

The Homer Congregational Church United Church of Christ

January 5, 2020

2nd Sunday after Christmas

10:30 a.m. Worship



*Gathered on the Green in 1801 -
Still Growing Deeper as We Do God's Mission*

Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Serving us in ministry today:

Terry Pedersen ~ Deacon of the Month

Anelia Corbin & Daniel Ford ~ Acolytes

Joseph Ford ~ piano

Molly Ulrich ~ flute/recorder

Kathleen Dentes, Cindy Stout, Jim Ulrich ~
Communion Servers

Evan & Alex Faulkenbury, Russ & Jenelle Pedersen ~
Greeters/Ushers

Sherri Masterson ~ nursery
Janet & Tracy Bertram ~ coffee hour

TODAY

3:00 Epiphany Choir Festival
United Presbyterian Church

Attendance December 29: 86



Service of Worship

For Quiet Meditation

Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves...Do not, now, seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer.

~ Rainer Maria Rilke

WE GATHER

**those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude
Chimes

Call to Worship

Immanuel

Michael Card

*Hymn When Mary Hugged her Newborn Son

sung to the tune Tallis' Canon

**When Mary hugged her newborn son,
She pondered all that God had done.
Could she know all her child would be —
The life he'd bring humanity?**

**When shepherds heard the angel's joy,
They went to find that baby boy.
Could they see there in Bethlehem
A friend to outcasts just like them?
When wise ones came with gifts to share,**

**They saw young Jesus playing there.
Could they behold in one so small
God's gift most precious of them all?**

**God, make us faithful, humble, wise
To know that Jesus changes lives.
May we be open to the way
That he would change our lives this day.**

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

Children's Time

A Visit from Michael the Mouse

Scripture

I Corinthians 13

Sermon

When I Became an Adult

OUR RESPONSE

Silence is kept

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory

*Doxology sung to "What Child is This"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.**

*Prayer of Dedication

On this last day of the Christmas season, O God, we bring our gifts. May they bring blessing to those who need the good news sung by angels. Christlove is born today. Amen.

*Peace is shared

Liturgy of Communion

Prayers

Preparing the Table

Shared words of Consecration

Holy Spirit, come into this bread and cup. Transform these ordinary objects as you change our hearts to shape and form your world with the joy you promise.

Pour your grace upon us, so we overflow with your love. Help us to remember how a newborn baby might grow into a little child that would one day turn to hope-filled friends in an upper room and say:

Take and eat, this is my body.

Take and drink, this is the cup of new life.

Grace is served

Prayer after Communion

Holy One, like the wise ones who came from afar, we have been led by your Light. Like those who came to the manger, we have been fed by your presence. May the strength we have received from this sacrament help us to share your love with those whom we will meet this week. Amen.

BLESSING

Announcements

*Hymn What Child is This (vs. 1 & 3) #162

*Benediction

*Postlude

This Week:

Monday

4:45 Disciple I

5:15 Disciple II

Tuesday

5:00 Centering Prayer

Wednesday

6:00 Worship & Music

7:00 Choir Practice

Coming Up:

Next Sunday

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation for Children (K – 8th)

Adult Faith Formation

Holy Envy – Chapter 9 led

10:30 Worship

Rev. Barbara Rhudy ~ Embodied Light

Noon Faith Formation Meeting

Monday, January 13

9:30 Staff Meeting

4:45 Disciple I 5:15 Disciple II

Tuesday, January 14

2:00 Senior Fellowship – Bingo!

5:00 Centering Prayer

6:30 *Combined* Deacons & Trustees meeting

Sermon Series during Epiphany:

When I Became an Adult

Paul, writing to the people of Corinth, said:

11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. (I Corinthians 13:11)

Beginning this Epiphany Sunday, eight people will offer examples and reflections about putting away “childish ways” as they grew in faith. Today, Pastor Vicki is reflecting on her journey in faith.

Upcoming speakers are:

January 12 Rev. Barbara Rhudy

January 19 Rev. Barb Wright

January 26 Gary Harrington

February 2 Rev. Gary Smith

February 9 Bonnie Smith

February 16 Carol Costell Corbin

February 23 Rev. Quinn Caldwell

Join us as these folks witness their journey in faith, describing the pivotal moments that helped them to become an adult in faith. Let your friends and neighbors know.

Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing
and rightdoing there is a field.
I'll meet you there.

~ Rumi