

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

MARCH 17, 2019

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

Prelude: *O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross*, (BWV 622)J.S. Bach
("O Man, Lament Your Great Sin")

*Call to Worship (Thom Shuman)

Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

As we travel our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.

In those forty days, and in that place,

Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt and temptation.

As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.

Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.

*Invocation

*Hymn 288 *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 13: 1-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*arr. Robert Hobby

Prayer of Confession

God our Lord and Creator, we acknowledge that we have sinned against you. Our actions have fallen short of Christ, our attitudes have not reflected Christ, our words have not communicated Christ. We have been more concerned with our own comfort than with our neighbor's pain. We too often use our resources to protect what we want rather than being burdened with compassion for what others need. In our fascination with self, we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Nevertheless, you have kept faith with us. We ask for your mercy upon us. Strip us of all that is unlike Christ and help us to live up to our calling through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: *There is a Redeemer*

*New Testament Reading: Matthew 26:17-30

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

*Hymn 152 *O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done*

Sermon: **Broken for the World**
Pastor Wes Oden

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn 155 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Prelude in C major*, BWV 545J.S. Bach

*Please stand if able
Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Shea
Acolyte: Abigail Reitnour

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 and is available during services.

There are **KID'S BAGS AND BIBLES** available in the book shelf on the left side of the foyer next to the Men's restroom.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Following the New Testament scripture reading children ages 2-5 will be dismissed for Children's Church which meets in the Christian Ed building in Room 116.

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. As we reflect on our sin and on God's grace through Jesus Christ, let us contemplate our response to Jesus our Redeemer.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK: Elders, Tuesday, 7pm

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING is the third Sunday in Lent. Pastor Wes's sermon takes us to the next event in Matthew 26. Verses 31-46, which describe Jesus praying in the Garden, cause us to ponder the idea of *United in the Father's Will*. We gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00.

KID'S CLUB meets this week. On March 20 we will carry on the tradition of having the **Buddy Keith Memorial Grand Prix & Sailboat Races** in the Community Room for kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade. All kids are welcome to participate, and everyone is welcome to come and watch! Don't forget your boats/vegetables for the race. Contact Pastor Laurie with any questions.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Pastor Wes is organizing a membership class this month. If you are interested in becoming a member or knowing more about membership, this class is for you. If you are interested in knowing more about who we are as the Houghton Church, this class is for you. If you are already a member but would like a review, this class is for you. Please contact the church office (office@hwchurch.org) if you are interested in attending.

QUIET DAY RETREAT for women and men on Saturday, April 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Sally Johnson's home. Our Facilitator is Jeanie Little. Cost is \$20 which includes snack, drinks and lunch (\$15 for college students). For more information and to RSVP please call or email Jeanie Little at 585-610-5999 or jeanielittle5@gmail.com.

EASTER BAPTISM: If you are interested in being baptized at the 7:45 a.m. Resurrection Service on Easter morning, April 21, please contact Pastor Wes. He will be hosting a preparatory class in the next couple of weeks.

STEWARDSHIP Received (June 1—Present): \$617,216.31
 Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$626,619.40

MISSION MOMENT – A Big *Thank You* to the well over 100 folks who experienced the Poverty Simulation last week as staffers and participants. Let us pray that Spirit-led conversations and actions continue under the impact of this powerful event. Our thanks and prayer for the ongoing work of Hope International and other agencies including our own local efforts to promote change and hope.

