

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

APRIL 22, 2018

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

Prelude: *Fugue and Andante* from Sonata No. 6 .....Felix Mendelssohn

**\*Call to Worship (Psalm 8)**

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.*

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what are we that you are mindful of us, human beings that you care for us?

*You have made us a little lower than the angels and crowned us with glory and honor.*

You made us rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under our feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

*Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

**\*Invocation**

**\*Hymn 26**      *All Creatures of Our God and King*

**\*Words of Greeting and Peace**

Ministry Spotlight: Youth

Anthem: *Look at the Earth* .....John Rutter

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:4-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Doxology**

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Hymn Prelude on "God of Grace and God of Glory"* .....Paul Manz

**Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, giver of every good and perfect gift, we bow before you acknowledging our corporate sin and our need for corporate forgiveness. In this past week, as your people, we have doubted Your goodness, we have pursued the idols of wealth and possessions, we have lusted for power, we have spoken harsh words and ignored people who are in need. We have spread gossip and listened eagerly at the misfortune of others. Most grievously, we have been consciously and subconsciously negligent to give thanks for your blessings. As your people, forgive us and lead us in the way to everlasting life through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer**

*Please feel free to use the altar as your place of prayer as we bow in humility before our loving heavenly Father.*

*If kneeling is difficult for you, please use the red chairs or stand by the altar rail.*

**Song of Preparation**

New Testament Reading: 2 Peter 3:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Hymn 33**      *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Sermon:      **The Resurrected Life of Righteousness**

Pastor Wes Oden

**\*Hymn 65**      *This is My Father's World*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)**

**\*Postlude: Choral Song** .....Samuel Sebastian Wesley

\*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Gudy Stevenson

Acolyte: Abigail Reitnour

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

**Nursery:** We provide a fully staffed nursery for infants up to two years of age. The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Christian Education Building.

**Children's Church:** Children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the song before the sermon for Children's Church: 2 and 3 year olds meet in room 116; 4-5 year olds in room 115 in the Christian Education Building.

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** We gather for worship today as a sign of our faith in the resurrected Christ. As we continue in the season of Easter, we are reminded that God who has been faithful through the years promises to be faithful in our lives every day.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** we going to honor our college graduates. During each of the morning worship services (8:20, 9:40 and 11:00), some college students will be sharing, and we will spend time praying for and encouraging our graduates.

**OUR LAST KIDS CLUB OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IS THIS WEDNESDAY:** Parents and children meet at the Houghton College Pool from 6:00 to 7:00pm.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Dick and Tom Gould on Friday, April 27, at 10 am.



**Volunteers needed for Children's Church this summer.**  
Sign up by scanning the QR Code or by clicking on the link  
<https://goo.gl/z3Qib4>

**CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY MAY 5:** Help beautify our church facility by participating in our annual Church Work Day on Saturday, May 5, 8:30 a.m. – noon. Doughnuts and coffee will be available. Our attention will focus on the exterior of the building and landscaping of the church grounds so bring gardening tools, such as shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows. Children are welcome.

**MISSIONARY MOMENT** – We praise God with Cory and Kris Thede who serve in agricultural, medical and spiritual education in the northern mountains of Haiti for the successful adoption of son, Fritz. Pray for progress on home construction, the older children college transitions, and victory in what seem like endless spiritual attacks on a variety of fronts. We look forward to their visit here this summer.

