

The Homer Congregational Church United Church of Christ

January 22, 2017

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 am Worship



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

Worship Service
Participants

Ushers and Greeters

Worship Leader
Joanne Cincotta

Liturgists

Acolytes

Flowers

Nursery Volunteers
Jenelle Pedersen

Fellowship
Annual Meeting
Dish-to-Pass

Attendance
January 15: 60

Our giving 1/15/17:

Operations - \$1,423.50
Missions - \$230

Life in the Parish
Week of January 22

SUNDAY – January 22

10:30 am – Worship
11:00 am – Annual Meeting
3:00 pm – Youth Group Game
Night at United Presbyterian
Church

MONDAY – January 23

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – January 24

2:00 pm – Bridge Group
7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – January 25

7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY – January 26

9:30 am – Collating Committee
meets
11:30 am – Bible Study

FRIDAY – January 27

Office closed

SUNDAY – January 29

9:15 am – The Well
9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship
7:00 pm – Youth Group

Service of Worship

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2017

10:30 AM

John Buchanan, 21st century:

"[T]he world and the church are changing more rapidly than we can comprehend...some things are the same: the world and the church desperately need [our] energy, imagination, passion, impatience, intelligence, and love...one of the great biblical themes is that God calls...all of us to walk into the future without knowing exactly where we are headed, to let go of old securities and certainties and trust the God who promises to be with us wherever we go."

*those who are able, please stand.

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Jesus, My Delight

Bach

CHIMES

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We enter this space for worship,

ALL: **called by God to pray together.**

ONE: We enter this space for worship,

ALL: **called by God to share our lives together.**

ONE: We enter this space for worship,

ALL: **called by God into Sabbath rest.**

ONE: We enter this space for worship,

ALL: **leaving behind the week that has gone.**

ONE: We enter this space for worship,

ALL: **to be refreshed for worship in our daily lives.**

ONE: We enter this space for worship,

ALL: **worshipping the God who calls us ever onward.**

*HYMN # 284

Gather Us In

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

NT pg. 3

*HYMN *Will You Come and Follow Me* (vs. 1, 3, 5)

(see musical page)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

SERMON

AN INVITATION

One: When we hear God calling us onward, sometimes it can be hard to leave things behind. Things like hurts and grief, disappointment or success, material possessions, family, friends. We acknowledge that for some of us, there might be things we need to leave behind so we can move forward into God's future.

One: For some of us, the concern on our heart might be those things our church, our community, and our world need to leave behind in order to move forward. As Jesus called the fishers to leave behind their nets

and boats and way of life to follow and learn from him, so we are invited to discern the things we might leave behind.

(You are invited to take a moment to think of some way God might be calling you, the community, or the world to leave in order to follow in the way of Jesus, living out God's way of Love.)

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Anthem

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
by Bonnar and Vaughn Williams

***Musical Response**

For the Life You Have Given

(See musical page)

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

Caring God, with wonder and reverence, those who are wise lay costly treasures at your feet. May the gifts we bring of worship, of time, talent, energy, and material resources, honor you, the light of the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

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.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*DEDICATION OF STEPS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share a sign of peace with those around you as we transition to the Annual Meeting.

POSTLUDE *Jesus, My Delight* Walther

Matthew 4:12-23

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the
Gentiles—¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great
light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

NOTES AND NOTICES

STEWARDSHIP

Thanks to all who have submitted **2017 pledge cards**. Pledges are still being accepted and available in the Russell Fellowship Room. To date \$ 97,315 has been pledged: \$ 82,882 Operating, \$ 14,433 Mission.

Envelopes for 2017 are also available in the Russell Fellowship Room. If you need to request envelopes, please contact Bev Berry at finsect@homercc.org.

ANNUAL MEETING

The First Religious Society in the Town of Homer and the Homer Congregational Church will hold their **Annual Meetings today, after Worship**. The purposes of this meeting are:

- Receiving annual reports for 2016
- Electing officers and members of the boards and committees
- Voting on the FRS Annual Budget for 2017
- Conducting any other business which may be necessary

FUNDRAISER

CEM will be having their **Annual Submarine Sandwich Sale**, with sandwiches available on Super Bowl Sunday (February 5th) at 11:45am. Order forms are available in the pews during worship. Please leave order forms in the church office or call (607) 749-2604 and leave a message for Rachel Ditch. **Orders are due by Sunday, January 29.**

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

Homer Winterfest, with village-wide events including food, fun, and entertainment, will take place **January 27-28**. For more information, including a detailed listing of events and times, please visit homerwinterfest.org.

First United Methodist Church will be hosting a **Community Blood Drive** on **Saturday, January 28, from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm**. It will be held in the dining room of the church at 16 Cayuga St, in Homer. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

Church Staff and Music Ministry

Rev. Dr. Kathleen Waters, Interim Minister
Lisa Clark, Homer Nursery School Director
Rachel Ditch, Director of Christian Education
Joseph Ford, Director of Music
James N. Shultes, Organist
Jan Jeffers, Chapel Bells
Gary Harrington, Sexton
Sheila Shea, Church Administrator

Church Office Hours:

Mondays through Thursdays, 9am-Noon, closed Fridays.

Pastor Kathleen's time in the office varies each week, but she is available to visit those with special needs or to meet for any other reason. Please feel free to contact her via email: pastor@homercc.org or via her cell phone: (315) 380-0744

HCC website - homercc.com

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Monthly newsletters can be found at each entrance to the sanctuary and online at homercc.com/resources.

Our digital calendar can be viewed at homercc.com/calendar.

Contact the office to receive our mid-week email, *Weekday Words*.

Welcome - We are glad that you have chosen to join us for worship this morning. If you would like additional information about HCC please speak to the pastor or worship leader and plan to join us for refreshments and community time after the service.

Children - We believe children of all ages have a place in worship and in the life of the church. A children's bulletin and "Busy Bags" are available at the entrance to the sanctuary. Nursery care is available.

Prayer request sheets are placed at each entrance. Prayers will be offered later in today's service.

Accessibility - Individual listening headsets are available to provide hearing assistance to any in need. Contact one of the ushers for help.

Miss a Sunday and want to review the bulletin? You can find weekly bulletins at our website: <http://www.homercc.com/resources>. Share with a friend.