

**The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**
March 19, 2017 **3rd Sunday in Lent**

10:30 am Worship

THIRD SUNDAY IN
LENT

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

Worship Service
Participants

Worship Leaders

Anne Wingard

Ushers & Greeters

Terry, Russ, and Janelle
Pedersen

Nursery Volunteer

Joanne Cincotta

Coffee Hour

Andrea Herzog

Attendance

March 12: 73

Life in the Parish
Week of March 19

Sunday – March 19

10:30 am – Worship

12:00 pm – CEM meets
(after worship)

Monday – March 20

7:00 am – Mondays at the
manse (grades 7-12)

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

Tuesday – March 21

1:30 – Mahjong Players

2:00 pm – Bridge Group

6:30 am – Trustees meet

7:00 pm – Homer Brass
rehearsal

Wednesday – March 22

Newsletter deadline!

7:00 am – Early communion
at the manse

7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

Thursday – March 23

11:30 am – Bible Study Group

Friday – March 24

Office Closed

Sunday – March 26

9:15 am – The Well

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

3:00 pm – Ordination &
Installation for Rachel Ditch
and Vicki Burtson

Service of Worship
Third Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2017 10:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

There is a time for everything in creation:
a time for light and a time for darkness,
a time for sound and a time for silence,
a time for action and a time for reflection,
a time for others and a time for oneself.

But all these times are God's time
and now is the time to be aware

~adapted from William Wallace

**those who are able, please stand.*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude
Chimes

“Solid Ground”

Haan

Call to Worship

One: Praise God in this sanctuary.

Many: Praise God, for God is Great!

One: Praise God with flutes and the organ!

Many: Praise God with words and with silence!

One: Praise God, the maker of backyard trees, lotus flowers and goldfish.

Many: Let every living, breathing creature praise God!

*Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful” vs. 1&2

#2

Unison Prayer

Creator God, may we see You at work in the rising sun every day. May we see You at work in the rolling fog or the cloudy skies. May we see You at work in the snow that falls upon the earth. May we see You at work in the setting sun, the rising moon and the stars that shine, whether we can see them or not. Help us to remember that You are doing something new, every moment, every day, every year around the sun. May we know that You are doing something new right here, right now, today. 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

Anthem

“Minuets I and II”

Boismortier

Children's Moment

Scripture

Psalm 95

Sermon

“What is it going to take?”

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Silence is kept

*Hymn “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (vs. 1 & 2)

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Prayers of the People
Our Lord's Prayer

Offering

Invitation

Offertory "Duetto no. 2 from Opus 74" Kummer

*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 hope, you have called us to walk a
journey of faith. May this offering reflect
that journey. May it be a reaffirmation of
our trust in the one who leads and
encourages us. May it be used to shine light
in the dark places, so that others can join in
the journey as well. Amen.**

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (vs. 3)

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*Benediction

*Chimes

*Postlude

"Promised Land"

Owens

Welcome to our flute players, Nan Pasquarello and Jeanine Rose! We are delighted that you have joined us. Thank you for enhancing our worship experience by sharing your extraordinary gift of music.

NOTES AND NOTICES

TODAY

(after worship)

CEM Meets

CEM will meet in the Board Room after worship today.

COMING UP...

Mondays

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. 19

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.

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 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

Come find out about the local affiliate and a homeownership opportunity right here in Homer. Join us here at HCC if you are interested in applying or in volunteering! More info at tchabitat.com or call (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)
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Jan Jeffers, Chapel Bells
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Our office is open Monday – Thursday from 9 am – noon
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Our digital calendar is at 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.