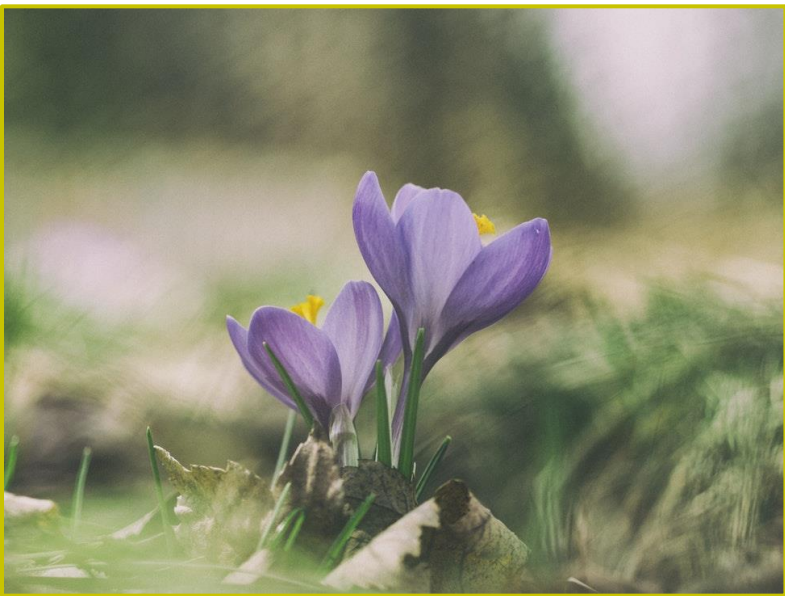


The Homer Congregational Church United Church of Christ

April 7, 2019

5th 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:

Joanne Cincotta ~ Deacon of the Month
Steve & Bev Berry,
Anne Wingard, Abby Elkins ~ ushers/greeters
Jeff & Samantha Penoyer ~ nursery
Jan Bertram and Terre Dennis ~ coffee hour

The flowers are given by Donna Riley
in loving memory of her father Donald Brown

TODAY

Noon New Members Class – Board Room

Noon Faith Formation Committee – Upstairs

Service of Worship

For Quiet Meditation

...in putting our faith into practice, we accept all human beings as a gift of God, and we commit ourselves to work to end all oppression and discrimination which afflict God's people. We affirm all relationships founded on the principles of God's love and justice.

~ from our Open and Affirming Statement, April 6, 2014

WE GATHER

**those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude
Chimes

Love Divine

Callahan

Call to Worship

*Listen for the way that God's Spirit spoke to us
five years ago.*

*Hymn

Welcome!
first verse, solo

Mark Miller

**Let's walk together for a while
and ask where we begin
To build a place where love can grow
and hope can enter in,
To be the hands of healing,
and to plant the seeds of peace, singing:**

**Welcome, welcome to this place;
you're invited to come and share God's grace;
All are wel—come the love of God to share,
'cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let's talk together of a time
when we will share a feast,
Where pride and power kneel to serve
the lonely and the least,
And joy will set the table
as we join our hands to pray, singing:**

Prayer of Honesty

**I am here to worship you, O God. Please take away
anything that distracts me from you. Amen.**

Silence is kept

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

Anthem In The Midst of New Dimensions

Scripture Isaiah 43:16-21

Sermon Behold, God's Welcome

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 There Is A Balm In Gilead Callahan

*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

**With joy we receive your blessings, O God. With joy
we offer you these gifts of your grace. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace

Liturgy of Communion

The Table is prepared – see the insert

Grace is served

Prayer after Communion

**With hearts filled with hope, we offer our praise to
you as we sing, again, Amen and Hosanna in the
Highest...**

BLESSING

Announcements

*Hymn

Welcome!

Let's dream together of the day

when earth and heaven are one,

A city built of love and light,

the new Jerusalem,

Where our mourning turns to dancing,

every creature lifts its voice, crying:

**Welcome, welcome to this place;
you're invited to come and share God's grace;
All are wel—come the love of God to share,
'cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.**

*Benediction

*Postlude

Processional

Callahan

This week:

Monday

9:30 Staff Meeting
4:45 Disciple I Bible Study
5:00 Disciple II Bible Study

Tuesday

2:00 Sr. Fellowship (Jim McKenna will present
about Birding)
5:00 Centering Prayer
6:30 Deacons meet

Wednesday

7:00 AM Final Early Communion at the Manse
5:30 Mystics Group watching Rob Bell's
Nooma video called "Luggage"
6:00 Worship & Music
7:00 Choir Practice

COMING UP:

Sunday, April 14

9:30 Faith Formation for children
NO ADULT FAITH FORMATION

10:30 Palm Sunday Worship
Reception of New Members

Monday, April 15

4:45 Disciple I Bible Study
5:00 Disciple II Bible Study
6:30 Communications Committee meets

Tuesday, April 16

5:00 Centering Prayer
6:30 Trustees meet

LENTEN HOMEWORK

based on writing by Nadia Bolz Weber

Monday: Write a thank you note to someone

Tuesday: Invest in reusable shopping bags

Wednesday: Read John 8:1-11

Thursday: Donate something today

Friday: Identify one way that your skin color has provided you privilege in life.

Saturday: Hum ...*peace, salaam, shalom*...
and then pray for peace among God's children.

Welcome friends!

If you have any questions before the service, please see one of our 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, children in grade 1 and below 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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