

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

November 3, 2019

Communion Sunday

10:30 a.m. Worship



Sycamore Tree

*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:

Jim Ulrich ~ Deacon of the Month
Anelia Corbin & Isabella Sisting ~ Acolytes
Jan Jeffers, Shirley Osterhoudt,
Sharon Wainman & Jack Carr ~ Ushers

Sue Benedict ~ nursery
Barb & Peter Wright ~ coffee hour

The flowers today are given by
Janet Bertram
in loving memory of
Terry and Kurt Bertram

TODAY

Noon Outreach Team Meeting

6:00 Jr. High Youth Group (7th & 8th grade)

Attendance October 27: 108



Service of Worship

For Quiet Meditation

I want...people...to know that religion is more than a source of conflict or a calculated way to stay out of hell. Religions are treasure chests of stories, songs, rituals, and ways of life that have been handed down for millennia - not covered in dust but evolving all the way- so that each new generation has something to choose from when it is time to ask the big questions in life. Where did we come from? Why do bad things happen to good people? Who is my neighbor? Where do we go from here? No one should have to start from scratch with questions like these. Overhearing the answers of the world's great religions can help anyone improve his or her own answers.

~ from *Holy Envy* (p. 25) by Barbara Brown Taylor

WE GATHER

**those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude
Chimes

For All The Saints

Cherwein

Call to Worship

One: Rich, poor; young, old; sinner, saint. We are all God's children...

Many: ...and God transforms each of us into the people we are meant to be.

OUR RESPONSE

Silence is kept

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Elegy

Elgar

*Doxology (tune: Tallis' Canon)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Dedication

**Bless everyone who has offered time, talent, and
treasure to your work, Holy One. Bless everyone who
will benefit from these gifts. Amen.**

*Peace is shared

Liturgy of Communion

Prayers

Preparing the Table

Grace is served

Prayer after Communion

We rise from this table with new dedication

To feed the world's children, to free the oppressed,

To clear out the minefields, to care for creation;

We pray, O God of peace,

that our work will be blest.

BLESSING

Announcements

*Hymn For All the Saints (vs. 1 & 2) #637

Before we sing, we will call out the names of our forebears in this life or the next, who have helped to shape us in mission and ministry.

*Benediction

*Postlude Intrada For All Saints Beck

This Week:

Monday

9:30 Staff Meeting

4:45 Disciple I

5:15 Disciple II

Tuesday

5:00 Centering Prayer

Wednesday

6:00 Worship & Music

7:00 Choir Practice

7:30 Choir practicing Christmas Music

Thursday

6:30 Sacred Conversation on Race

Coming Up:

Next Sunday	Stewardship Sunday
9:30 a.m.	Faith Formation for Children (K – 8 th) Adult Faith Formation <i>Holy Envy</i> – Chapter 3 led by Carol Agate
10:30	Worship – Gathering a Harvest of Blessing
Noon	Faith Formation Meeting

Monday, November 11

Office is closed for Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 12

2:00	Senior Fellowship – Jaff Harris
5:00	Centering Prayer
6:30	Deacons meeting

Thursday, November 14

6:30	Our final Sacred Conversation about Race
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Sunday, November 24 Thanksgiving Sunday

Rev. Barbara Wright – preaching.

Recognizing the blessings of our lives, we will receive a special offering for Hurricane Dorian Relief (in the Bahamas). Our Mission Committee will not only *match* our offering with funds from the Dorothy Jane Andrews Mission fund, but they will *add* another \$1,000!

Saturday, November 30 starting at 4 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens and Potluck Dinner!

Bring the whole family as we decorate for

Advent and Christmas

Will YOU WIN FOR WEARING THE BEST CHRISTMAS HAT?

Song for Autumn

In the deep fall
don't you imagine the leaves think how
comfortable it will be to touch
the earth instead of the
nothingness of air and the endless
freshets of wind? And don't you think
the trees themselves, especially those with mossy,
warm caves, begin to think

of the birds that will come — six, a dozen — to sleep
inside their bodies? And don't you hear
the goldenrod whispering goodbye,
the everlasting being crowned with the first
tuffets of snow? The pond
vanishes, and the white field over which
the fox runs so quickly brings out
its blue shadows. And the wind pumps its
bellows. And at evening especially,
the piled firewood shifts a little,
longing to be on its way.

~ Mary Oliver
New & Selected Poems, Volume Two