

**The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**
March 26, 2017 **4th Sunday in Lent**

10:30 am Worship

FOURTH SUNDAY IN
LENT



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

Worship Service
Participants

Worship Leader
Anne Wingard

Ushers & Greeters
Bill & Sherri Masterson

Nursery Volunteer
Philip Zollweg

Attendance
March 19: 73

Our giving 3/13/17:

Operations - \$1,178
Missions - \$145.00

Our giving 3/19/17:

Operations - \$776.50
Missions - \$147.00

Life in the Parish
Week of March 26

Sunday – March 26
10:30 am – Worship
3:00 pm – Ordination &
Installation for Rachel Ditch
and Vicki Burtson

Monday – March 27
7:00 am – Mondays at the
manse (grades 7-12)
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

Tuesday – March 28
2:00 pm – Bridge Group
7:00 pm – Homer Brass
rehearsal

Wednesday – March 29
7:00 am – Early communion
at the manse
7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

Thursday – March 30
9:30 am – Collating Committee
meets
11:30 am – Bible Study Group
7:00 pm – Habitat for
Humanity Info Night

Friday – March 31
Office Closed

Sunday – April 2
9:15 am – The Well
9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship
12:00 am – Mission Lunch
(after worship)

Service of Worship
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2017 10:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

I don't mind calling the Lord my Shepherd, but I've never been too flattered by being called one of the sheep. I had hoped to be the eagle of the Lord, or maybe the cunning tiger. Sheep aren't particularly smart. They scare easily, and have a knack for getting lost.

*~ Craig Barnes in "Sheep on the Run",
Christian Century in Feb., 2002*

**those who are able, please stand.*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude
Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Welcome Church!

Many: We are the sheep of God's pasture.

One: Welcome brothers and sisters, siblings all.

**Many: We are siblings, together, in this family
of faith.**

One: Let us praise God together.

**Many: Let us praise the One who is the Good
Shepherd.**

*Hymn

Lead Me, Lord

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Unison Prayer

Dear God, thank you for this new day. Stay with us today, shepherding us through all that the day will hold. Whenever our cup of gladness overflows, we will remember that our blessings come from you. With anticipation for all good things today, we continue in our worship, believing that you are with us. 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 My Shepherd Is the Living God

Children's Moment

Scripture Psalm 23

Sermon The Inside Scoop about Sheep

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Silence is kept

*Hymn God Is My Shepherd #79

Prayers of the People
Our Lord's Prayer

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

*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, our shepherd, you provide for us in all things so that we shall not want for the things that will sustain us: food, water, air, and your love. As you help us grow in generosity, may these gifts bring sustenance to our community, both near and far. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn My Shepherd, You Supply My Need #80

*Benediction

*Chimes

*Postlude

NOTES AND NOTICES

TODAY
at 3 pm

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

Come one, come ALL! Come to church again, and join us in celebrating the ordination of Rachel Elaine Ditch! We will gather for her ordination and installation as Campus Minister at SUNY Cortland, Executive Director of the Cortland County Council of Churches and our Director of Christian Education. In addition, the Rev. Vicki Burtson will be installed as our settled senior pastor. All are welcome to this great celebration of our covenant with one another, our Susquehanna Association and the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ.

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.

Wednesdays
at 7 am

Early Lenten Communion

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

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.

Sun., April 9
(during worship)

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing works with international partners to provide clean water, food, education, health care, small business micro credit, emergency relief and advocacy/resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. It also supports domestic and international disaster preparedness and response. This is one of five special offerings in which Homer CC participates each year. We hope that you will prayerfully consider a generous contribution. For more information visit

ucc.org/OGHS

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...

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James Shultes, Organist
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.