

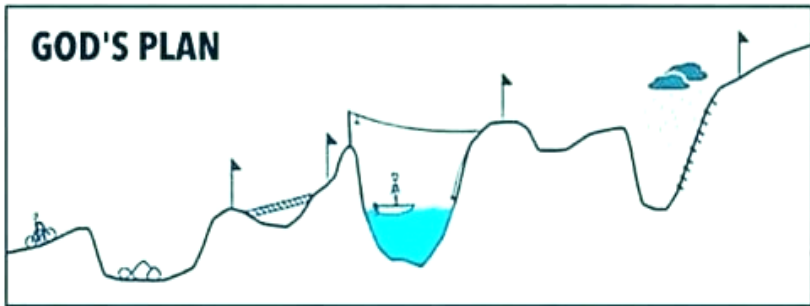
# The Homer Congregational Church United Church of Christ

February 2, 2020

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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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:**

Belinda Burtson ~ Deacon of the Month  
Asa Caldwell and Daniel Ford ~ Acolytes  
Bill Masterson, Lori Schmidt, Cindy Stout and Anne  
Wingard ~ Communion Servers

Members of Disciple I Bible Study ~ Greeters/Ushers

Seth/Erica Dennis ~ Nursery  
Carrie Gumaer ~ Coffee Hour

**TODAY**

Noon Chili Cook-off  
Join us for some award winning  
Chili recipes! We'll gather, again,  
Around tables in the Russell  
Fellowship Room as we have a SUPER  
lunch before the Super Bowl!

*Attendance January 26: 87*



# Service of Worship

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## For Quiet Meditation

If you don't allow your pain to transform you, you will transmit it onto yourself and others.

~ Richard Rohr, OFM

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### **WE GATHER**

*\*those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude      Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices      Manz  
Chimes

Call to Worship

Welcome to worship, family of faith.

**From pre-school to high school,  
from working to retirement,  
we come seeking the light.**

Holy writing describes life and faith as a journey.

**When we were children,  
we thought and reasoned like children.**

**We come seeking to grow and learn,  
as we become adults in faith.**

The season of Epiphany reminds us that God is here.

**God's grace helps us to grow in faith  
as we travel the pathway through life.**

\*Hymn                      Gather Us In (vs. 1-3)                      #284

Dedication of New Leaders

# GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

Children's Time

Scripture Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Sermon The Long and Winding Road

## 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

**Gracious God, take what we offer—our monetary gifts, the work of our hands, even our very selves.**

**Use them, and us, to establish your realm of love upon the earth. Amen.**

\*Peace is shared

Liturgy of Communion

Prayers

## Preparing the Table

Grace is served

Prayer after Communion

**You have gathered us in, Loving God. Here in this place you have given us the cup of compassion. Here in this place you have given us the bread that is you. Here in this place you have shown us your ways, and urged us to choose life! As we depart the Table of Grace, we do choose life, for ourselves and for others, now and always. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Announcements

|              |                |       |
|--------------|----------------|-------|
| *Hymn        | We Are Walking | #442  |
| *Benediction |                |       |
| *Postlude    | Jubilation     | Young |

## **Interested in joining Homer Congregational UCC?**

New members will be received on Sunday, February 23. Please let Pastor Vicki know if you are interested in joining that day.

**THIS WEEK:**

Monday

9:30 Staff Meeting

4:45 Disciple I

5:15 Disciple II

Tuesday

5:00 Centering Prayer ~ Pastor Gary leading

Wednesday

5:15 Mystics Group ~ *Islam: A Hijacked Faith*

6:00 Worship & Music

**COMING UP:**

Next Sunday

9:30 Faith Formation for Children (K – 8<sup>th</sup>)  
Adults will finish *Holy Envy* as Alex  
Faulkenbury leads the discussion.

10:30 Worship - Bonnie Smith

6 p.m. Junior High Youth Group in Homer

Monday, February 10

4:45 Disciple I

5:15 Disciple II

Tuesday, February 11

2:00 Senior Fellowship

5:00 Centering Prayer

6:30 Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, February 12

5:15 Mystics Group ~ *Christians and Islam*

## 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)*

Join us as our siblings witness to their journey in faith, describing the pivotal moments that helped them to become adults in faith. The remaining speakers are:

|             |                      |
|-------------|----------------------|
| February 9  | Bonnie Smith         |
| February 16 | Carol Costell Corbin |
| February 23 | Rev. Quinn Caldwell  |

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

February 25 is Shrove Tuesday. Plan to join us for our **Mardi Gras Spud Fest**. The spuds will be ready when you arrive. Plan to enjoy a baked potato with an array of toppings. The Faith Formation Committee will supply butter and sour cream. If you wish, you may contribute another topping to share. Don't miss this festive celebration just before...

### February 26 ~ **Ash Wednesday**

We walk with Jesus through this season of remembering our humanity. The service will be appropriate for the whole family as we remember the sacred words that *we are dust, and to dust we shall return.*

### February 29 ~ **Retreat for the Deacons & Trustees**

## **Contemplation on the Love of God**

Ignatius Loyola, *Spiritual Exercises* (231-237)

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,  
my memory,  
my understanding,  
and my entire will—  
all that I have and call my own.  
You have given it all to me.

To you, Lord, I return it.  
Everything is yours;  
do with it what you will.

Give me only your love and your grace.  
That is enough for me.