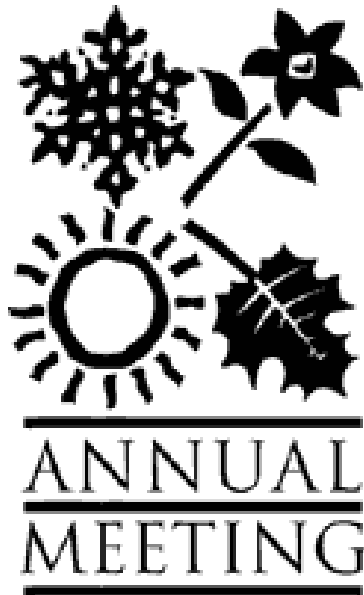


**The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**
January 21, 2018 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 am Worship



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

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Serving us in ministry today:

Bonnie Haaland ~ Deacon of the Month
Bev & Steve Berry/Lori & Kurt Schmidt ~ Greeters/Ushers
Lori Schmidt ~ Nursery
Dish to Pass

TODAY:

4:00 pm Disciple Bible Study
7:00 pm Bells

THIS WEEK:

Tues.

1:30 pm Mahjong Group
2:00 pm Bridge Group

Wed.

7:00 pm Choir

Thurs.

11:00 am Bible Study
1:00 pm Disciple Bible Study
4:45 pm Outreach Committee

Attendance

January 14: 75

Service of Worship
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2018 10:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

Listen to the salutation of the dawn... Look to this day, for it is the very life of life. In its brief course lie all the realities and truth of existence: the joy of growth, the splendor of action, the glory of power. For yesterday is but a memory, and tomorrow a vision, but today well-lived makes every yesterday a memory of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope.

~ Kalidasa

WE GATHER

**those who are able, please stand*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude The Lord is My Rock Marcello
Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Welcome to worship!

Many: We are glad to gather here with you.

One: Today is a special day. Today we look back even as we prepare to move forward.

Many: To everything there is a time. And so we will celebrate the past as, together, we claim God's call to ministry for this congregation.

*Hymn #593 Lead Me, Lord
2nd verse: Lead us, Lord... (our, us)

Honesty in Prayer #451

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

Children's Moment

Scripture Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
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 The Season is Now

OUR RESPONSE

Silence is kept

Anthem Be Thou My Vision

Prayers of the People
Our Lord's Prayer

Offering
An Invitation to Give
Offertory Lord Jesus Christ, Turn to Us Bach

*Doxology (*sung to the tune of "All Creature 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.**

WORSHIPFUL WORK

*Hymn #259 Spirit of the Living God
2nd verse: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us...

*Interlude Rigaudon Campra

Meeting of the Homer Congregational Church

Feasting at lunch

Meeting of the First Religious Society of Homer

BLESSING

Closing Announcements

*Benediction

Coming Up:

Sun., Jan. 28

9:30 am Children's Faith Formation starts January 28, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Fun, games, and "Getting-to-Know-You!" Help Pastor Gary find out who's who! K-4th grade...that means you!

10:30 am We celebrate an adult baptism and recognize new leadership.

Tues., Feb. 13

2:00 pm Sr. Fellowship

5:00 pm Community Meal – Pancakes

6:30 pm Deacons meet

ADDITIONAL NOTES OF INTEREST:

Today during Sunday School, our young people packed the items for the hygiene kits and prepared them for shipping to Church World Service. Eventually these gifts will be sent to places in the world experiencing natural disasters.

We are preparing for Lent! Bill Hopkins will be leading a book discussion based on one of his personal favorites, *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor Frankl. Whether you plan to participate or not, you may purchase a copy of the book for \$19.50 (large print, paperback). Please add your name to the sign-up sheet today.

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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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.