EPIPHANY SUNDAY
10:00 MORNING WORSHIP JANUARY 5, 2020

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

Prelude: *Prelude on "Divinum Mysterium" ……..*T. Frederick H. Candlyn

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 25)

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.

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

*Words of Greeting and Peace

*We Sing in Adoration: ***This is Amazing Grace***
What a Beautiful Name

Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: ***My Worth is Not in What I Own***

Prayer of Confession

God of Mercy, we begin this New Year with a passion to know you. Forgive us that in the past year the noise of our world so often made us deaf to your words of love. Forgive us when in the past year we allowed the busyness of our lives to minimize our thoughts of your life-giving grace. Forgive us that in the past year the attraction of what we might possess too often turned our attention away from the gift of joy you offer us. Today, help us to hear your words of pardon that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and will fill us with an ever-growing joy in surrendering all that we are to you. 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.

*Scripture Reading: Luke 1:5-25, 57-66

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

*Song of Preparation ***Living Hope*** (children released)

Sermon: **In Silence with Zechariah**
Rev. Dr. Sarah Derck

*Hymn 381 ***All the Way My Savior Leads Me***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Prelude in C major*, BWV 547 ……J. S. Bach

*Please stand if able
Organist: Judy Congdon
Scripture Reader: Bob Danner
Acolyte: Lucy Jordan

Music Ministry Team:
Joanna Bates, Jessica Romance, Austen Kewin, vocals;
Caleb Hilsher, guitar; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard;
Jill Jordan, violin; Barb Raymond, bass; AC Taylor, percussion

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 and is available during services.

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: During the 10:00 service, we will staff 2 children's church rooms. Room 116 will have the 2-3 year olds and Room 115 will have the preschooler 4-5 year olds.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin again next Sunday, January 12

JUNIOR CHURCH resumes meeting on January 19 (next week is Communion).

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The season of Christmas continues through today. As we worship Emmanuel, God with us, may our hearts be continually ready to receive him, surrender to him and follow him.

GUEST PREACHER. Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Sarah Derck to the pulpit. Sarah is Associate Professor of Old Testament and Chair, Biblical Studies, Theology, Philosophy Department at Houghton College.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00. Over the next few weeks, Pastor Wes will lead us to think about what it means for us to be the church in this place. Next week's sermon (Psalm 63) asks, *What Do We Do about God?*

SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages resumes next Sunday (9:40 to 10:40) and **SMALL GROUPS** resume meeting. Looking for a group or interested in starting a new group? Call Pastor Paul at (585) 567-2264x304.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING: We give thanks to God and to all who gave generously to our Christmas Eve offering. At this time, we have received $17,718.85. If you have not given and would like to, please mark a check "Christmas Eve Offering" or make this designation for your online gift.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP resumes meeting January 8 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 9 below the sanctuary. All are welcome to join us.

KIDS' CLUB 2020 starts on January 15 at 6:00 p.m.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY DINNER: On Thursday, January 16th, we will be starting season 2 of Celebrate Recovery! We will begin with a dinner at 6pm, followed by a program explaining what CR is and what we do each week. We'd love to have an opportunity to share a meal with you and allow you to experience what CR is all about! Call Carolyn Miller (585-748-9692) if you would like to come so we will have plenty of food for everyone.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES RESUME:

- Wednesday, January 8 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. (John's Epistles)
- Tuesday, January 14 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Friday, January 17 from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. (Colossians) Childcare

ALL WOMEN: Plan on coming to the Women's Gathering February 8.

STEWARDSHIP
Received (June 1—Present): $443,169.17 / Budgeted (June 1—Present): $479,493.43

MISSION MOMENT – Bob and Laurie Smalley leave today for two weeks of annual ministry in Eleuthera. They join Rev. Kim Gladden working mainly with people from the island of Avocado, displaced during hurricane Dorian. They appreciate our prayers for helpful and fruitful ministry.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Pray for the few Believers (< 1%) in Yemen, one of the least-evangelized places in the world. The nation still suffers in civil war and the Gospel is suppressed. God loves the people of Yemen and we pray!

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Diane Emmons, Chris Stewart, Karen Szymanski, Phyllis Osgood, Cindy Lastoria, Leonard Watson, Jerry Isaman (Joe Breton's step-father), Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Paulette Schierer, Ruby Schierer Williams, Elly Plaza (Alejandra Koch's sister), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, 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, Bethie Liddick, Bev Rhett, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair, Mike Raybuck, 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 Fillmore Wesleyan Church (Pastor Rob Engler).

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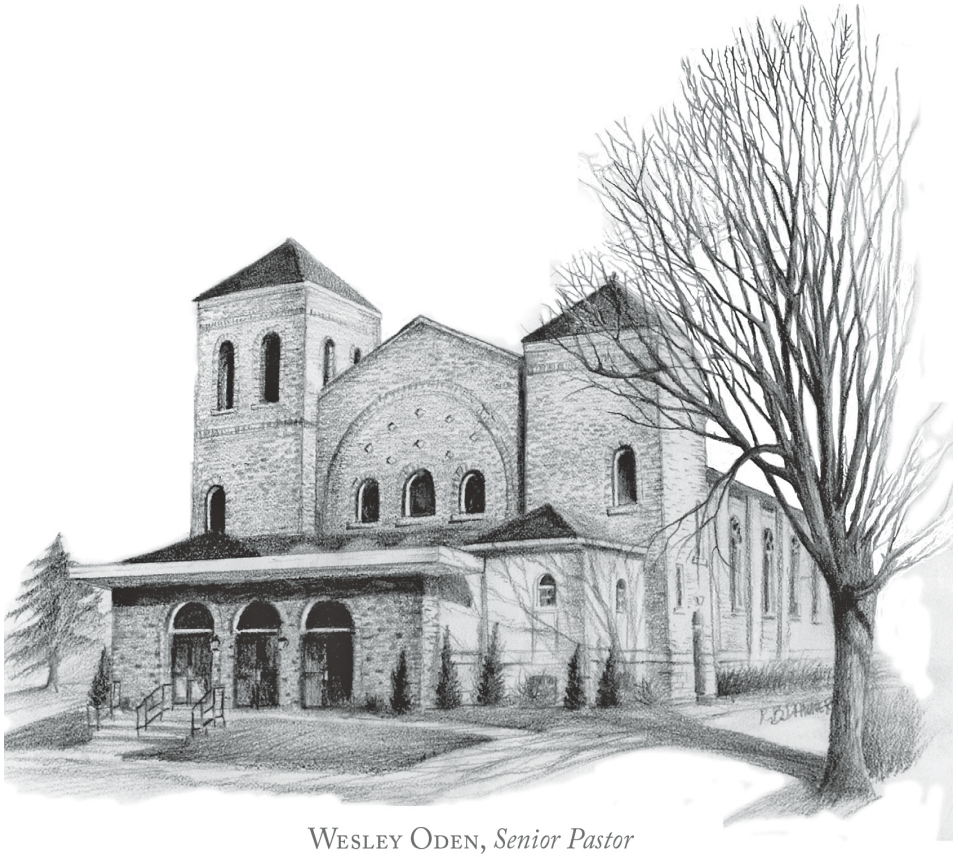
wholeheartedly serving others



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