

**The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**
February 4, 2018 5th Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 am Worship



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

Homer Congregational United Church of Christ

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Serving us in ministry today:

Terry Pedersen ~ Deacon of the Month
Terre & Lee Dennis/Jan & Bert Bertram ~ Greeters
Jenelle Pedersen~ Nursery
Lori Schmidt & Kathleen Dentes~ Coffee Hour

Today:

4:00 NO Disciple Bible Study today!
7:00 Bells

This Week:

Mon.
4:00 Confirmation Class
7:30 Al-Anon

Wed.
6:00 Worship & Music
7:00 Choir
7:00 Z Club

Thurs.
11:30 Bible Study
1:00 Disciple Bible Study

Offering – Jan. 21

Operations - \$8,126
Missions - \$362.50

Offering – Jan. 28

Operations - \$907
Missions - \$168.50

Attendance January 28: 82

Service of Worship
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

For Quiet Meditation

Teaching is more than imparting knowledge, it is inspiring change. Learning is more than absorbing facts, it is acquiring understanding.

~ William Arthur Ward

WE GATHER

**those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude
Chimes

Love Divine

Callahan

Call to Worship

One: God teaches us through the message of Jesus' life.

Many: May we always follow his teaching.

One: God exercises our spirits, and calls us to a disciplined life.

Many: May we fully commit to this journey.

One: Teach others by your word, faith, and integrity.

Many: May we immerse ourselves in the ways God who calls us to love.

*Hymn #284

Gather Us In

Honesty in Prayer

Compassionate God, too often we place our trust in things we can see and touch—and question whether you are really there. Forgive us, when we fail to recognize that you are always nearby, patiently waiting for us to recognize your presence and your glory. Open

our eyes, O God, to see you; open our ears to hear you; open our hearts to love you; and open our hands to serve you. Amen.

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW
Children's Moment

Anthem How Beautiful

Scripture 1 Timothy 4:6-16 (from *The Message*)
One: For the Word of God in scripture,
 For the Word of God among us,
 For the Word of God within us,
Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon One Sweet World

OUR RESPONSE

Silence is kept

*Hymn #453 Called as Partners in Christ's Service
(verses 1 & 2)

Offering

An Invitation to Give

Offertory On Eagle's Wings Callahan

*Doxology *tune: "All Creatures of our God and King"*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

May the gifts we offer bring food to the hungry, healing to the broken, community to the lonely, and hope to those who live in the shadows of our time. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Liturgy of Communion

Prayers and Preparation

The Meal is Served

Thanksgiving after Communion

Gracious God, you made us one in the body of Christ. You nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Thank you for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst. Now send us into the world to build your Kingdom:

**to find the lost and lonely,
to heal broken souls,
to free prisoners,
and make the powerful care.**

Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim the good news of Christ Jesus through all our words and actions. Amen.

BLESSING

Announcements

*Hymn #614 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*Benediction

*Postlude Trumpet Tune in C Major Johnson

Coming Up:

Mon., Feb 12
6:30

Church Council

Tues., Feb 13
2:00

Senior Fellowship

Program: Debbie Walls,
Aging Services Specialist

2:00

Bridge Group

6:00

FREE Community Pancake Supper

6:30

Deacons Meeting

Wed., Feb. 14 **Ash Wednesday Service**

7 PM

Join us for a contemplative service of scripture, music and silence.

Receive the ashes as a sign of humility as, together, we begin our Lenten journey.

Thurs., Feb 15

11:00

Bible Study

1:00

Disciple Bible Study

Sun., Feb. 18

Book Discussion Begins

9:30

Join Bill Hopkins for a discussion of Viktor Frankl's *Man's Search for Meaning*, a memoir of Frankl's experiences and observations as a prisoner in concentration camps during the Holocaust. Do not be afraid! Take someone's hand and give it a try.

Mon., Feb. 19

7 AM

Lenten Mondays at the Manse

Breakfast & devotions for our students in grades 7 – 12. We will finish by 7:30.

Wed., Feb. 21
7 AM

Lenten Early Communion
Come to the manse for light
Breakfast and communion. We
will finish by 7:30.

Sun., Feb. 25
9:30

Faith Formation *ReBoot!*
K – 4 class
5th – 8th class with Pastor Gary
Adults *Man's Search for Meaning*
with Bill Hopkins.

10:30

New members will be received.
If you're interested in joining Homer
Congregational Church please see
Pastor Vicki as soon as possible.

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 head to our nursery, where we provide trained caregivers and a fruit snack for the wee ones.

Here's how to reach out to us...

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Jan Jeffers, Chapel Bells

Gary Harrington, Sexton

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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.