

Service of Worship

First Sunday after Epiphany

January 10, 2016

10:30 am

*those who are able, please stand

For Quiet Meditation

Holy God, before time you named us - Beloved.
Through time you redeem us - Forgiven.
You call us, precious,
baptized in your Spirit - your fire!
May we love as you love.

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *How Brightly Shines* Armsdorff

CHIMES

INTROIT

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Epiphany – it is like saying “Oh!”

Many: Indeed! It is the moment when we *recognize* the angels’ song.

One: Epiphany – it is like saying “Ah-HA!”

**Many: Indeed! It is the moment when we comprehend—
God WITH us.**

One: Epiphany – it is like saying “with US?”

**Many: Indeed! It is the moment when God’s grace
and our deepest needs meet. All thanks be to
God!**

***HYMN # 633** *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence* (vs 2 & 3)

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (*let us pray together*)

**Holy One, we are back to reality this week. The
Christmas lights are gone. Our nativity is packed away
for the year. The greens are boxed up. This, coupled
with an arctic blast of cold, makes us long for another
time and another place. And so today, may we see your
light in a different way. May the warmth of your Holy
Presence be felt so that, right here – right now, some
one of us might have a moment of life-changing
epiphany. We seek you today. Amen.**

***GOD'S SONG OF ASSURANCE**

Do not be afraid, I am with you.

I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home.

I love you and you are mine.

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 NT pg 60

ANTHEM

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

(*Children through second grade may go to the nursery.*)

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament

Isaiah 43:1-7

NT pg. 672

SERMON

Epiphany in the Wilderness

*HYMN (see insert)

You Are Mine

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive
us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Beautiful Savior

Ore

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication** (*let us pray together*)

**A long time ago, your people walked in the
wilderness O God. When they could not find their
way, you guided them. When they were hungry, you
fed them. We bring these gifts, intending that they
will provide for those who are in the wilderness
today. Amen.**

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN # 458

Ours the Journey

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

CHIMES

POSTLUDE *Lord Christ, God's Only Son* Bach

Call to the Annual Meeting January 24, 2016

(Snow Date January 31, 2016)

The First Religious Society in the Town of Homer and the
Homer Congregational Church will hold their Annual
Meetings for the purpose of:

- Receiving Annual Reports for 2015
- Electing officers and members of boards and committees
- Voting on Annual Budgets for 2016
- Conducting any other business which may be necessary

The meeting will begin at 11:00 AM with a break for a
"dish-to-pass luncheon" All are welcome and urged to
attend. Childcare will be provided. Please note that the
worship service will be slightly truncated.

NOTES AND NOTICES

Annual Reports are due in the office Monday, submitted electronically. Thank you.

The Youth Group will meet **today** at Little Caesar's in Kmart at **12:45** for pizza, then go to Walden Place at 1:30 pm to provide music and participate in an activity with the residents. Friends are welcome to come along and share their talents too!!

The **Senior Fellowship Club** meeting has been **cancelled** for Tuesday. It will resume as usual on Tuesday, February 9.

Next Sunday:

- During our gathering for worship we will use the occasion of the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. to be reminded of the **right of all God's children** to realize their potential as human beings in relationship to each other. Special readings and music will be included.
- In addition, the **Transition Team** will present their Congregational and Community Assessment following the worship service. Please plan to be in attendance. Following this presentation additional work will focus on responding to the Assessment with ascertaining what God calling us to do and what type of pastor will lead us into the future? These questions require a willingness to learn anew the purpose of the church and we hope you are up for the challenge!

The Homer Congregational Church seeks a Child Care Coordinator. This is a part-time position, approximately 3-4 hours per week with presence required on Sunday mornings and during other events as requested. Normal duties are performed in the church facility. To apply, send resume to Resumes@homercc.org. Job description is available on our web site at www.homercc.com. For more information contact Karen Dudgeon.

Thank you all for your concern during my recent illness. Nadyne and I greatly appreciate it. Jaff Harris

Worship Service **Participants**

Ushers and Greeters
High School Youth Group

Worship Leader
Gary Harrington

Lector
Jean Cadwallader

Nursery Volunteers
Susan Benedict,
Heather O'Hara

Coffee Hour
the Ulrich family

Attendance
January 3 - 52

Life in the Parish **Week of January 10**

TODAY – January 10
Sunday School classes resume
10:30 am – Worship service
11:45 am – Christian Education
Ministry meets
12:45 pm – Youth Group meets at
Kmart, then to Walden Place

MONDAY – January 11
Deadline for Annual Reports
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets in RFR

TUESDAY – January 12
Senior Fellowship Club cancelled
7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – January 13
7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY – January 14
6:30 pm – Church Council meets

SUNDAY – January 17
10:30 am – Worship service
11:45 am – Transition Team
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