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Homer United Methodist Church

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Centering

- limit distractions, light a candle, take a deep breath, and offer a prayer of gratitude for the indigenous peoples on whose land you live, work, and worship

Opening Prayer¹

Under the right conditions—
soil, water—the seed sprouts

Sacrament

Lenae Nofziger

into a pair of impulses: down,
up. It grows roots, trunk,

branches, leaves, a life.
Years pass. Decades.

Sun, rain, clouds, snow.
Bark hardens, dead limbs

drop, leaves unfurl, reach
skyward, fall. Fruit ripens,

tumbles, rots. Light feeds dark;
dark, light; sap rises in secret,

moving through what is rough
and what is wood, through

what is and will become
the heart.

¹ Lenae Nofziger (<https://christandcascadia.com/2021/01/14/branches-leaves-life/>) Used with permission.

Opening Song

What Gift Can We Bring

Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Jane Marshall, 1980
MUSIC: Jane Marshall, 1980
CCLI Song # 216549
CCLI # 11365960

Prayer for Illumination

By your Holy Spirit, O God, open our ears, our eyes, our hearts, and our minds to your holy Word who brings salvation and wholeness to all. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:29-39

Dave Nofziger

29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

32 That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' ³⁸He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Preparation

Be Still, My Soul

Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. by Jane Borthwick, 1855
MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. from *The Hymnal*, 1933
CCLI Song # 96910
CCLI # 11365960

Sermon

Healing

Pastor Lisa

Jesus loves us just the way we are, but Jesus does not leave us as we are. Whatever possesses us, whatever distracts us, whatever ails us, Jesus heals. Amen.

Song of Response

Spirit Song

Lucy Kunkler

WORDS: John Wimber, 1979
MUSIC: John Wimber, 1979
CCLI Song # 27824
CCLI # 11365960

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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Benediction

You are God's beloved children.
As God loves you, love others.
As God forgives you, forgive others.
As God heals you, heal others.
Amen.

Closing Song

For the Beauty of the Earth

Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864
MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. by W.H. Monk, 1861
CCLI Song # 43200
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