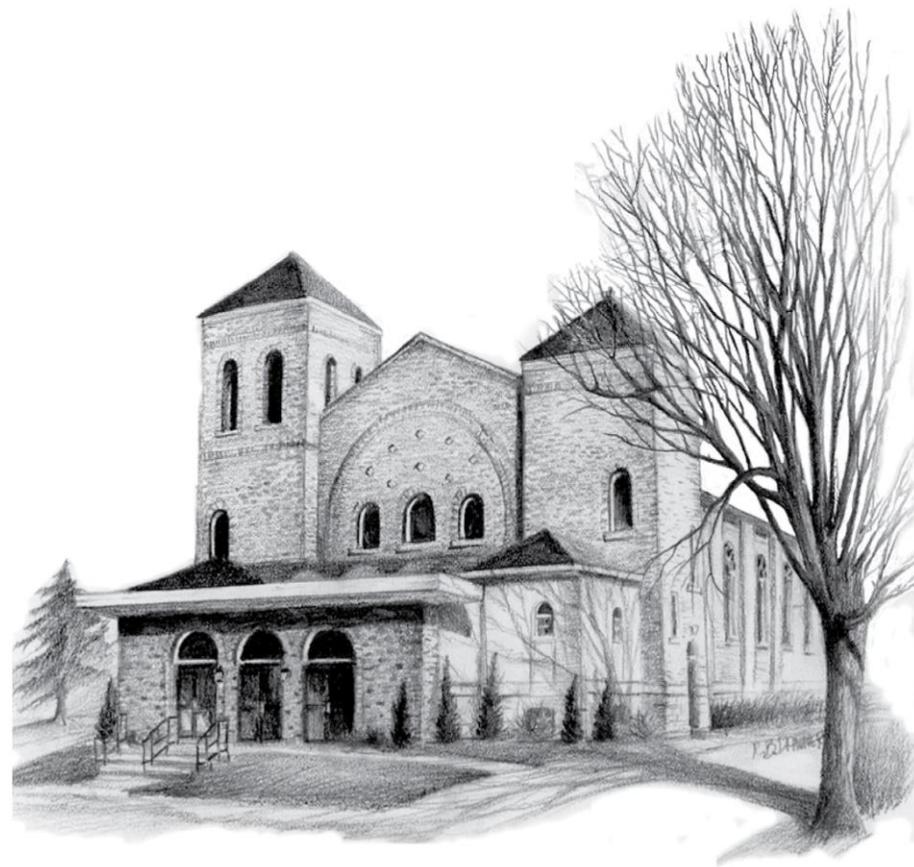
PERSECUTED CHURCH – The flight that crashed in Ethiopia was often dubbed the “service flight,” according to Dr. JoAnne Lyon, because so many humanitarian organizations use it. We're learning that passengers included World Food Program, Catholic Relief Services, UN, and many other NGO workers. We lift these families and organizations up in prayer.

LIVE STREAMING All our worship services are live streamed through the church website, through Streaming devices (AppleTV, Roku, etc) and on Facebook. Services are also archived for later listening on the website and Facebook.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: the Marsh family, Jon Retz, Tess Schilke, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor's cousin), Bob Brown, Bill Getty, Nancy Cole, Jean-Louis Roederer, Roselyn Danner, Eileen Spear, Evelyn Heil, Dan Gurley, Sheryl O'Brien, Gwen Mercer, Gus and Louise Prinsell, Bethie Liddick, Bev Rhett, Florence Teuber, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair, Mike Raybuck, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Eila Shea, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter, Paul Johnson; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the leaders of our government; for Wellsville Bible Church (Pastor Dan Kenyon).



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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STEWARDSHIP

An annual task of our Stewardship Committee is to create a financial plan proposal for the Elders to consider and eventually for the congregation to approve. The process started in January and will conclude after the congregation votes in mid-May.

This is not a task the Committee takes lightly. The trustees and pastors work with various groups of people to make a financial plan proposal that will enable each ministry to accomplish its work. By the end of February, the Stewardship Committee begins putting all these proposals together to create a financial plan that will provide necessary funds while being realistic about anticipated giving.

The tension of expanding ministries within the confines of our expected income is not an easy task. The Committee will spend hours in attempt to be fair and equitable about the distribution of funds while at the same time encouraging ministry leaders to envision new ways to help us grow in Christ and to bear witness to Christ.

There is no doubt that we all would love to see us continue to expand our programs and outreach. We would love to do more for the work of God's kingdom around the world. We would love to do more to help people in Allegany County who are struggling with the ups and downs of life. We would love to provide more resources for our children and youth to know and accept the grace of God in their lives. Often we are able to provide for numerous growing opportunities. Sometimes we are not. More often than not, what holds us back is available funds.

We believe the financial plan is one indicator of our priorities as a church. How we spend the money we receive speaks to what is important to us and what we hope to be as the people of God in Houghton. We also believe the financial plan indicates our priorities as individual disciples. How we spend our money shows what is important to us and what we hope to be as followers of Jesus.

As ministries are making financial plan proposals, as the Stewardship Committee and Elders are creating a financial plan, it would be a wonderful time to think about our personal spiritual health as it relates to finances. Give thanks for what God is already enabling you to do and ask God if it is time to trust him even more.

