

# HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY

10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

APRIL 12, 2020

Restoration of the Church (recorded 2018)

*Forever*

Welcome

**\*Call to Worship**

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here; the Lord is risen!

***He is risen indeed!***

The Lord is risen!

***He is risen indeed!***

The Lord is risen!

***He is risen indeed!***

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

***Christ is risen indeed!***

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

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

The Lord is risen!

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

**\*Hymn 178 *Thine is the Glory***

**\*Words of Greeting and Peace**

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

Children's Sermon Emily Spateholts

Anthem: *Risen Today* (recorded 2019) .....Dan Forrest  
Bethie Liddick, piano; Judy Congdon, organ

**\*Scripture Reading: Mark 15:42-16:7** Pastor Cindy Oden

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God!***

Songs of Adoration: ***Christ Arose***  
***In Christ Alone***  
***Doxology***

**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: *In the First Light* (recorded 2017)

**\*Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:57-60; 28:1-10** Pastor Jon Cole

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God!***

**\*Song of Preparation: *O Praise the Name***

Sermon: ***When Our Hopes are Dashed***

Pastor Wesley Oden

Communion ***Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed***  
***Christ the Lord is Risen Today!*** (Hymn 172)

**\*Benediction**

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

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

**\*Please stand if able** Organist: Judy Congdon

Music Ministry Team:

Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;

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

**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.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** we continue our celebration of the Easter Season by thinking about nuances of the kingdom of God. Due to the current health crisis, we will worship online at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Wes's sermon, *What Is the Call of the Kingdom* is from Philemon.

**STAYING CONNECTED:** During this unusual time, we want to stay as connected to you as possible. Pastor Wes is sending out a weekly update that can be accessed through email, text or the church website and Facebook pages. Pastor Wes is also creating a weekly video update that is sent and posted on Thursdays. If you have not received these either through email or text and would like to do so, please send your preference and information to [office@hwchurch.org](mailto:office@hwchurch.org).

## STEWARDSHIP

Received (June 1–Present): \$664,946.27

Budgeted (June 1–Present): \$696,038.85

**MISSION MOMENT** - Our local Food Pantry and Benevolent Fund outreaches in our local area arise out of the resurrection power and love of Christ. We pray for resources and wisdom to help folks navigate these days of added burdens and stress. May God hear those who pray for help and use us to be part of the answer to those prayers. It's part of our mission.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** - Our Easter Sunday might be the most unusual in our lifetimes – worshiping and celebrating from home. Yet for millions of brothers and sisters this is nothing new – they've been worshiping in secret, in homes, in small groups in hushed tones for years. Let us all the more pray for them to experience the joy and hope of the risen Christ this day.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Lia, Victoria, and Evan O'Gorman, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore's father), Robin Pawling, Karen Szymanski, Phyllis Osgood, Cindy Lastoria, Leonard Watson, Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Paulette Schierer, Ruby Schierer Williams, Elly Plaza (Alejandra Koch's sister), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, 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, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair, Mike Raybuck, Eila Shea, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter; for all effected by the coronavirus, for healthcare professionals and for leaders helping the world navigate it; 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 of Allegany County.

# Alleluia!

