



Homestead Church

UNITED METHODIST

Real faith. Real family. Real life.

BREAD, BATH & BEYOND ...the hype

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Rev. Becky Jo Messenbrink, Pastor

February 12, 2012

9:00 & 10:45 AM

*The congregation stands for the indicated hymns and readings. If it is difficult for you to stand, please feel free to remain seated at these times.

Beyond...the hype

Gathering

We invite you to mark your presence in worship on our registers (black folder at the end of the pew) and to fill out a **PRAYER CARD** with any joys or concerns you have. The prayer cards can be placed in the offering plate and will guide our prayers later in worship.

This morning there is a candle in the center of our Sanctuary. It is called the Christ Candle and reminds us of the central presence of God in our worship and our lives.

Prelude "Meditation" Joseph Roff

***Gathering**
You are invited to stand and face the Christ Candle in the center of the Sanctuary.

***Opening Hymn** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #154 (UMH)

Welcome A warm welcome is extended to all.
Especially those who are worshipping at Homestead for the first time or who have returned after an absence.
Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together.

Children's Message "Title" Joel Blair

Celebrating Our Life Together in Christ
Significant messages about participating in the community of faith at Homestead Church

Anthem "All Things Work Together for Good" Chancel Choir

Discovering

Litany of Distractions

***Gospel Lesson** Mark 1:40-45 NRSV (red), NT p.33-34
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Song of Preparation** *"He Touched Me"* #367 (UMH)

Meditation "Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing" Rev. Becky Jo Messenbrink

Responding

***Song of Response** *"Victory in Jesus"* #370 (UMH)

Receiving the Gifts and Tithes

Offertory *"If You but Trust in God to Guide You"* Gerald Peterson

***Doxology** #94 (UMH)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (in unison)

God, we are distracted by many things. There may be a host of reasons we give these gifts. Beyond all the hype of why we might give, use these gifts to help us remind the world that you are the Main Thing. Amen.

Prayers of the People

After each petition....

Beyond the hype of our world, God of the main thing, we pray...

[sung] **Shepherd me, O God, beyond our wants,
beyond our fears, from death into life.**

The Lord's Prayer #895 (UMH)

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.

Sending

***Closing Song** *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"* #2153 (UMH)

***Blessing**
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***Postlude** *"Praise!"* Dennis Eliot

Lead Pastor: Rev. Becky Jo Messenbrink

Director of Children's Ministry: *Russ Bruhnke*

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