

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

Prelude: *Hymn Improvisation on "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"* ..Michael Burkhardt

***Call to Worship**

In you, Lord our God, we put our trust.

We trust in you; do not let us be put to shame, nor let our enemies triumph over us.

No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

Show us your ways, Lord, teach us your paths.

Guide us in your truth and teach us, for you are God our Savior, and our hope is in you all day long.

Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways; according to your love remember us, for you, Lord, are good.

***Invocation**

Hymn** ***My Faith Has Found a Resting Place (on screen)

***Words of Greeting and Peace**

Reception of New Members

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 13

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 SLANE (Be Thou My Vision)*David Schelat

Prayer of Confession

Our heavenly Father, we are people who have been blessed beyond our ability to give thanks. Even with the struggles and difficulties of life, we have been and continue to be recipients of health, family, friends and the necessities of life.

Forgive us that far too often our first response is to complain about what we do not have rather than to express gratitude for what we do have. Forgive us for being so focused on getting more that we forget so many others who have little to begin with. Forgive us for taking your gifts for granted and help us to see all of the ways in which you fill our lives with good. As we confess our sin, open our eyes, our ears and our hearts to hear your promise to us: *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. 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.

New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 1

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

Hymn 386 *O Safe to the Rock that is Higher than I

Sermon: **Still We Can Believe and Hope**

Pastor Cindy Oden

Hymn 395 *I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude: "Exultation"Charles Callahan**

***Please stand if able**

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Shea

Acolyte: Ellie Brubaker and Evie Cox

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 hymn before the sermon. 2-5 year-olds go to room 116 in the Christian Ed building.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Our worship continues to be centered in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead—the cornerstone of our faith. As resurrection people we celebrate the victory that is ours in Christ and we offer our lives in gratitude for his love and mercy.

TODAY all members are invited to cast your ballot in electing our leaders for the coming year and to vote on the proposed 2019-2020 budget. You may vote before or after this morning's worship services. Ballots are available in the sanctuary lower foyer and the Christian Education building foyer. The results will be posted after tonight's Celebration of Ministry Gathering.

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY GATHERING: Tonight at 5:00 p.m., everyone is invited to the Community Room to help us celebrate God's blessings upon our ministries this year and to think about ways of engaging in God's ministry in the year to come. We will have some time for dessert and fellowship and time to share some of our stories. If you are a member or not, if you have attended here a long time or a short time, we would love for you to participate in this event in which we give thanks for God's faithfulness in the past and anticipate His faithfulness in the days ahead. The church is providing drinks; **please bring a dessert to share.** Childcare through 3rd grade will be provided.

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 meets Thursday Evenings, 7-9 PM in the Good Shepherd Room.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING you are invited to worship at 8:30 and 11:00. Our youth group will be leading the worship services.

STEWARDSHIP Received (June 1—Present): \$763,856.84
Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$764,170.00
(Reminder: If you give online, please place an **I Gave Online** card in the offering plate as it is passed.)

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.

MISSION MOMENT: Praise God that last week over 200 delegates from the Wesleyan Church family in over 90 countries gathered in Barbados for the International Conference of the Wesleyan Church for fellowship along with administrative, financial and doctrinal accountability, which are maintained through a worldwide structure of mission units, and established national, regional and general conferences.

PERSECUTED CHURCH: Sad to report, once again, on May 12 in Dablo, Burkina Faso, attackers killed Father Simeon Yampa and five church goers during Sunday service and then burned the church. These blatant and open attacks have been increasing and call for our earnest prayers for God's family.

DONNIE STOCKIN WILL HOST A TEA FOR JOHANNA CARON (Charlene and Tom Caron's daughter) on Tuesday, May 21st from 3:30 till 4:30 at her home, 9790 Luckey Drive. She would love to see people again during her brief visit.

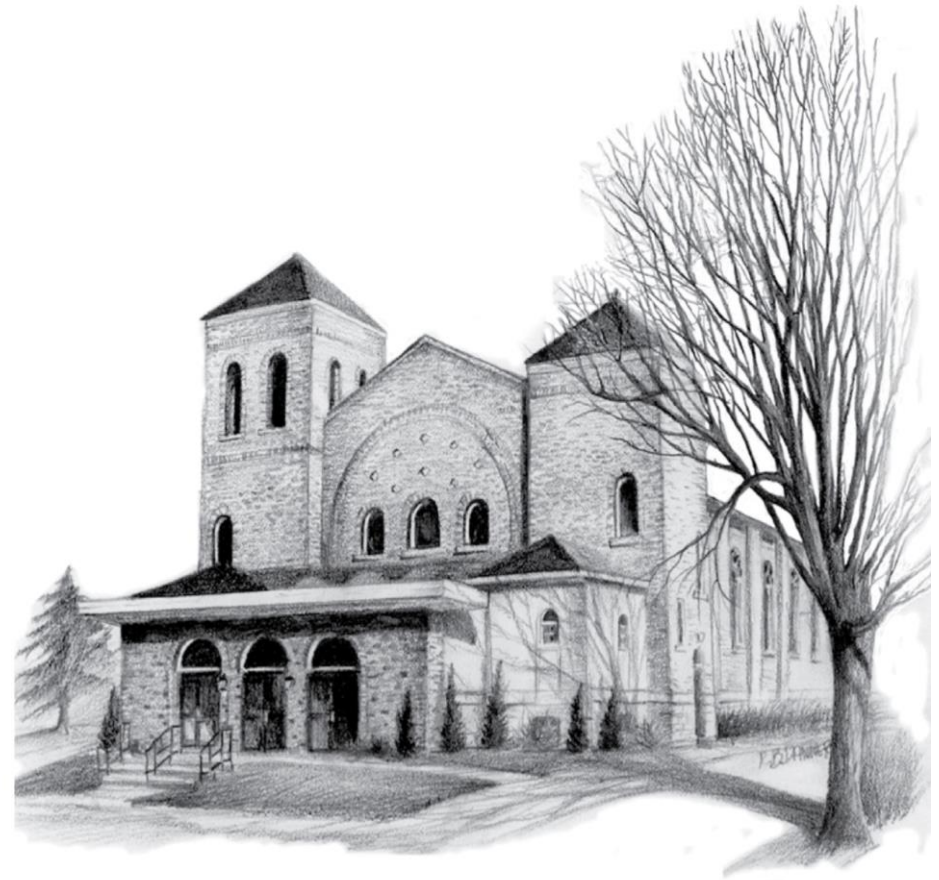
PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Joe Coleson (Sarah Derck's father), Reuben Samuels, Ruby Schierer Williams, Phyllis Osgood, Debbie Alderman Wilson, The Marsh Family, Jon Retz, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor's cousin), Bob Brown, Bill Getty, Nancy Cole, Eileen Spear, Evelyn Heil, Dan Gurley, Sheryl O'Brien, 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 Christ Church, Cuba (Pastor Richard Hamlin).

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 19 – June 30.....Worship – 8:30 and 11:00 /Sunday School – 9:45
(through June 16)
July 7 – August 11.....Worship – 10:00 / No Sunday School
August 18 – September 1..Worship – 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00 /No Sunday School
September 8.....Worship – 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00 /Sunday School – 9:40



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

PAUL SHEA, *Assistant Pastor*

AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

LAURIE SMALLEY, *Children's Ministry Pastor*