

**The Homer Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ**  
**March 12, 2017** **Second Sunday in Lent**

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**10:30 am Worship**

SECOND SUNDAY IN  
LENT



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

**Worship Service**  
**Participants**

***Worship Leaders***

Anne Wingard

***Ushers & Greeters***

John & Elke Wright,  
Kathy & Jim McKenna

***Flowers***

Joanne Cincotta,  
in loving memory of her mom,  
Theresa S. Gay

***Nursery Volunteer***

Terry Pedersen

***Coffee Hour***

HCC Choir

***Attendance***

March 5: 74

**Life in the Parish**  
**Week of March 12**

**Sunday – March 12**

10:30 am – Worship  
12:00 pm – Mission Lunch  
2:30 pm – Ecclesiastical Council  
for Becky West at Preble UCC

**Monday – March 13**

7:00 am – Mondays at the  
manse (grades 7-12)  
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

**Tuesday – March 14**

1:30 – Mahjong Players  
2:00 pm – Senior Fellowship  
Club meets  
6:30 am – Deacons meet  
7:00 pm – Homer Brass  
rehearsal

**Wednesday – March 15**

7:00 am – Early communion  
at the manse  
9:30 am – CAM meets  
6:00 pm – Worship and Music  
Committee meets  
7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

**Thursday – March 16**

11:30 am – Bible Study Group

**Friday – March 17**

Office Closed

**Sunday – March 19**

9:15 am – The Well  
9:30 am – Sunday School  
10:30 am – Worship  
12:00 pm – CEM meets  
(after worship)

Service of Worship  
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For Quiet Meditation

When I was younger so much younger than today,  
I never needed anybody's help in any way.  
But now these days are gone I'm not so self-assured.  
Now I find I've changed my mind, I've opened up  
the doors.

Help me if you can, I'm feeling down  
And I do appreciate you being 'round.  
Help me get my feet back on the ground.  
Won't you please, please help me?

~ John Lennon

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*\*those who are able, please stand.*

**THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER**

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude                      “When Adam Fell”                      Bach  
Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Look up! Scan the horizon! From where will we  
find our salvation?

**Many: Our source of all help and all hope is the  
Holy One.**

One: God keeps a watchful eye on all of God's  
children.

**Many: God is our Guardian, today and always.**

\*Hymn            “Surely the Presence of the Lord”            #263

Unison Prayer

**You fill us with awe, O God. You cause the wind to blow and the rain to fall. You sustain the living, give life to the dead, support the falling, and untie those who are bound. Who is like you, O God of these mighty acts? Who is like you? Amen.**

Marking our Journey through Lent

*Each Sunday during Lent, we will add some sand to the container, providing visual evidence of our 40-day passage.*

**Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.** (repeat)

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

Children's Moment

Psalm 121:1 & 2

Anthem "I Lift My Eyes Up."

Scripture Psalm 121

Sermon "How the Beatles Got it Right - Again"

**GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND**

Silence is kept

\*Hymn "How Great Thou Art" (vs. 1 & 2) #33

Prayers of the People

Our 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 "Our Father in Heaven" Bach

\*Doxology

Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ our Lord whom God will raise.  
And praise the Spirit, who imparts  
God's gracious love into our hearts.

\*Prayer of Dedication

**God of unwavering love, you have held nothing back in your love for us, not even your own Self. As we dedicate our offerings to you, lead us away from our tendency to hold back and worry that there will not be enough. Help us to live as the people of love and abundance you have called us to be. Amen.**

**GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" #86

\*Benediction

\*Chimes

\*Postlude "If You But Suffer God to Guide You" Bach

# NOTES AND NOTICES

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COMING UP...

Beginning  
Mon., Mar. 13  
at 7 am

## **Mondays at the Manse (for grades 7-12)**

Each Monday during Lent, students in grades 7-12 are invited to join Pastor Vicki and Belinda for a light breakfast and devotions. Feel free to bring a friend, but let them know by text: [607.624.9940](tel:607.624.9940).

Tues., Mar. 12  
1:30 pm

## **Mahjong Players**

If you're interested in playing, please call Dorothy Hopkins at 749-7189.

Wednesdays  
at 7 am

## **Early Lenten Communion**

Adults! Each Wednesday morning during Lent, you are invited to join the Burtsons at the manse for a very simple breakfast and communion.

Sun., March 19  
(during worship)

## **Special Music**

Jeanine Rose and Nan Pasquarello will offer flute music to enhance our worship.

Sat., March 25  
8 am - 1 pm

## **UMC Blood Drive**

Please support the American Red Cross at the Homer United Methodist Church blood drive! Appointments are given priority, but walk-ins are also accepted. 1-800-RED CROSS or [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to schedule.

Sun., March 26  
at 3 pm

**Rachel Ditch is being ordained!  
Pastor Vicki is being installed!**

Don't miss this important day in the life of Homer Congregational Church! Members of the Council of Churches, the Susquehanna Association and the New York Conference will join us for the service. Rachel will be ordained and installed as our DCE and as Campus Minister/Executive Director of the Council of Churches. In addition, Pastor Vicki will be installed as our settled pastor. The Rev. Barbara Rhudy will preach. This will be a day of great celebration, special music and joy.

Thurs, March 30  
at 7 pm

**Habitat for Humanity Info Night**

Did you know that Habitat homeowners help build their homes and pay an affordable mortgage? Come find out more about the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate, and a homeownership opportunity right here in the Village of Homer. Join us in the Russell Fellowship Room if you are interested in applying, or are interested in volunteering! More info also at [www.tchabitat.com](http://www.tchabitat.com) or (607) 844-3529.

Sun., April 2  
(after worship)

**Mission Lunch**

Marleah Dentes and Olivia Harrington will give a presentation on their February visit to the Youth Leadership Forum in NYC.

### **Welcome friends!**

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. If you would like more information about our church, please let Pastor Vicki, the worship leader, or one of the greeters know. We hope you will choose to stay for refreshments and conversation following our service.

You should also know that we believe children of all ages have a place here. One of our greeters can bring you a children's bulletin and a "busy bag". After the Children's Time, small children may want to head to our nursery, where we provide trained caregivers and a fruit snack for the wee ones.

### **We want you to know...**

Rev. Vicki Burtson, Pastor [607.624.9940](tel:607.624.9940) (cell/text)  
[pastor@homercc.org](mailto:pastor@homercc.org)  
Rachel Ditch, Christian Nurture [christianed@homercc.org](mailto:christianed@homercc.org)  
Joseph Ford, Director of Music  
James Shultes, Organist  
Jan Jeffers, Chapel Bells  
Gary Harrington, Sexton  
Sheila Shea, Office Administrator [office@homercc.org](mailto:office@homercc.org)

Our office is open Monday – Thursday from 9 am – noon

Phone: [607.749.2604](tel:607.749.2604) web site: [homercc.com](http://homercc.com)

Our digital calendar is at [homercc.com/calendar](http://homercc.com/calendar)

### **Service information**

- Individual listening headsets are available to provide hearing assistance to anyone in need. Ask our greeters for help.
- Prayer request sheets are at each entrance. Your prayers will be offered later in today's service.