

**The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**

February 25, 2018

Second Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m. Worship



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

Homer Congregational United Church of Christ

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Serving us in ministry today:

Terry Pedersen ~ Deacon of the Month

Doris & Pete Hoffman/Bev & Steve Berry ~ Greeters

Joanne Cincotta ~ Nursery

Kathy McKenna ~ Coffee Hour

Today:

4:00 Disciple Bible Study

7:00 Bells

This Week:

Monday at 7 am Lenten Breakfast & Devotions at the manse for students grades 7-12.

Tuesday 2:00 Bridge
4:30 Homer Nursery School Comm.

Wednesday at 7am Breakfast/Communion at Manse
7:00 Choir

Thursday at 11 Disciple Bible Study

Offering - Feb. 18

Operations - \$1530.50 Missions - \$253.00

If you would like to know the expenses for the last month please refer to the monthly newsletter.

Attendance February 18: 62

Service of Worship
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For Quiet Meditation

The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith. ~Billy Graham

WE GATHER

**those who are able, please stand*

Invitation to Worship

Prelude How Great Thou Art Held
Chimes

Lenten Observance

A candle is carried forward

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,
Come and rest in me.

The congregation joins in singing:

**Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home.
I love you and you are mine.**

*The congregation prays together, **in silence:***

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in self-forgetting that we find;
And it is in dying to ourselves that we are born
to eternal life. Amen.

*Hymn The Summons (vs. 1 & 2) insert

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

Children's Moment

Anthem "When Jesus Wept"

Scripture Mark 8:31-38

Sermon Wait Just a Minute, Now!

OUR RESPONSE

Silence is kept

*Hymn The Summons (vs. 3 & 4) insert

Reception of New Members

Mary Barhite, Bert & Jan Bertram, Alex & Evan
Faulkenbury, Bry Meyka, Rev. Gary T. Smith

Congregational Response:

In the name of God, we welcome you. We covenant with you to fulfill our church's mission, written on our walls:

to welcome everyone, no matter who they are or where they are on life's journey, and

to share God's love for all people through the ministries of fellowship, worship, nurture, service and mission. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Our Lord's Prayer

Offering

An Invitation to Give

Offertory There is a Balm in Gilead Callahan

*Doxology

Praise God throughout these forty days.

Praise Christ our Lord, whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit who imparts

God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

May these gifts represent our willingness to deny ourselves, so others might be blessed by your grace, your peace, as well as your hope, in every moment of their lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

Announcements

*Hymn	The Summons (v. 5)	insert
*Benediction		
*Postlude	Fugue in A Minor	Rohlig

COMING UP:

Mondays at 7 AM (students 7 – 12)

Wednesdays at 7 AM

Join Pastor Vicki and Belinda for early breakfast and communion at the manse. If school is delayed we will NOT meet.

Sunday, March 4

12 – 1:00 Confirmation Class

YOUTH GROUP from 6-7:30 p.m.!

Pizza, Games and the kickoff of something
AWESOME! Feel Free to Bring a Friend!!

Wednesday, March 7 Worship & Music

Easter Flowers

Easter flower order forms are available. The selection remains the same as last year. The forms must be in no later than March 4. Please note on the form whether you wish to take your flowers with you on Easter Sunday or would like to donate for a homebound member. If you have any questions please contact Anne Wingard in the church office at 749-2604.



Sunday, March 11 – One Great Hour of Sharing

Please help us assist those in the world who lack the necessary resources to maintain productive lives. We will share a video and collect the offering during the worship service on March 11. Together we can make a difference to our sisters and brothers in the world.

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.

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Our office is open Monday – Thursday from 9 am – noon
web site: homercc.com

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.