

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

**July 21, 2019**

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

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9:30 a.m. Worship

***God on Film***

Animated Musical: *The Lion King*



*Gathered on the Green in 1801 -  
Still Transforming and Doing God's Mission*

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

**Serving us in ministry today:**

Terre Dennis ~ Deacon of the Month  
Don & Jennifer VanSlyke,  
Jean Cadwallader, Carol Agate ~ ushers/greeters  
Susan Benedict ~ nursery

The flowers are given by Carl Applegate in memory of  
Georgeanne S., Clarence E. and Lillian N. Applegate

***Thank you Paula & Buzz Harrington!***

While *it takes a village* to pull off a project like Holiday in Homer, it just wouldn't happen without the kind of leadership you provide. Your church *and* the community are grateful for all that you have done.

...and to the rest of *the village*...  
from filling vander packets & folding brochures,  
to marking the green & copying forms;  
from preparing the kitchen & cooking the eggs,  
to setting up tables & parking cars;  
from greeting vendors in the early morning,  
to delivering the lunches they ordered;  
from giving the funds for strawberry shortcake,  
to serving it up to our grateful customers;  
from creating the Kids' Carnival or hanging quilts,  
to taking a turn in the Dunk Tank...

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH  
HOLIDAY IN HOMER!**

*Attendance July 14: 81*

# Service of Worship

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## For Quiet Meditation

“Everything you see exists together in a delicate balance. While others search for what they can take, a true king searches for what he can give.”

~ dialogue from trailer for the new *Lion King* movie

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## **WE GATHER**

*\*those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

A Joyous Celebration in the African Pride Lands

Prayer

**Creator of all, we are grateful for our place in the Circle of Life. Help us to see “beyond what we can see” so that we can fully embrace your presence in the world and people around us. Amen.**

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

Children’s Time

Anthem            Can You Feel the Love Tonight

Good News:

The Circle of Life  
Hakuna Matata  
He Lives in You!

## OUR RESPONSE

Preparing to Pray

**When I pray, I feel my heart go deeper,  
my heart go deeper into my God.**

**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

\*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

**Creator God, everything in our world exists in a delicate balance. That means we are called to have respect & love for all creatures and creation. May our gifts, freely given, be used to improve our world and the lives of the people who live here. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Announcements

\*Hymn      We Are Walking in the Light of God      #442

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

## **This Week:**

Monday

**Bring your donations of lightly used furniture to RFR throughout the week.**  
*Please – no clothing, dishes or small items.*

Tuesday

5 p.m.

Centering Prayer

6:30

Personnel Committee Meeting

Wednesday

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Movie Showing – *Won't You Be My Neighbor*

Thursday

6:30

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Saturday

**Route 90 Sale**

If you have some time to sit with our Route 90 sale, please see Lee or Terre Dennis.

## **Coming Up:**

Sunday, July 28

Our worship will focus on the documentary about Mr. Rogers called *Won't You Be My Neighbor*.

Sunday, August 4

Hosted by the Council of Churches, worship will be under the tent on our Green.

Pastor Gary will be on vacation from July 22 through August 4. Have a wonderful time away, Pastor Gary!

## 2019 CHURCH CAMP



**Tuesday, August 13 -  
Thursday, August 15  
from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Learn skills for Whiffle Ball, Pickle Ball & Soccer! Join in songs, crafts, and Bible lessons! Have supper at our Concession Stand! It's all free, of course! Register today for a *GREAT* time in August! We will celebrate the experiences of Church Camp on Sunday, August 18 during worship.

### **Magic on Main**

Friday, August 16 from 5 - 8

We are doing something new! We will be grilling chicken spiedies to be served on a fresh tossed salad or on a bun. We will be recruiting people to help, so mark your calendar and plan to be part of this FUN fundraiser!



**P.R.E.P.** is August 24. Time to buy sneakers as we help our kids get back to school!

## A bit about **The Lion King**:

*The Lion King* is a 1994 Disney animated musical that focuses on the story of Simba, a young lion cub who cannot wait to become King of Pride Rock! But first, he must learn a few difficult lessons; especially since Mufasa's younger brother, Scar, covets the throne and plots to eliminate Mufasa and Simba, so he can become king instead.

Ultimately, Scar sets a trap for his brother and nephew, luring Simba into a gorge where Scar's minions, the hyenas, drive a large herd of wildebeest into a stampede that will trample him. In a rescue attempt, Mufasa saves Simba, but ends up hanging perilously from the gorge's edge. Scar refuses to help Mufasa, instead sending him falling to his death. He then convinces Simba that the tragedy was Simba's own fault and advises him to leave the kingdom and never return. Scar then becomes king, but drives the kingdom into ruin.

Meanwhile, during his time in exile, Simba learns a new motto—"Hakuna Matata"—which means "no worries." It's this "no worries" lifestyle that Simba dedicates himself to, along with his new friends, Timon and Pumbaa. As Pride Rock continues to decline, Simba is visited by Nala, but she is unable to convince him to return to take his place as the true king. Enter the wise baboon, Rafiki, who offers Simba some sage advice while reminding him who he is.

Duly inspired, Simba returns to Pride Rock to claim his place as rightful heir to King Mufasa, and returns the kingdom to its former glory; thus completing the "Circle of Life."

## **Welcome friends!**

We are so glad you have joined us today. Our Greeters will be glad to answer any questions. We hope you will stay afterward for coffee hour.

Your kids are welcome, too. The nursery is available for children ages 7 and younger. Trained caregivers are provided. "Busy Bags" are available for older siblings.

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

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