

Prelude: *Invocation in A minor* (Alexandre Guilmant)  
*Beneath the Cross of Jesus* (arr. David Cherwien)

Welcome

**Call to Worship**

As the time came for Him to be taken up into heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.

*As He went along, people spread their cloaks on the road,  
while others cut up branches from the trees and spread them on the road.*

When He came near the place where the road goes down to the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

***“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”***

The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted,

***“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”***

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 146: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Words of Greeting and Peace

*If you are able, send a text of greeting to 2 or 3 people.*

Celebration of Ministry: College Prayer Partners

Children’s Sermon

Songs of Adoration: ***O Praise the Name; Be Still, My Soul***

Ministry in Music: *Be Ye Glad*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God.

In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us

with your bountiful Spirit. That we may hear the words of your church:

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

Time of Prayer

*Please feel free sit, stand, or kneel as we bow in humility before our loving heavenly Father.*

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:26-34

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***All: Thanks be to God!***

Hymn of Preparation 155: ***Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

Sermon: **When We Mourn for Jesus**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song of Response: ***It is Well***

Benediction

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Organ: 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 day when we celebrate Christ's entry into Jerusalem amid the cheers and adulation of the crowd, we are reminded that by the end of the week he will be jeered and nailed to a cross. As we worship God with our songs and words, with our mouths and ears, with our hearts and minds, let us open ourselves to our loving Father.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** Join in an online Maundy Thursday service this Thursday, April 9, 6:30 p.m. as we stream the 2019 service.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Obviously, we are unable to host an in-person event for Good Friday, April 10. We will provide a devotional that you may use to commemorate this special day.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! Due to the current health crisis, we will worship online at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Wes's sermon, *When Our Hopes Are Dashed* is from Mark 15:42-16:4. We are going to do all that we can to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

**STAYING CONNECTED:** During this unusual time, we want to stay as connected to you as possible. Pastor Wes is publishing a weekly update that can be accessed through email, text or the church website and Facebook pages. The pastors are also created 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): \$645,304.27

Budgeted (June 1-Present): \$680,571.32

**MISSION MOMENT** - Current Global travel restrictions have opened amazing new opportunities for the Lilia Trotter Center team of Don Little, Ben Hegeman and Gail Schlosser to equip a wider swath of workers worldwide via distance learning courses. Pray for working technology, wisdom and stamina, and powerful impact for the Gospel in the Muslim world.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** - The global health crisis impacts our isolated and persecuted brothers and sisters in special ways. Think of countries and situations on your heart. We pray for courage, compassion, safety and witness for Christ in new ways. God is doing behind-the-scenes miracles to advance His gracious Good News.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Lia, Victoria, and Evan O'Gorman, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore's father), Grace Taylor, 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 Belfast Free Methodist Church (Pastor Calvin Smith).