



## Homer United Methodist Church

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### Centering

- prepare your communion elements, 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 Prayer<sup>1</sup>

Holy God, you gather the whole universe  
into your radiant presence  
and continually reveal your Son as our Savior.  
Bring healing to all wounds,  
make whole all that is broken,  
speak truth to illusion,  
and shed light in every darkness,  
that all creation will see your glory and know your Christ. **Amen.**

### Opening Song

*Come, Share the Lord*

Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Bryan Jeffery Leech  
MUSIC: Bryan Jeffery Leech  
CCLI Song #106408  
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 1:35-45

Peggy Ostrom

35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and his companions hunted for him. 37 When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' 38 He 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.' 39 And he

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<sup>1</sup> <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers.php?id=62>

went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

40 A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." <sup>41</sup>Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" <sup>42</sup>Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. <sup>43</sup>After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, <sup>44</sup>saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."<sup>45</sup>But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

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

### **Song of Preparation**

*My Life Flows On*

Lucy Kunkler

WORDS: Robert Lowry  
MUSIC: Robert Lowry  
CCLI Song # 2795377  
CCLI # 11365960  
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### **Sermon**

How Can We Keep from Singing?

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.

### **Song of Response**

*Spirit Song*

Lucy Kunkler

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

### **Holy Communion**

Gracious God, we have not believed you or trusted in your power.

**Lord, help our unbelief.**

We have stained our souls by our actions or our inactions.

**Cleanse us, Lord.**

We are broken by disease, bruised by the sins of others, weakened and unable to repair ourselves.

**Heal us, Lord.**

*silent prayer*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Mike Ostrom

**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.**

**Receiving the Elements**

The bread of heaven and the cup of salvation given for you. 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**

WORDS: Kurt Kaiser, 1969  
MUSIC: Kurt Kaiser, 1969  
CCLI Song #14284  
CCLI # 11365960

*Pass It On*

Ola Mullikin