

The Homer Congregational Church United Church of Christ

March 10, 2019

1st Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m. Worship



*Gathered on the Green in 1801 -
Still being Transformed while Doing God's Mission*

Homer Congregational United Church of Christ

Serving us in ministry today:

Tracy Bertram ~ Deacon of the Month

Alex and Evan Faulkenbury,
Ashley and Brian Cornwell ~ ushers/greeters
Kathy and Jim McKenna ~ nursery
The HCC Choir ~ coffee hour

The flowers are given by
Joanne Cincotta in loving memory
of her mother, Theresa S. Gay

TODAY

Noon Faith Formation meets

Attendance March 3: 92

Attendance at Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Spud Fest: 70

Attendance at Ash Wednesday Service: 50

Service of Worship

For Quiet Meditation

To me, there is actually great hope in admitting my mortality and brokenness because *then* I finally lay aside my sin management program and allow God to be God for me. Which is all any of us really need when it comes down to it. ~ *Why I Love Lent*, Nadia Bolz Weber

WE GATHER

**those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude
Chimes

Lenten Prelude

Vallahan

following the prelude, we allow some silence

Call to Worship

One: We gather on this 1st Sunday in Lent, not because we must, and not to impress anyone.

Many: We gather to start out on the trail leading to transformation and hope.

One: Just as the caterpillar enters the chrysalis,

Many: So do we begin the wilderness journey with Jesus.

One: We begin by remembering our past, through song.

*Hymn

Ours the Journey (vs. 1 & 3)

#458

Prayer of Honesty

I am here to worship you, O God. Take away anything that causes my disconnection from you. Amen.

Silence is kept

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

Children's Time

Anthem I Lift My Eyes Up

Scripture Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Sermon Even in the Wilderness

OUR RESPONSE

Preparing to Pray

**When I pray, I feel my heart go deeper,
my heart go deeper into my God. (repeat)
Right here, right now. Right where I am, I pray.**

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory Wondrous Love Young

*Doxology

**Praise God for blessings on this day.
Praise God for seekers of Christ's Way.
Praise God for grace beyond compare.
Praise God for hope and love and care.**

*Prayer of Dedication

In wild, desolate places your people have been shaped by their struggles, Holy One. Long ago, they found that rocks yielded water, and manna appeared on the ground. Bless our gifts that they may provide relief for any who struggle today. Amen.

BLESSING

Announcements

*Hymn Lead On, O Cloud of Presence #633

*Benediction

*Postlude March in C Major Peeters

LENTEN HOMEWORK

based on writing by Nadia Bolz Weber

- Monday: Take 5 minutes of silence at noon
- Tuesday: Look out the window until you find something of beauty you had not noticed before
- Wednesday: Give 1 or more items of clothing to Goodwill
- Thursday: Fast from complaining
- Friday: Do someone else's chore
- Saturday: Buy a \$5 gift card to give to someone who might need it

THIS WEEK:

Monday

- 4:45 Disciple I Bible Study
5:00 Disciple II Bible Study

Tuesday

- 2:00 Senior Fellowship
Dorothy Hopkins teaching origami boxes
5:00 Centering Prayer ~ Mary Barhite leading
6:30 Deacons Meeting

Wednesday

- 7:00 AM Early Communion at the Manse
6:00 PM Worship & Music
7:00 Choir Practice

COMING UP:

Sunday, March 17

9:30 Faith Formation for children and adults

10:30 Worship

Tuesday, March 19

6:30 Trustees

Wednesday, March 20

7:00 Early Communion at the Manse

5:00 Mystics Group watching Rob Bell's
Nooma video called "Rain"

Monday, March 25 at 6:30 – Church Council meeting

If you are interested in becoming a member of Homer Congregational Church, please let Pastor Vicki know. We will receive new members on Sunday, April 14.

Hey kids!

HCC's **Church Camp** is

August 13 – 15

from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Better tell your parents!

Welcome friends!

If you have any questions before the service, please see one of the greeters. After the service, join us for refreshments in the room behind the sanctuary that we call the Russell Fellowship Room.

We celebrate children of all ages. After the Children's Time, pre-school children may head to our nursery, where we provide trained caregivers. A "busy bag" is available for the older siblings.

Individual listening headsets are available to provide hearing assistance to anyone in need. Ask our greeters for help.

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