

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

**May 19, 2019**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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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**  
*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

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Serving us in ministry today:

Lori Schmidt ~ Deacon of the Month

The Masterson Family and  
The Harrington Family ~ ushers/greeters

Jenelle Pedersen ~ nursery

Joanne Cincotta ~ coffee hour

The flowers are given by Bry Meyka,  
in memory of her late husband, Gary Toller

*Attendance May 12: 97*

# Service of Worship

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## For Quiet Meditation

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

~ Jesus

Each time a person stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, the person sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

~ *Robert F. Kennedy*

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## WE GATHER

*\*those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude  
Chimes

O Love How Deep

Johnson

Call to Worship

One: God spoke through ancient people who told stories from generation to generation.

**Many: And God is still speaking.**

One: Eventually, God spoke through writers who committed the stories to paper. God's wisdom is heard through the holy accounts within the Bible.

**Many: And God is still speaking.**

One: Many of us believe that God continues to speak through people, through music, through films.

**Many: Even today, God is still speaking.**

\*Hymn Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant (vs. 1 & 3) #490

Centering Prayer

**Spirit of the gentle breeze, breathe on me now; still my churning heart and troubled mind. Curl my hair softly with your finger until, calmed, I am able to recognize your undying love once more. Amen.**

## **GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW**

Children's Time

Anthem                      The Gift of Love                      arr. Hopson  
*Jeanine Rose, flute*

Scripture                      John 13:34-35

Sermon                      Ripples of Love

## **OUR RESPONSE**

*Silence is kept*

Hymn                      Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant (vs. 5)                      #490

Preparing to Pray

**Right here, right now. Right where I am, I pray.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory Love Consecrates The Simplest Act Hobby

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**You bless us in so many ways and with so many gifts,  
Loving God. As we praise you, may our gifts bring  
relief and hope to those who have little. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Announcements

\*Hymn            They'll Know...by our Love            #494

\*Benediction

\*Postlude            Deo Gracias            Manz

**This week:**

Tuesday

5:00 Centering Prayer

6:30 Trustees meet

Wednesday

Mystics Group will *not* meet

7:00 Choir

Saturday

8 – noon Spring Clean-up of our Yard

Join us as we work together in sprucing up the outside of the church. Come when you can; leave when you must. Many hands make light work!

Pastor Gary is on vacation through Saturday, May 25.

## **Coming up:**

Sunday, May 26

9:30 Children's Faith Formation

10:30 Worship

Noon Outreach Team meets

Monday, May 27 Office Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28

5:00 Centering Prayer

Wednesday, May 29

5:30 Mystics Group at 3 Lil Birds

7:00 Choir

Saturday, June 1

4 - 11 Join in *Relay for Life* on our green!  
Our Youth Group is participating.  
Pastor Vicki will offer the opening prayer.  
Our children might be singing.

You may purchase a luminary in honor or in memory of a loved one. See Anne Wingard for details.

Sunday, June 9 Faith Formation Sunday!

Join us for a celebration of growing in faith. We have been asking "Who Is God Calling You to Be?" Hear some answers from children, youth and adults. Help us thank the people who have led us. Plan to stick around for our all-church picnic. Our Faith Formation Team will provide hot dogs, salads, and drinks. We hope the whole church will join us!

## **Welcome friends!**

We are so glad you have joined us today. Our Greeters will be glad to answer any questions. Join us later for coffee and nibbles in the room behind the sanctuary. We look forward to chatting with you.

Your kids are welcome, too. After the Children's Time, youngsters grade 2 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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