

HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH  
EASTER SUNDAY

10:00 MORNING WORSHIP

APRIL 21, 2019

Prelude: *Alleluias* .....Robert Lau

Choral Introit: *Easter Fanfare* .....Paul Fetler

\*Call to Worship Pastor Jon Cole

Leader: Why do you look for the living among the dead?  
He is not here; the Lord is risen!

**Men: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: The Lord is risen!

*Women: He is risen indeed!*

Leader: The Lord is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?  
Death has been swallowed up in victory!

*Women: Christ is risen indeed!*

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

**All: Thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Leader: The Lord is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!**

\*Hymn 178 *Thine is the Glory*

\*Words of Greeting and Peace

\*Affirmation of our Christian Faith: **The Nicene Creed** Pastor Paul Shea

Anthem: *Risen Today* .....Dan Forrest

Scripture Reading: John 20: 1-10 Pastor Laurie Smalley

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

\**Doxology*

Offertory *Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!  
In Christ Alone*

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

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

Ministry in Music: *Easter Song* .....arr. Bob Kauflin

\*Scripture Reading: Revelation 22: 1-12 Pastor Cindy Oden

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Dramatic Reading: *James* .....Deborah Fero Young

Austen Kewin

Sermon: **Easter is Restoration**

Pastor Wesley Oden

\*Hymn 172 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!*

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *Toccata from Symphony No. 5* .....Charles-Marie Widor

*Following the benediction, you are sent forth to celebrate this glorious day.*

*You are, however, invited to remain for our traditional Easter postlude.*

\*Please stand if able

Acolyte: Nathan Tanner

Organist: Judy Congdon

Music Ministry Team:

Kristen Sanasith, Austen Kewin, vocals; Jeff Boon, guitar & vocals;

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Bekah Brennan, keyboard & vocals;

Dan Zambrano, cello; Dan Wartinger, bass; Dustin Woodard, drums

*The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of David Roland Coats on April 1, 2019, to Gillian and Jesse and older brother, Daniel.*

**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:** Children will be dismissed during the offertory. 2-3 year olds to room 116 and 4-5 year olds to room 115.

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** On this highest of holy days, the church gathers to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. This is a day of victory and a day of hope. May our worship today reflect faith in our God who conquers sin and death.

**OFFICE HOURS:** The church office will be closed tomorrow for the Easter holiday.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** we honor our college graduates. During each of the morning worship services (8:20, 9:40 and 11:00), college students will be sharing, and we will spend time praying for and encouraging our graduates. All are invited to participate in a **Pot Luck Sunday Lunch** with students following the 11:00 service.

**CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY MAY 4:** Help beautify our church facility by participating in our annual Church Work Day on Saturday, May 4, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 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.

**PRAYER GROUP** – Wednesday, 6:30 -7:30 pm. in Room 9 below the sanctuary a growing number gather for prayer for the community and church. All are invited to join each Wednesday evening.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY:** This Thursday, **April 25** (7 pm) Mark Hills, our district representative, will be giving his testimony. Light refreshments will be served. This would be a great time to come and experience a Celebrate Recovery meeting. Please come join us in the Good Shepherd Room.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH:** While we openly celebrate baptism this day, let us remember Razzaq and Rahima in Bangladesh, recently severely beaten by angry family members after Rahima's baptism. We pray for many new believers facing persecution from relatives. Jesus overcomes. ([www.opendoorsusa.org](http://www.opendoorsusa.org))

**STEWARDSHIP**            Received (June 1—Present): \$686,241.27  
                                    Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$703,036.40

**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 Roselyn Danner and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Reuben Samuels, Ruby Schierer Williams, Phyllis Osgood, Debbie Alderman Wilson, The Marsh Family, Jon Retz, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor's cousin), Bob Brown, Bill Getty, Nancy Cole, Eileen Spear, Evelyn Heil, Dan Gurley, Sheryl O'Brien, Gwen Mercer, Gus and Louise Prinsell, Bethie Liddick, Bev Rhett, 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; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the leaders of our government; for churches throughout Allegany County and WNY on this Easter Day.

# Alleluia!





*Easter flowers are placed on the altar by*

- ❖ The Boon Family  
*In loving memory of Ken*
- ❖ The Dar and Suzanne Beardsley Family  
*In Loving Memory of Bruce*
- ❖ Kathie Brennehan  
*In Loving Memory of Bruce*
- ❖ Jerry Brown and the Oden Family  
*In Loving Memory of Alyce*
- ❖ Marilyn Hiler and Bob Danner  
*In Loving Memory of Roselyn*  
*In Loving Memory of Our Parents*
- ❖ Dave and Karen Daugherty  
*In Loving Memory of Shoff & Sue Daugherty and*  
*W. Henry & Elizabeth Ortlip who gave us a legacy of hope*
- ❖ Judy Hopkins & Family  
*In Loving Memory of Ted*
- ❖ Peter & Nancy Luckey  
*In Loving Memory of Robert, Ruth & Daniel Luckey*
- ❖ Paul Mills & Shirley Mullen Mills  
*In Loving Memory of James & Lillian Mae Mills*  
*In Loving Memory of Bonnie Mills*  
*In Loving Memory of Stephen Mills*  
*In Honor of Laurence & Vesta Mullen*
- ❖ Robin Marie Pawling  
*In Loving Memory of my mother Jean Alderman Pawling*  
*In Loving Memory of Geraldine Alderman*
- ❖ Steve & Audrey Pocock  
*In Loving Memory of Al & Esther Smith*
- ❖ Mike & Emily Spateholts  
*In Loving Memory of Avi Spateholts and all of the other little ones*  
*whose first breaths were in Heaven.*
- ❖ Mike and Nancy Walters  
*In Loving Remembrance of our parents, John & Frances Mefford*  
*and Charles & Dorothy Walters*