

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

**November 17, 2019**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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10:30 a.m. Worship

AND...THAT'S A

**Wrap!**

*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  
Daniel Ford & Asa Caldwell ~ Acolytes

Kurt & Lori Schmidt,  
Jim & Kathy McKenna ~ Ushers

Darci Gumaer ~ nursery  
HCC Choir ~ coffee hour

The flowers today are given by  
Lee & Terre Dennis  
in memory of Elizabeth Dennis

**TODAY**

11:45 Nominations  
Noon Trustees Meeting  
6:00 Senior High Youth Group at HCC

*Attendance November 10: 92*



# Service of Worship

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## For Quiet Meditation

Make God's deeds known among the peoples;  
see that they remember that his name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord,  
for God has done great things,  
and this is known in all the world.

~ from *First Song of Isaiah*  
by Jack Noble White

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## WE GATHER

*\*those who are able, please stand*

Welcome

Prelude                      The Heavens are Telling                      Callahan  
Chimes

Call to Worship

One: This day we will give thanks to God, who cradled us  
in the waters of our baptism.

**Many: This day we will trust in the One who  
strengthens us.**

One: This day we drink deeply of God's goodness.

**Many: This day we praise our God for every blessing;  
telling everyone of God's amazing grace in our lives  
and in our world.**

**All: This day our songs are filled with joy, for God is  
with us - this day and in all the days to come!**

\*Hymn

First Song of Isaiah

**Surely it is God who saves me.  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold  
and my sure defense,  
and he will be my savior.**

Prayer of Presence

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

Children's Time

Anthem

Down by the Riverside

Scripture

Isaiah 12

Sermon

That's a Wrap!

## **OUR RESPONSE**

*Silence is kept*

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.**

Prayers of the People

Our Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Amazing Grace

Callahan

\*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

**Remind us, Holy God, that people draw hope, healing, feeding and reconciliation from the wells of *our* generosity. We offer these gifts – drawn from the abundance which is ours – to bless those around us, even if we do not know them. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Announcements

\*Hymn            Praise to the Lord, the Almighty            #25

\*Benediction

\*Postlude                            Hornpipe                            Callahan

## **This Week:**

Monday

4:45 Disciple I      5:15 Disciple II

Tuesday

5:00 Centering Prayer

7:00 Solidarity in Community

In response to the painting of a hate symbol on the Unitarian Universalist Church in Cortland, join us at Temple Brith Sholom, 112 Madison Street, Cortland. Representatives from area churches will be present and the Temple will display a historic Torah that survived the Holocaust. Join us as we stand up against hate.

Wednesday

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

## **Coming Up:**

Next Sunday

Thanksgiving Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Faith Formation for Children (K – 8<sup>th</sup>)

Adult Faith Formation

*Holy Envy* – Chpt. 5 ~ Carol Costell Corbin

10:30

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!

Noon

Outreach

## 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!

Hymn of Promise  
Natalie Sleeth

In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity,  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.