, you burned  
and covered with red-black oil, torched  
and pained, all I can think is that I loved your life,  
the very air you exhaled when you rose,  
old great mother, the beautiful swimmer,  
the mosaic growth of shell  
so detailed, no part of you  
simple, meaningless,  
or able to be created  
by any human,  
only destroyed.  
How can they learn  
the secret importance  
of your beaten heart,  
the eyes of another intelligence  
than ours, maybe greater,  
with claws, flippers, plastron.  
Forgive us for being thrown off true,  
for our trespasses,  
in the eddies of the water  
where we first walked.