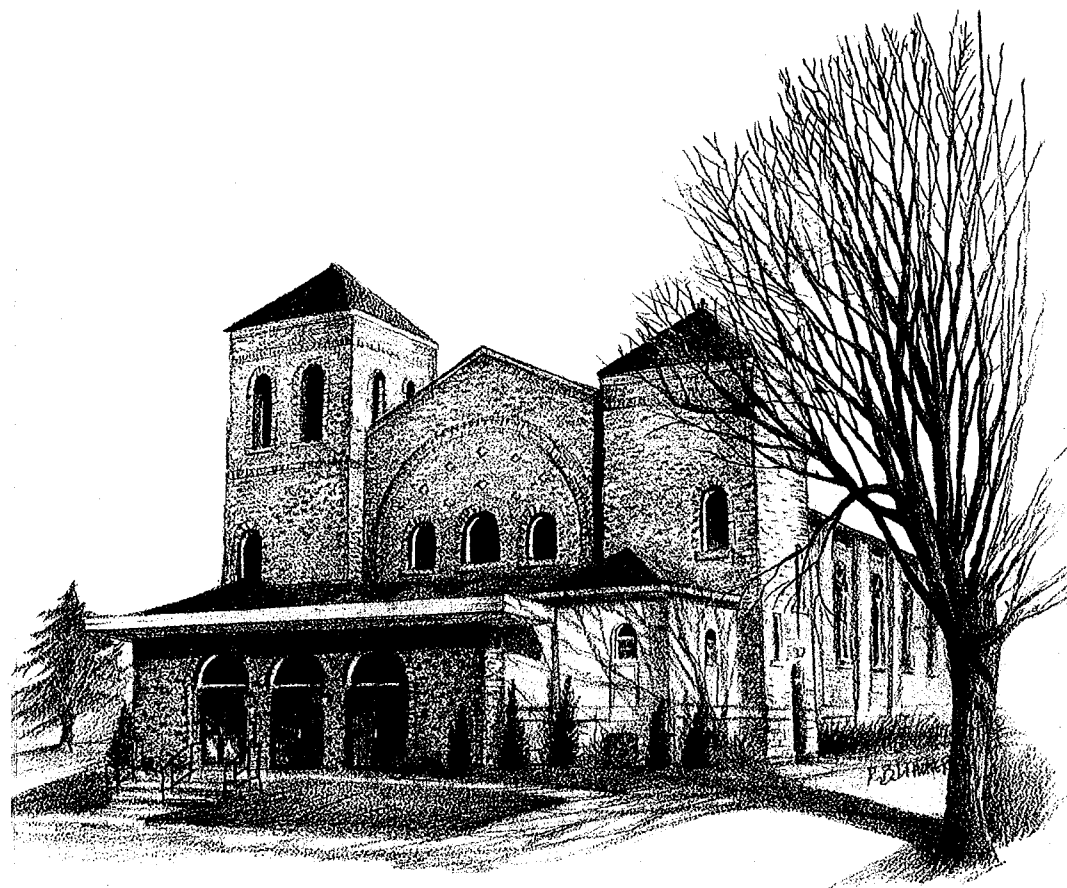
**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Christian brothers and sisters in Venezuela are undergoing severe hardships simply from the oppressive conditions in a land facing political, social and economic challenges even to the point of hunger. Pray for pastors and lay people to courageously show love and compassion in the midst of extreme difficulty.

**LIVE STREAMING:** All of our worship services are live streamed through the church website and through streaming devices (AppleTV, Roku, etc.). If you use Roku, you will need to find the services on our new Roku app. Search for Houghton Wesleyan Church. Our new app will enable easier access.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for the family of Dan Moore at his Mom's death; for the family of Hudson Hess and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: John Christensen, Leonard Watson, Florence Teuber, Roselyn Danner, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Tim Nichols, Bob Brown, Louise Prinsell, Nancy Cole, Brian Orbaker (Charlie and Connie Smith's son-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter, Sheryl O'Brien, Ben King, Doris Essepian, Eila Shea, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Bill Getty, Mike Raybuck, Bev Rhett, Micah Christensen, Linda Roth, Emily Crikelair; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church, Rushford (Father Dennis Mancuso).



*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*  
JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*  
CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*  
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## Volunteer Sign-Up: Summer Months—May 6 – August 26

Our college volunteers are gone for the summer and our regular teachers are taking a much needed break for the summer. In order to continue with our Children's Church ministry, we need volunteers! Please sign up below if you are able to help. The completed form may be turned into the church office or placed in the offering plate as soon as possible. Thank you for serving in the valuable ministry to our children. We need two adult (18 years or older) volunteers for each classroom (must go through an application/screening process). We love having Junior High and High School students help out as well.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**During the summer months (May 6 – August 26) I am willing to volunteer:**

<b>June 17 &amp; 24</b>	<b>9:40</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> as a teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> as an assistant teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> as a junior helper (under 18)
<b>May 6—June 24</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> as a teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> as an assistant teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> as a junior helper (under 18)
		<input type="checkbox"/> every week	<input type="checkbox"/> every other week	<input type="checkbox"/> once every month

**Summer Sabbath, July 1—August 12**

	<b>10:00</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>2/3 year old class</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>4/5 year old class</b>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> as a teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> as an assistant teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> as a junior helper (under 18)
		<input type="checkbox"/> every week	<input type="checkbox"/> every other week	<input type="checkbox"/> once every month
<b>August 19</b>	<b>8:20</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> as a teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> as an assistant teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> as a junior helper (under 18)
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A Special Invitation  
**SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCH**  
 for College & Grad Students  
 with the church family  
**NEXT SUNDAY, noon, APRIL 29.**

Plan to come with others anytime after the 9:40 or 11:00 Service to the Community Room behind the Sanctuary.  
 Come for good food, conversations, and fun! Bring friends.

See you there.  
*Your HWC friends*



(FOLD/TEAR OFF/PUT IN OFFERING)

**SUNDAY LUNCH at NOON — APRIL 29**

\_\_\_\_\_ yes, I plan to come (college)

\_\_\_\_\_ yes, we'll be there with a main dish and salad or dessert.

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 (name/s)