

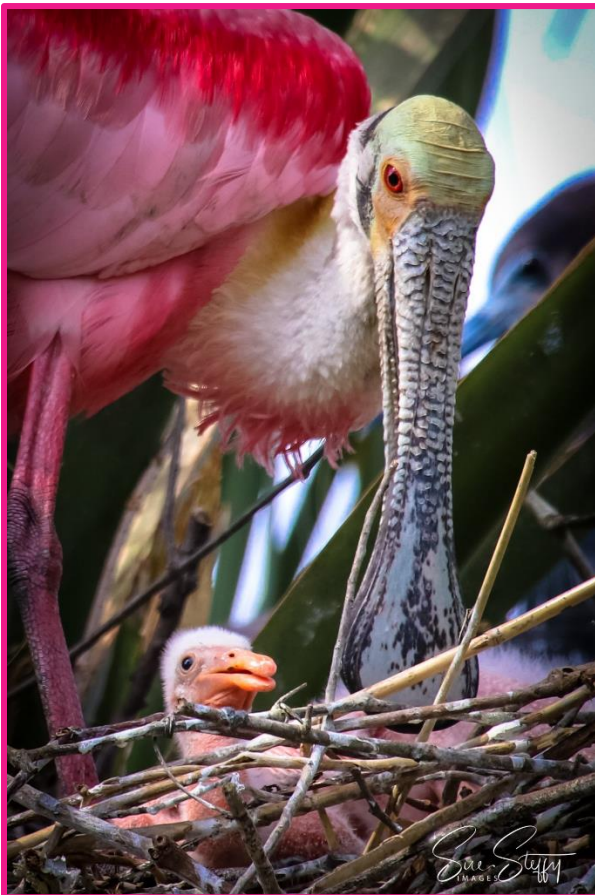
# The Homer Congregational Church United Church of Christ

May 12, 2019

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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10:30 a.m. Worship



*Gathered on the Green in 1801 -  
Still being Transformed while Doing God's Mission*

**Homer Congregational United Church of Christ**  
*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

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Serving us in ministry today:  
Lori Schmidt ~ Deacon of the Month

Jim & Kathy McKenna,  
Evan & Alex Faulkenbury ~ ushers/greeters

Sue Urban ~ nursery

The Trustees ~ coffee hour

The flowers are given by  
Anne Barnes in honor of Dave's birthday

*Today we celebrate  
the women of our congregation!*  
As you leave, please take a bag of Welsh cookies.

*Attendance May 5: 91*

# Service of Worship

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## For Quiet Meditation

Let yourself fall gently into the divine tender presence. Allow a feeling of great gentleness to surround you. Let this gentleness permeate every part of your body, mind and soul.

Release any judgement of what you think should or should not be happening and simply bask in the presence of love.

Let your thoughts have the freedom to be, and trust that the Beloved will lead you wherever you need to go.

~ *Meditations with Teresa of Avila* by Megan Don

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## WE GATHER

*\*those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude  
Chimes

Brother Jame's Air

Wright

Call to Worship

One: The spirit of God calls us from many places; some of us come from busy homes with many people and some of us live alone.

**Many: I am a part of the family.**

One: This week has been different for each of us; some of us have had happy news we want to celebrate, and some of us have faced grief and need to cry.

**Many: Today we will share joy. Today we will share grief. Today we will share God's peace.**

One: Indeed, we all come to this same place;  
all of us seeking God's presence in our lives;  
all of us being God's presence with each other.

**Many: Together we are the family of God.**

\*Hymn

Praise to the Lord (vs. 1, 4, 5)

#25

Centering Prayer

**Holy One, we gather in your presence to give you thanks and to celebrate the gift of your motherly love, both gentle and fierce, both strong and humble, both kind and true. You have given birth to the whole of creation. You support and nurture us, care enough to correct us, and challenge us in ways that strengthen and transform us. We seek you as we worship today. Amen.**

## **GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW**

Children's Time

Anthem

Shepherd Me, O God

Haugen

Scripture

Psalm 23

#734

*Response #2*

Sermon

## **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                      The King of Love                      Haan

\*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

**You are our Shepherd, O God. You know and provide  
for our every need. We offer these gifts back to you,  
hoping to pass your love and care to all who are in  
need. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Announcements

\*Hymn                      Spirit Song                      #352

\*Benediction

\*Postlude                      Prelude in Classic Style                      Young

## **This week:**

Tuesday

2:00 Senior Fellowship  
Mary Lee Martens will offer a program  
about her recent trip to Africa

5:00 Centering Prayer

6:30 Deacons meet

Wednesday

5:30 Mystics Group at 3 Lil Birds

7:00 Choir

Thursday - Saturday

*Annual Meeting of the New York Conference*

Our congregation belongs to the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ. On Thursday, the Conference offers a variety of continuing education. The Annual Meeting begins on Friday. This year our delegation includes Pastor Vicki & Belinda Burtson, Mary Barhite and Peter Wright. Rev. Barb Wright is the secretary of the Conference.

Pastor Gary will be on vacation from Friday, May 17 through Saturday, May 25.

## ***Special Opportunity!***

Next Sunday morning, the president of the United Church of Christ, Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer will preach at Plymouth Congregational Church, 232 E Onondaga Street in Syracuse. Worship begins at 10. At 11:15, Rev. Dr. Dorhauer will address white privilege and its effects on the church and society. I encourage you to take advantage of this unusual opportunity next Sunday. I will be here in Homer, but I hope many of you go to Plymouth Congregational UCC.

### **Coming up:**

Monday, May 20

6:30 Church Council

Tuesday, May 21

5:00 Centering Prayer

6:30 Trustees meet

Wednesday, May 22

5:30 Mystics Group at 3 Lil Birds

7:00 Choir

Saturday, May 25

8 – noon Spring Clean-up of our Yard

Join us as we work together in sprucing up the outside of the church. Come when you can; leave when you must. Many hands make light work!

Saturday, June 1

4 – 11 Join in *Relay for Life* on our green!

Our children might be singing

Some of us will join in the Survivors' Lap

## **Welcome friends!**

We are so glad you have joined us today. Got questions? One of our Greeters can help. Join us later for coffee and nibbles in the room behind the sanctuary. We look forward to chatting with you.

Your kids are welcome, too. After the Children's Time, youngsters grade 2 and below may head to our nursery, where we provide trained caregivers. A "busy bag" is available for the older siblings.

Individual listening headsets are available to provide hearing assistance to anyone in need. Ask our Greeters for help.

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