

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP  
FEBRUARY 21, 2010

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Prelude: *O Man, Bewail thy Grievous Fall* .....Bach

*“O man, bewail thy grievous fall, for which Christ left His Father’s hall  
And came to earth from heaven.  
He of a virgin maiden pure was born, of man the Savior sure,  
And came earth’s ills to leaven.  
The dead He raised again to life, the sick He loosed from pain and strife,  
Until the time appointed that He for us should shed His blood  
And take on Him our sins’ dark load, Stretched on the Cross accursed.”*

Choral Introit: *If You Love Me* .....Sleeth

Children’s Choir, directed by Susannah Smith

\*Call to Worship

Because of His great love for us, God, Who is rich in mercy,  
made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our transgressions –

***It is by grace we have been saved.***

This is how God showed His love among us:

***He sent His one and only Son into the world  
that we might live through Him.***

This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us  
and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

***Thank You Father, for Your amazing love! Alleluia!***

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 335 ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

Passing the Peace

**God’s peace be with you.  
And also with you.**

Life of the Church

Anthem: *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* .....arr. Nelson

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31: 1-9 (page 782)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn 567 ***Gloria Patri***

***“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.”***

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Let Us Consider* .....Cox  
Hilary Gunning, Elaine Tooley, Laura Sastic, Amanda Cox

Pastoral Prayer / **The Lord’s Prayer** (debts/debtors)

*Please feel free to stand or kneel at the altar rail as an indication  
of a need for which you are praying in your own life or in the life of another.*

\*New Testament Reading: Matthew 22: 34-40 (page 980)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn 435 ***What Wondrous Love is This?***

Sermon: **Do You Love What You See in the Mirror?**

Pastor Wesley Oden

The Lord’s Supper

\*Hymn 273 ***And Can It Be?***

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee* .....Walther

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\*Please stand if able

Organist: Eileen DeBoer

Worship Leader: Pastor Todd Leach

Acolyte: Samantha Nichols

Children’s Worship bulletins are available in the church foyer for ages 3-12.

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH:** Children ages 2-5 go directly to Children's Church prior to the service. Children's Church meets in room 116 on the first floor of the Christian Education building.

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The season of Lent is an historic time for reflection, repentance and surrender in the shadow of the cross as we prepare ourselves, individually and corporately, for the death and resurrection of Christ. This year as we reflect on God’s love for us we are reminded of our call to be loving people. Love for others begins, however, in the difficult task of appropriately loving ourselves. In this hour of worship, let us ask God to help us love as He loves.

**If you are a guest here today,** we welcome you. We are glad that you are here. Please fill out a guest card located in the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the offering plate when it is passed.

**TONIGHT** small groups continue meeting in community homes and at the church (6:00 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:30** Pastor Laurie leads the sanctuary prayer group. AWANA Clubs do not meet this week; they resume March 3.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** is the Second Sunday in Lent. Gathering for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00, we will ponder the call to loving prayer for our family (Colossians 3:18-21; Ephesians 5:22-6:4).

**NEXT SUNDAY EVENING SMALL GROUPS** continue meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** Pastor Wes will be offering a membership class on the evening of **Tuesday, March 2**. If you are interested in joining the Houghton Wesleyan Church or in knowing more about the church, you are urged to attend this class. The class will meet on one night for about 3 hours and will cover the history of our church, what we believe, the core elements of our mission and vision, and how you can help make this church what God intends for us to be. If you are already a member and would like the opportunity to think through some of these things again, you also are invited to attend. Please let the church office or Pastor Wes if you intend to attend or if you have questions about the class or membership.

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY:** Sunday, February 28th, is a break weekend at the college. In order to fill the gaps for our regular college student teachers, we need ten volunteers for our children's Sunday School classes. Please consider the joy of working with our children on this break Sunday. If you are interested in helping, please contact Robin Pawling (567-8496), Betsy Webb (567-4619), or Cindy Oden (567-2264). Thank you.

**HAITI RELIEF:** If you are interested in assisting the rescue and relief work in Haiti we are encouraging gifts to be given to either Global Partners ([www.wesleyan.org/gp](http://www.wesleyan.org/gp)) or World Hope ([www.worldhope.org](http://www.worldhope.org)). In addition, World Hope is organizing relief teams. If you are interested in applying to be part of a team or if you would like more information about the teams, go to: [www.whirecoverysupport.org](http://www.whirecoverysupport.org).

<b>NEWS FOR INVESTORS</b>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
Offerings Received	\$ 15,913	\$ 482,040
<u>Budget Needed</u>	<u>\$ 13,612</u>	<u>\$ 503,644</u>
Difference +/-	+ \$ 2,301	— \$ 21,604

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for Anthony Petrillo and family at the death of his sister this week and other families who have experienced a recent death; for people with health concerns: Vangie Grant, Clarence Wagonblott (Audra Beardsley's father), Jenna Koppen, Steve Castor, Crystal Blake, Don Scholla (Sheri Reynolds's Father), Bonnie MacBeth, Meredith Kellogg, Al Smith, Pierce Samuels, Emily Crikelair, John Johnson (Sharon Johnson's father), and Louis Case (Jon Case's father); for the people of Haiti and others facing the effects of natural disasters, famine and war, and for the prayer vigil through which God would challenge us to be people of prayer.