

The Homer Congregational Church United Church of Christ

November 10, 2019

Stewardship Sunday

10:30 a.m. Worship



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

Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Serving us in ministry today:

Jim Ulrich ~ Deacon of the Month
Luke & Alex Bertram ~ Acolytes

Evan & Alex Faulkenbury
Bry Meyka & Jim Rogers ~ Ushers

Anne Wingard ~ nursery
Jeanine & John Rose ~ coffee hour

The flowers today are given by
our Stewardship Committee,
with loving gratitude for the congregation we serve.

TODAY

Noon Faith Formation Meeting

Attendance November 3: 109



Service of Worship

For Quiet Meditation

When you get your, 'Who am I?', question right, all of your, 'What should I do?' questions tend to take care of themselves”

~ from *Falling Upward:
A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*
by Richard Rohr

WE GATHER

**those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude
Chimes

You Servants of God

Harmon

Call to Worship

One: Welcome friends. You are a beautiful sight!

Many: We are a tapestry of God's creation.

One: Tall and short; school-aged and retired; rich and poor; singers, dancers, quilters and coaches:

Many: We are a tapestry of God's creation.

One: Mathematicians and scientists; builders and sales people; writers and readers; bankers and teachers:

Many: We are a tapestry of God's creation.

One: You could have slept in. You could have gone out for brunch.

Many: Yet today we have chosen to be here and to celebrate all of God's good gifts.

ALL: Let us thank God as we gather a harvest of God's blessings.

*Hymn What Gift Can We Bring
*As we sing, witness the items brought forward – the result of
God's blessing in individual lives.*

Prayer of Presence

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

Children's Time Kurt Schmidt & Sherri Masterson

Anthem Is He Worthy

Preparing to Pray

**When I pray, I feel my love go deeper,
my love go deeper into my God. (repeat)**

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

Prayers of the People

Our Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Scripture Psalm 8 #728

OUR RESPONSE

Offering

Invitation to Give

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending #606

Here I Am, Lord #452

*Doxology (tune: Tallis' Canon)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Dedication

Bless all who have offered of their time, talent, and treasure to your work, Holy One. Bless everyone who will benefit from our gifts. Amen.

BLESSING

Announcements

*Hymn They'll Know We Are Christians #494

*Benediction

*Postlude Ode To Joy Hopson



This Week:

Monday Office is closed for Veterans Day

4:45 Disciple I (Disciple II is not meeting)

Tuesday

2:00 Senior Fellowship – Jaff Harris presenting

5:00 Centering Prayer

6:30 Deacons meeting

Wednesday

7:00 Choir Practice (7:30 - Christmas Music)

Thursday

6:30 Our final Sacred Conversation on Race

Coming Up:

Next Sunday

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

Adult Faith Formation

Holy Envy – Chapter 4 ~ Quinn Caldwell

10:30 Worship

6:00 Senior High Youth Group at HCC

Tuesday, November 19

6:30 Trustees meeting

Sunday, November 24 Thanksgiving Sunday

Rev. Barbara Wright – preaching.

Recognizing the blessings of our lives, we will receive a special offering for Hurricane Dorian Relief (in the Bahamas). Our Mission Committee will not only *match* our offering with funds from the Dorothy Jane Andrews Mission fund, but they will *add* another \$1,000!

Getting ready for Advent/Christmas:

Saturday, November 30 starting at 4 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens and Potluck Dinner!

*Bring the whole family as we decorate for
Advent and Christmas*

WILL YOU WIN FOR WEARING THE BEST CHRISTMAS HAT?

Sunday, December 1

Advent I – **Communion Sunday**
no children's faith formation today.

Sunday, December 8

Advent II – regular worship
Children's Pageant rehearsal at 9:30
Faith Formation meeting at noon
Junior High Youth Group in Preble at 6:00

Sunday, December 15

Advent III – **Children's Pageant**

Sunday, December 22

Advent IV – **Choir Sunday**
Christmas Party in Children's Faith Formation
Senior High Youth Group in Preble at 6:00

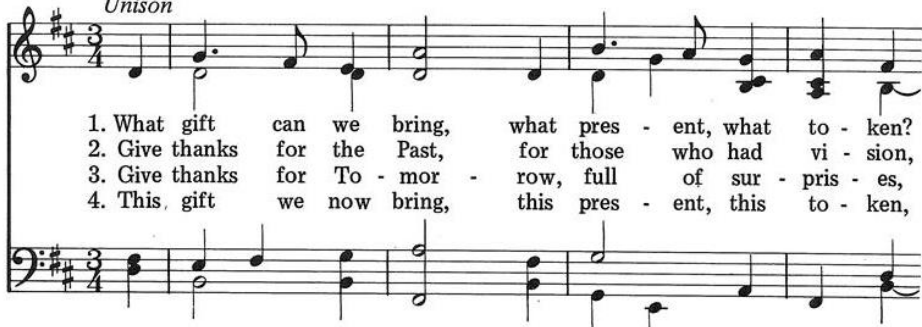
Tuesday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

4:00 – **Birthday Party for Jesus**
Jack Bertram is baking the birthday cake
Join us for this special family-friendly celebration

7:00 – **Lessons, Carols and Candlelight**
Invite your family and friends
To celebrate Christmas with us!

6 What Gift Can We Bring?

Unison



1. What gift can we bring, what pres - ent, what to - ken?
2. Give thanks for the Past, for those who had vi - sion,
3. Give thanks for To - mor - row, full of sur - pris - es,
4. This, gift we now bring, this pres - ent, this to - ken,



What words can con - vey it— the joy of this day?
who plant - ed and wa - tered so dreams could come true.
for know - ing what - ev - er To - mor - row may bring,
these words can con - vey it— the joy of this day!



When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,
Give thanks for the Now, for stud - y, for wor - ship,
the Word is our prom - ise al - ways, for - ev - er,
When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,



what song can we of - fer in hon - or and praise?
for mis - sion that bids us turn prayer in - to deed.
we rest in God's keep - ing and live in God's love.
this song we now of - fer in hon - or and praise!