

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP  
MAY 24, 2009

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*As the prelude begins, let us observe silence as we prayerfully anticipate this hour of corporate worship of Almighty God.*

Prelude: *If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee* (Hymn #384) .....Walther

\*Call to Worship

Grace and peace to you from Him who is and who was and who is to come.

*All praise to You, God of all, for Your blessing upon us now,  
for Your blessing upon us in what has been  
and for the gifts of grace and peace you wait to give us.*

To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood,  
and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving His God and Father,  
to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

*All praise to You, Jesus Christ, for Your great love for us,  
for giving Yourself to us, and for bringing us back to the Father.*

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see Him.

*Lord Jesus, we look in expectant hope to the day of Your great glory  
and wait with eager breath to join with all creation in Your praise.*

“I am the Alpha and Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was  
and who is to come, the Almighty.”

*Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.*

\*Invocation

\*Hymn *We Come, O Christ, to You* (see insert)

Life of the Church

\*Doxology *Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* .....Lasky

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

Ministry in Music: *By Faith* .....Getty  
Hilary Gunning, Amanda Cox, Matt Cox

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21 (page 1158)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

\*Hymn 356 *Jesus, My Lord, My Life, My All*

Sermon: **Send It On Down**  
Rev. Neil Koppen

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

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *Allegro Maestoso* .....Mendelssohn

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\*Please stand if able  
Organist: Eileen DeBoer

Worship Leader: Pastor Wesley Oden  
Acolyte: Tara Beardsley

*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 Psalmist proclaims: “Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth! Sing about the glory of his name! Tell the world how glorious he is” (66:1-2). We gather today to proclaim our praise of God for who He is and for all that He has done for all of us. Let us lift our hearts and lives to God in worship today.

**FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS** are located at the outside end of each pew. Please take a moment to add your name to the list then pass it to the person next to you. **If you are at the end of the row, please tear off the sheet for your row and place it in the offering plate when it is passed.** Thank you.

**TONIGHT AT 6:00:** Chris and Melissa George, missionaries to Australia, will be sharing.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:30** in the sanctuary, all members are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting of our church congregation. During this gathering we will elect leaders for the coming year (sample ballots are posted around the facility), approve the 2009-2010 budget (copies are available in the foyer, copies of the full budget are available in the office and on the church website, [www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org)), and hear reports from various church committees.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** you are invited to worship at 8:30 or 11:00. Pastor Cindy will be preaching from Revelation 3:14-22.

**NEXT SUNDAY EVENING** –Senior Recognition Service—see insert for details.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW FOR MEMORIAL DAY.

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES** - in the upcoming months we have many ministry opportunities in our Sunday School and Children's Church ministries. Please fill out one of the blue volunteer sign-up forms which are available in the church and Christian Education foyers. Then you may give the form to one of the pastors, an usher, or drop it off at the church office. Thank you.

#### YOUTH NEWS

Tuesday – Prayer breakfast 7 a.m. Community Room; Retreat deadline today!  
Wednesday – NO Youth group—see you June 3

*Senior Recognition Service May 31<sup>st</sup>. See insert for details.*

Try life “unplugged” for a few hours at the district “Do-nothing” retreat!  
Registrations for the “Do-nothing” retreat due by Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup>! Sign up today!!

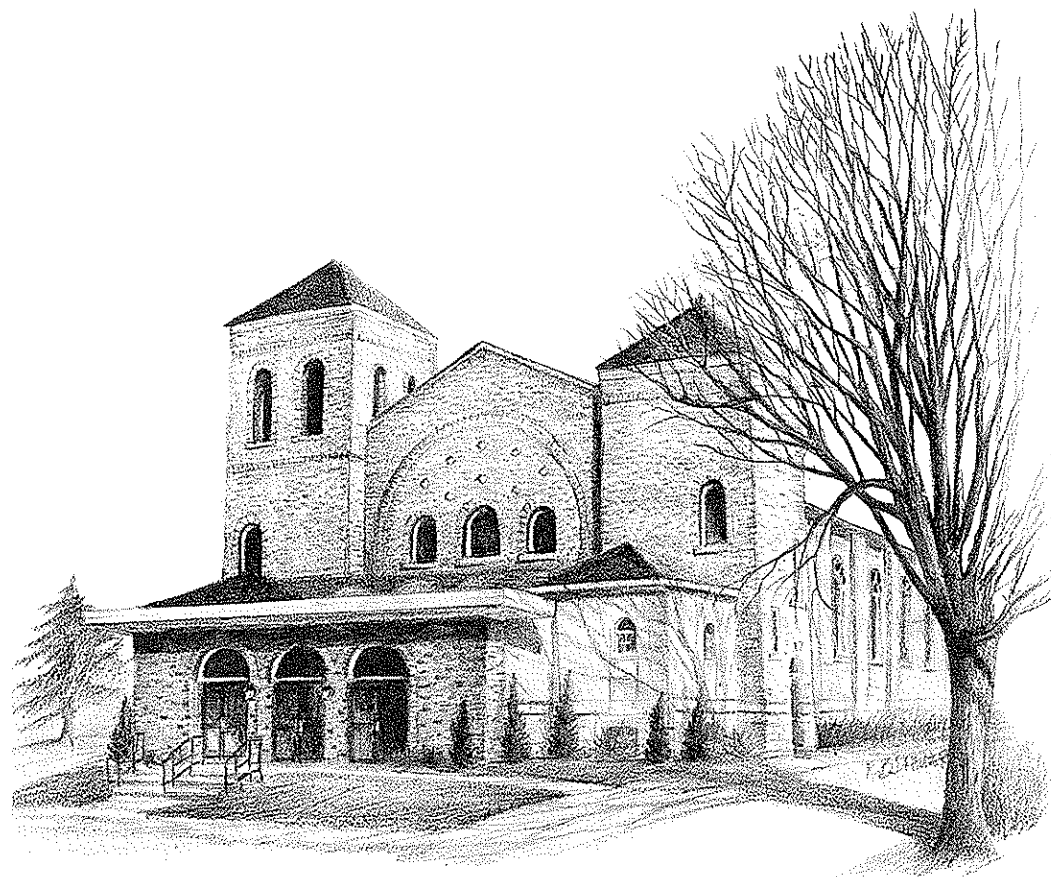
**OUR FAMILY IN MINISTRY: Bill O’Byrne, Russia**—St. Petersburg Christian University—Bill is the university’s freshman class advisor, working with several converts from Islam. He also directs a School of Spiritual Mentoring and organizes monthly mini-retreats for area pastors.

<b>NEWS FOR INVESTORS</b>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
Offerings Received	\$ 13,514	\$ 670,082
<u>Budget Needed</u>	<u>\$ 13,354</u>	<u>\$ 681,054</u>
Difference +/-	+\$ 160	—\$ 10,972

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for the family of Theola Schierer and all among us and all connected to us who are grieving; for those who have health concerns: Marie Martin (Troy’s mother), Meredith Kellogg, Phyllis Osgood, Rolland Fletcher, Al Smith, John Johnson (Sharon Johnson’s father), Isobel Alexander, Pierce Samuels, Emily Crikelair, Richard Schmidt (Karl’s father), and Louis Case (Jon Case’s father); for people who are in need of employment; for our local, county, state and national leaders; and for the leaders of the nations of the world.



*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*  
TODD LEACH, *Assistant Pastor*  
JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*  
CINDY ODEN, *Discipleship Pastor*  
AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*  
LAURIE SMALLEY, *Volunteer Pastor for Outreach*