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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

Jesus calls us
to praise and prayer,
to song and silence;
Jesus calls us to worship.

Jesus calls us
to hearing and healing,
to service and solidarity;
Jesus calls us to love.

Jesus calls us
to advocacy and action,
to protest and provision;
Jesus calls us to justice.

Let us heed the call of Christ.
Let us worship together with joy. Amen.

Opening Song

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1978
MUSIC: Carlton R. Young, 1984
CCLI Song # 231043
CCLI # 11365960

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

Lucy Kunkler

¹ Joanna Harader (<https://spaciousfaith.com/>)

Prayer for Illumination

Martha Ellen Files

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 1:14-28

Martha Ellen Files

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

Song of Preparation*Standing in the Need of Prayer*

Vheneka

MUSIC: Stephen M. Lee; arr. for marimbas by Karin Sonnen
 CCLI Song # 5304985
 CCLI # 11365960

Sermon

Healing Begins

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

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

WORDS: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862
MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1864
CCLI Song # 62762
CCLI # 11365960

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

Ola Mullikin